

ATV Maine Meeting
October 17, 2015
Hosted by Airline ATV Riders
Eddington, Maine

Meeting called to order at 0904.

Officers present:

President – Tami Kane
Vice President and Northern Region VP – Real Deschaine
Treasurer – Tracy Levesque
Secretary – Terry Sinclair
Trails VP and Eastern Region VP – Ray Archer
Safety Officer and Central Region VP – Doug Kane
Western Region VP – Mike Lee
Southern Region VP – Richard Willoughby
Northern District Representative – Richard Howlett
Western District Representative – Ed Zilinsky

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept August 2015 meeting minutes as posted on the website by Bev Sargent seconded by Mike Lee – MS VP.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Mike Lee to accept the Treasurer's report and seconded by Ed Zilinsky – MS VP. The budget process has started for the 2016 fiscal year.

Vice President's Report: The proposal for a bill for a five-dollar increase in the ATV/UTV registration, with money going into the trail fund, explained. There is concern as to the wording of the bill; we need the wording specific to where the money will go.

Brian Bronson explained the background for the five-dollar increase in what has been involved in the past, along with what needs to happen with the proposed LR 2305. Brian discussed moving forward with the ATV Trails Advisory Committee.

President's Report: There is still no reply from the Kittery trading post to be a business sponsor and no reply from Ked Coffin for sponsorship of the liability insurance.

Suggestion has been made to purchase another trailer with tables, tents, and chairs for ATV Maine member club activities. Discussion of the pros and cons - Conclusion: Something we do not want to consider at this time.

Downeast ATV maps received with ATV Maine logo on the map. Additional sponsorship mailed since August for the snowmobile map to have the ATV Maine logo.

Trash bags – ATV Maine will be on the bag when the new order is placed at the beginning of 2016; pay \$1,500 at that time. Plenty of bags left to finish this year.

Presently, ATV Maine has 68 clubs with two on hold - Bringing back another club, Dennysville Snowmobile/ATV Club, on Thursday, for a total of 71 clubs, having 3665 primary members, 350 business members. Primary membership easily doubled with spouse and children included.

Thirty-five clubs have purchased the liability insurance for \$21,000. We are less than \$4000 away from buying next year's insurance policy.

Al Langley Scholarship Fund: Tami explained the unanswered E-mails sent to Liane James and the lack of communication from Lianne confirming those who have applied and received the two scholarships. Concern one scholarship may have been awarded to a nonmember of ATV Maine. One E-mail received from Liane only requesting the annual donation of \$100 as approved by ATV Maine vote in June 2010. Reminder - August 2014 ATV Maine meeting it was agreed Liane would continue to report to ATV Maine when the scholarship account separated from ATV Maine. Motion from Mike Lee to hold the \$100 and stop the Silent Auction at the annual banquet until Liane meets with ATV Maine to give an explanation of what has happened and discuss a schedule for reporting to ATV Maine as to what is going on with the scholarship fund, seconded by Ed Zilinsky – MS VP. It was also recommended to send a letter to all three committee members of the scholarship fund by certified mail for Hazel Langley to be aware.

The Town of Sangerville has requested legislation be enacted requiring ATV operators have a driver's license and liability insurance.

Old business: Rules & Guidelines - proposed changes discussed and voted.

Suggestion from Deborah Willoughby to move the meetings to the months of January, March, May, July, September, and November. It was the suggestion of Doug Kane to table the discussion until December so that the Rules & Guidelines can be taken back to the clubs for their input. It was also suggested to move the banquet to November when the ATV season ends. It was suggested to cancel the February meeting, and leave the banquet as is in April. Change under *Meetings*, paragraph 2, delete February meeting month and leave everything else as is.

1205 – Break for lunch.

1251 – Meeting called back to order with recognition of the kitchen crew.

Continued discussion of Rules & Guidelines - Motion from Mike Lee to vote on all changes except the remainder of the meetings until December, seconded by Deborah Willoughby – MS VP.

Northern Region VP report: We are now working on the numbering system for the region. Problem with Federal Government involving the trail concerning USDA easement; given 90 days. Working to combine the whole county into one big map.

Eastern Region VP report: New Downeast trail map explained and that a new snowmobile map will be done. Fourth of July, trail extension into Ellsworth could open. The trail from Ayers Junction to Calais is feasible. Over 2,500 trash bags given out in this region.

Central Region VP report: Will get a new trail to keep ATVs off Route 9.

Western Region VP report: Thanks to Tami Kane and Richard Willoughby. A Western Region club returned to ATV Maine. Trash bags are being used – no disposal fee in Chesterville for these bags.

Southern Region VP report: Improvement in cooperation has made better trails. Limington club which looked like it would have closed has been turned around.

ATV Maine helped Grand Isle ATV Club get a grader by Doug transporting the grader from Gardiner to Bangor and Real from Bangor to Grand Isle.

Nominations: All positions announced three times.

Public Relations and Marketing Coordinator:

Deborah Willoughby – declined

Ray Archer – declined

Governmental Relations Coordinator:

Doug Kane – declined

Southern Region VP:

Richard Willoughby – declined

Jerry True – accepts

Weston Region VP:

Mike Lee – accepts

Central Region VP:

Doug Kane – accepts

Eastern Region VP:
Ray Archer – accepts

Northern Region VP:
Real Deschaine – accepts

Trails VP:
Ray Archer – accepts

Secretary:
Terry Sinclair – accepts

Treasurer:
Tracy Levesque – accepts

Vice President:
Real Deschaine – accepts

President:
Tami Kane – declined

We will need to look at a change in the PO Box for ATV Maine.

Hosting club 50-50; won by Earl Oak – Airline ATV Riders

Pot-of-Gold; number 11, Brettuns Wheelers – \$150.00 - no one present - \$50 will be added to the December drawing.

Helmet: Donated by Bangor Motor Sports; won by Earl Oak – Airline ATV Riders.

The next meeting will be in the Central Region hosted by China Four Seasons Club.

Motion to adjourn by Mike Lee, seconded by Ed Zilinsky at 1349 – MS VP

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Sinclair
Secretary, ATV Maine