

ATV Maine Meeting  
Saturday, 15 August 2015  
Hosted By: Buxton Trailblazers ATV Club

Meeting Called To Order At 9:03 AM.

Please Turn Off Cell Phones.

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of Officers: President, Tami Kane

Treasurer, Tracy Levesque.

Secretary, Terry Sinclair.

Trails VP/Eastern Regional VP, Ray Archer.

Safety Officer/Central Region VP, Doug Kane.

Southern Region VP, Richard Willoughby.

Western Region VP, Mike Lee

Western Region District Rep., Ed Zilinsky

Count of Directors: 11 Directors, 2 Alternate Directors

Appropriate Meeting Conduct Covered

Secretary's Report: Minutes – Motion to accept, as printed and posted on the website, by Sue Lanouette and seconded by Ed Zilinsky. MSVP.

Treasurer's Report: Financial Update – Motion to accept by\_\_\_\_\_, Seconded by Joe Marcoux. MSVP.

Vice President's Report: Inland Fisheries & Wildlife - Landowner Cleanup Event with Kittery Trading Post Update and prizes explained for the September 12th activity date. This was explained in detail in the June minutes.

President's Report: DACF - Brian Bronson's explanation for not being in attendance at the ATV Maine meeting was read.

Membership: We have 61 clubs, and one brand-new club, Twin County ATV Club in Molunkus. We have 312 Business Members.

Liability: AD&D Insurance and club membership information requirements explained.

Sportsman Alliance of Maine Banquet: It will be held on September 12<sup>th</sup>, starting at 4 PM, at the Elks in Waterville. Cost is \$40 per person, \$75 a couple and a party of 8 for \$300.

Terry Sinclair covered the fact that there is a problem with trails that have names and not numbers for those who come from outside the club area to ride. That there are numbers set aside to cover all five regions and would be covered by Ray Archer when he covered the Down East Regional Trail Map. Even though MATS is a numbered system, the trails in all regions should be numbered on the maps so that when somebody looks at how they are going to travel within your system it makes it much easier to follow trail numbers rather than trying to figure out roads. Local club members know their roads, but nonlocal riders do not. Please consider for the future, a numbered trail system. Presently only southern Maine and Down East Maine are using trail numbers.

Down East Regional Trail Map: There will be two different maps. One for ATV's and one for Snowmobile. ATV Maine has paid \$50.00 as a sponsor on the ATV map, and will get at least 20 maps. There are 10 clubs involved in the making of this map.

There is a set of numbers set aside for each region. I will resend out the information to each of the Regional Vice President's for the use in numbering trails for the coming future.

Three clubs from the central region have joined together and the announcement was made in the ATV Maine News, and also posted on Facebook with an extremely positive affect on the three clubs' trail systems

Richard Willoughby made a motion to put the ATV Maine logo on the Down East snowmobile map. Motion was seconded by Luc Levesque. MSVP. Tracy is writing the check for the Down East snowmobile map. ATV Maine will be a business on that map. ATV Maine will also receive at least 20 additional maps, possibly snowmobile but requesting ATV maps.

Aroostook County is also planning an upgrade and improvement to the counties trail map with greater detail and to be much larger than the present one is.

Website: We have added an analytic account for the website. This gives us the data on hits to the website and where (city/town) they are coming from.

ATV Maine's Facebook is for ATV Maine members only. A problem occurred when a nonmember club tried to post on Facebook and claimed that their post was deleted. ATV Maine Facebook is having a very positive affect on member clubs. ATV Maine Facebook will remain for ATV Maine members only!

Old Business – Liability Insurance: more landowners want the insurance certificate from the clubs. It was recommended that ATV Maine send a letter to all clubs explaining the ATV Maine insurance. Tami will revise the letter and send it out. A motion was made to send the letter to all non-member and non-renewed clubs first, and to go out to all clubs every spring by Richard Willoughby, seconded by Elaine Marcoux. MSVP.

The quote for liability insurance from Naughton Insurance Company is \$35,603.50. ATV Maine will cover the difference in the cost again this year. A motion to take \$35,603.50 out of the regular checking account to pay the liability insurance policy was made by Richard Willoughby seconded by Sue Lanouette. MSVP.

The orange trash bags will be reordered in September or October with ATV Maine's logo.

A letter went out to the Kittery Trading Post to become a business sponsor, but no response as yet.

A letter was sent to Irving Woodland as discussed in the June meeting, no response.

No information on the Al Langley Scholarship – Tami has not heard from Liane James

New business: ATV Maine stickers, should ATV Maine give out stickers with memberships? Clubs get 25 ATV Maine stickers with early renewal membership. 5000 ATV Maine stickers cost \$1,100.00. Stickers are \$0.50 each. Give stickers equal to club membership numbers with renewal. Then they must purchase any additional stickers. Motion made to leave stickers the way it is as purchase for \$.50 each by Arthur Weymouth and seconded by Cindy Weymouth. MSVP.

Northern Regional VP: Portage ATV club is trying to get a trail from Portage to Eagle Lake, and eventually a trail to Ashland and to Washburn.

Eastern Regional VP: Down East Maine Regional Trail Map – all trails numbered. Camp Capella ride raised \$3200. Overnight marathon on Down East Sunrise Rail Trail, of which \$1800 of the amount raised was given to Eastport. Rail trail in the Ellsworth extension contract has not been signed yet. Rail bed through one game preserve is owned by the state of Maine. There is a block of 100 numbers per region. Landowners are limiting bridges to 60 inches, which is a problem with getting bigger UTVs.

Central Region VP: The new bridge is 72 inches wide. We have built six new bridges.

Safety Officer: all the Can-Am ATVs have had a recall dealing with brake arm.

Western Region District Representative: Three trails with problems - cannot get into Strong. Trail from central to west is finally happening. Bethel is trying to start a new club - ATV Maine will attend their meeting tomorrow.

Southern Region VP: New trail around the Army base. Met with new landowner to discuss trails, access, insurance coverage, and SWOAM. Activity from July 27th will be on North Woods Law, but we do not know when it will be aired.

Helmet: number 641983 won by Fred Gallant from Buxton Trailblazers.

50/50: won by Jack Reardon.

Pot of Gold: number 11, Caribou – not in attendance. \$50 will be added to the Pot of Gold for the next drawing.

The October 17th meeting will be hosted by Airline ATV Riders, Eastern region.

Adjournment: motion made by Anne Deschaine, seconded by Ed Zilinsky. MSVP.

Respectfully Submitted  
Terry Sinclair  
Secretary, ATV Maine

A very enjoyable pig roast luncheon was had by all those in attendance.  
Thank you very much Buxton Trailblazers!