

ATV Maine Annual Banquet
April 15, 2017
Hosted by: Jeff's Catering Service
Brewer Maine

Meeting called to order at 0912.

Please turn off cell phones or put them on vibrate.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Introduction of officers: President, Real Deschaine
Vice President, Mike Lee
Secretary, Terry Sinclair
Treasurer, Tracy Levesque
Northern Region Vice President, Dick Howlett
Northern District Rep. Real Deschaine
Central Region Vice President, Doug Kane
Western Region Vice President, Mike Lee
Western District Rep. Ed Zilinsky

Director Count: 18 Directors, 7 Alternate Directors

Appropriate meeting conduct requested.

Secretaries Report: December 10, 2016 meeting minutes accepted as posted on the web. Motion by Sue Lanouette, 2nd by Mike Lee, MS VP.

Treasurer's Report: Brief report given with explanation as to why a copy of the finance report is not available at this time. A motion to accept the treasurers report was made by Mike Lee, 2nd by Sue Lanouette, MS VP.

Vice President's Report: Individual ATV Maine membership question discussed.

Motion: People will not be allowed to join ATV Maine without being a member of a club that already belongs to ATV Maine. Motion made by Ronnie Green, 2nd by Dan Nichols, MS VP.

Motion: That ATV Maine will not revisit a motion that would allow someone to join ATV Maine without joining a club that belongs to ATV Maine before the next

ATV Maine annual meeting in April 2018. Motion made by Lou Annance, 2nd by Dan Nichols, MS VP.

Presidents Report: There is a need to add Phil Flagg and Real Deschaine's names to the TD bank account. A motion made by Mike Lee, 2nd by Ann Thompson to add Phil Flagg and Real Deschaine name to the account at TD Bank, MS VP.

Bills in the legislature were discussed.

The liability insurance application form was covered with a question-and-answer period. This liability insurance is not medical insurance. Clubs need to be ATV Maine member clubs. Cost of the insurance is \$1000 per club. Motion: To table the insurance question until the next meeting, made by Dan Nichols, 2nd by Mike Lee, MS VP.

Doug Beck, Grants and Community Recreation Program; Talked on the Recreational Trails Program (RTP), covering what is anticipated for motorized trail funding for 2018, what is the recreational trail program, the recreational trails financial policy, project eligibility, who is eligible for our RTP grants, how grants are awarded, local funding's share – (match), public use and access, and the main goal for the recreational trails program with a question-and-answer session. All grants are due the last Friday in September.

Tom Doak, Maine Woodland Owners; Talk about who the Maine woodland owners are, what they do, and their interaction with ATVs. Strong suggestion that ATVs okay if trail is through the property, not a destination. No off trail riding, which is the biggest issue. Riding the wrong time of the year because not all trails of multiuse. Problem with making a trail without landowners' permission and the owner finding a trail or trail sign. Need get the younger generation involved. Trash and dumping can end access to property. Club liability insurance for a trail on their land is very important to the owner of the land. Size of ATVs is becoming a big issue. Need to be cognitive of landowner issues even if it is not your issue (example, Sunday hunting). Give owners one central member to call for issues. Suggestion was to get a refrigerator magnet to cover all contact information for ATV club and Warden Service. The cost is approximately \$15 per hundred. Talk to

landowners regularly. Land changes hands. Thank the owner and maintain open communications with the landowner.

Break: 1052 – 1110.

Mike Gagnon, Community Service; Using inmates for trail work out of the Kennebec ship County Sheriff's office. This is being done by Doug Kane for China Lake Four Seasons. Recommends calling local jail and ask about inmates working with your ATV clubs. There was a continuous question-and-answer session. Someone from the floor recommended contacting your local high school, since high schools now require X number of community service hours for graduation.

Brian Bronson, Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry; Volunteer hours have not been done due to a lack of staffing in the department and there is a hiring freeze on. More and more landowners are requiring insurance especially if you are using equipment. There has never been a lawsuit or insurance claim as the result of use of an ATV trail. New Signs will be put up on a couple of landowners beginning this year. (no side-by-side wider than 60 inches). This sign is the result of landowner concerns regarding the wider and bigger machines and some conflicts that have occurred. The licenses with these landowners have always been up to 60 inches wide and we have had that on our maps etc. since 2006 but since the industry keeps building them bigger they want the signs installed to remind people of the land owners wishes.

Procrastination is a big problem. “Do not procrastinate” – plan ahead get your grant paperwork and sign applications in early rather than late since the reduced staffing is resulting in further delays. Bills in the legislature that we need to be aware of were covered. Users and clubs need to be there to support or oppose legislation including bills that impact the landowners. If we do not have landowners, we do not have the trails.

Lunch: 1200 – 1308.

High mileage awards: Winning Club: Airline Riders ATV Club
0 to 750 miles: Earl Oak
751 to 1250 miles: Mel Corson

1251 to 2000 miles: Terry Sinclair

2001 to 3000 miles: Brian Carlton

Highest Mileage: Gerald Edgecomb with 5720 miles

5050 Winner:

Pot of Gold of \$100.00 each: 1st. Kingfield Quad Runners
2nd, Madawaska Valley ATVentures Club
3rd. Airline Riders ATV Club

Cuddeback Trail Camera: Moose Alley Riders

Trail Work Tool Bag and Tools: Patten ATV Club

Helmet: Emilo Pinard

Taillights: Kendra Deschaine

AFX, FX – 50 Silver Helmet: Jim Butler

Multipurpose Carrier: Airline Riders ATV Club

Helmet:

Tow Rope: Airline Riders ATV Club

AFX, FX – 50 Pink Helmet: Cindy parent

2 Night Stay at Breezy Acres:

\$50 Gift Certificate:

Wench: Aroostook Riders ATV Club

Motion to adjourn: made by Paul _____ , seconded by Dan Nichols, MS VP.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted

Terry Sinclair

Secretary, ATV Maine