

ATV Maine Meeting
12 December 2015
China Four Seasons Club, China, Maine

Meeting called to order at 0900.
Request all cell phones be turned off.
Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Introduction of officers:
President – Tami Kane
Vice President/Northern Region VP – Real Deschaine
Secretary – Terry Sinclair
Treasurer – Tracy Levesque - Absent
Trails VP/Eastern Region VP – Ray Archer
Safety Officer/Central Region VP – Doug Kane
Western Region VP – Mike Lee
Southern Region VP – Richard Willoughby

Count of directors – 13 present, 0 alternate directors
Members present – 33

Appropriate meeting conduct covered

Nomination: Motion made by Mike Lee, seconded by Richard Willoughby to open up the nomination for the office of President and to appoint a Governmental Relations Coordinator – MSVP .

Nomination for president was announced three times. Tami Kane accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations for president.

Governmental Relations Coordinator: Frank Soares, president of China Four Seasons has expressed an interest in filling the position. A motion to appoint Frank Soares as Governmental Relations Coordinator by Richard Willoughby, seconded by Mike Lee – MSVP

Motion to close the nominations made by Mike Lee, seconded by Richard Willoughby – MSVP

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept minutes of the October meeting accepted as posted on the website made by Ed Zilinsky, seconded by Richard Willoughby, MSVP.

Treasurer's Report: Tracy is unable to attend the meeting this weekend. ATV Maine has \$34,706.35 towards next year's insurance cost; balances for remaining accounts not available on report. The 990 is being worked on. Question with the \$1,000 to Tami a year ago should not be filed as a donation - Unable to deduct personal donations. This will be filed as an expense for reimbursement of mileage. Motion to accept Treasurer's report made by Sue Lanouette, seconded by Richard Willoughby, MSVP.

Vice President's Report: The ATV registration increase proposal was dead in committee with a 7 to 3 vote, and cannot be brought back for one year. Another bill to promote further ATV/SNOWMOBILE trail building was also defeated.

Warden Corporal Rick LaFlamme, Landowner Relations Specialist: Trash competition day was very successful - Planning to do another one in the spring. Giving ATV Maine 1000 copies of the new Land Owner Appreciation Print, "It's a Privilege", by Georgette Kanach. This is a thank you print to give the landowners. There has been the establishment by legislation for a new Landowners and Sportsmen Relations Advisory Board (LSRAB). Members are from 11 organizations. Tami Kane will represent ATV Maine on this board for the next three years. Camera program has caught over 200 people so far. Clubs can get into the camera program through ATV Maine. The two big sponsors of the landowner relations program are Cabela's and Kittery trading post.

1010 – 15-minute break was authorized.

1035 – meeting called back to order.

Landowner relations picture: all clubs in attendance will take six copies today. The rest of the pictures will be held until the annual banquet in April.

A thank you from Mike Lee for the work that Tami did on the discrimination case filed by Tina White - We won the case. Tami gave an explanation of the contract agreement along with an open question-and-answer session about the case. Additionally, inappropriate conduct was explained from the Rules & Guidelines. It was recommended by Richard Willoughby that a disclosure statement be put out to the membership.

The Down East Trail Map is available at a cost of \$5.00 per map.

The Topsham club is having a trail problem caused by dirt bikes to a landowner. This is the club's East-West connector trail. A club meeting is scheduled to resolve the problem.

During an open discussion, one club uses a refrigerator magnet with the club contact information on it to be given to the landowners. The cost is about \$15.00 for a box of 100. This additionally would help to improve club-landowner relationships for dealing with problems.

Lunch: 1150 a motion was made by Richard Willoughby and seconded by Lou Annance to break for lunch.

1213: meeting was called back to order.

Al Langley Memorial Scholarship Fund follow-up:

A certified letter was sent to Liane James, Terry James, and Hazel Langley, and signed for by Liane James and Hazel Langley. Liane James was present and covered the Al Langley Memorial Scholarship Fund; what has happened with the fund along with who received the scholarship. Liane provided clarification scholarships are also being given to nonmembers of ATV Maine and the \$100 donated by

ATV Maine is not being used for administrative costs as stated in the June 2010 ATV Maine meeting minutes. The scholarship fund is looking at becoming a 501(c)(3). Tami informed the ATV Maine logo is to be taken come off the scholarship letterhead. The fund is going through a review process on guidelines and By-Laws.

Tami has been appointed to the Landowners and Sportsmen Relations Advisory Board (LSRAB) for the next three years, as stated by Warden Corporal Rick LaFlamme.

There was an open discussion about the clubs and the things which can be done to improve club trails and operations such as: inmates to help do trail work; put a student on the Board of Directors; dollars for dues for trail work hours done; club challenge for young riders; and award young person for joining a club and getting active.

There is a problem with clubs not cooperating or working together within their club – members need to reach out to other clubs and ATV Maine for advice.

Rules & Guidelines – the changes are in red. The amended Rules & Guidelines were approved at the October meeting and will be posted by the first of the year.

Northern Region Vice President Report – Real Deschaine: Meeting held with selectmen in Fort Kent to open up roads in town. Meeting with Federal Government representative over trail crossing easement land. There is a meeting with Corporal Rick LaFlamme and all clubs in Presque Isle in the spring.

Eastern Region Vice President Report – Ray Archer: all trails still open except those crossing Indian land. Trailing to Ellsworth still buried in paperwork. Progress on the trail going into Calais.

Central Region Vice President Report – Doug Kane: Trail to the powerlines worked on, with the help of inmates.

Western Region Vice President Report – Mike Lee: clubs do not have enough members to do trail work.

Southern Region Vice President Report – Richard Willoughby: things are progressing, goodbye and here's Jerry.

Voting: President – Tami Kane – (12)
 Vice President – Real Deschaine – (13)
 Treasurer – Tracy Levesque – (13)
 Secretary – Terry Sinclair – (12)
 Trails VP – Ray Archer – (12)
 Northern regional VP – Real Deschaine – (2)
 Eastern Region VP – Ray Archer – (3)
 Central Region VP – Doug Kane – (3)
 Western Region VP – Mike Lee – (1)
 Southern Region VP – Jerry True – (4)

Members counting the ballots: Sue Lanouette, Judy Butler, Lori True.

A motion to give Tami \$2,000 to cover mileage expenses made by Richard Willoughby, seconded by Mike Lee, MSVP.

The ATV Maine post office box/ mailing address to be moved to Augusta from Jefferson. Motion made by Ed Zilinsky, seconded by Cindy Laroue – MSVP.

Helmet Award – Blouin Performance, Augusta - Won by Richard Willoughby.

Gift card – Won by Ray Archer.

The 50/50 drawing held \$102.00. Ed Zilinsky won \$51.00, and the China Four Seasons Club received the remaining \$51.00.

Pot-of-Gold drawing: Sinclair ATV Club - not present. \$50.00 will be added to the pot to be drawn at the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Richard Willoughby, seconded by Cindy Laroue – MSVP.

The next ATV Maine meeting will be the Annual Banquet held at Jeff's Catering in Brewer, on April 16, 2016.

Minutes respectively submitted

Terry Sinclair
Secretary, ATV Maine