

**ATV Maine Meeting  
Northern Timber Cruisers  
Millinocket, Maine  
19 August 2017**

**Meeting called to order at 0904.**

**Please turn off all cell phones will put them on vibrate.**

**Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by our oldest veteran, Mr. Oak's, from the Airline ATV Riders.**

**Introduction of officers:**

- Vice President – Mike Lee**
- Secretary – Terry Sinclair**
- Trails Vice President – Phil Flagg**
- Central Vice President – Doug Kane**
- Web/Facebook Administrator – Daryl Friedman**

**Directors Count: 3, 6 required for a meeting. Therefore there will be no voting.**

**Appropriate meeting conduct requested.**

**Secretaries Report: the minutes of the June meeting were taken by Tammy Kane and are posted on the website since I was not available at the June meeting. Jim Butler from Airline ATV Riders requested that from now on their be copies of the secretaries report at the meeting. Terry said it would be done.**

**Treasurers Report: Tracy is not here, but in Bangor because her father is having surgery. She is supposed to be here for one hour today to cover the look new liability insurance.**

**Vice President's Report: N0HVCC [National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council] annual conference is being held in Manchester New Hampshire, 22 – 29 August 2017. ATV Maine was asked to attend and pay for Real to attend. To be voted on at the next meeting. President has the authority**

**to spend up to X number of dollars without E board vote. This is the first time the NOHVCC has been held in the Northeast.**

**The proposed rail bed purchase – a letter of support has been written from ATV Maine. The purchase will cover 50 miles going from Oakland to Emden and would benefit 8 towns, for ATV clubs, as well as 6 snowmobile clubs and other non-motorized users.**

**ATV Maine is not run by the E-board. It is run by the directors. Need volunteers to step up to serve. Problems getting the directors from the member clubs to attend.**

**Terry Sinclair is considering not running for secretary in December because of the out-of-state or comments being thrown at him. Yet he volunteered to be secretary of the organization's need.**

**We are making a list of what ATV Maine does for clubs. Problem is that clubs do not tell ATV Maine what they want.**

**A major discussion concerning what can happen between ATV Maine clubs and ATV Maine with cooperation.**

**There are 137 clubs in the state of Maine and none showed up for the legislative hearings yet ATV Maine is there for them.**

**We need to have this discussion at the annual meeting instead of a guest speaker. This will be brought up at the next E board meeting to be accomplished.**

**Egos are one of the biggest problems coming from certain aspects of ATV clubs towards ATV Maine.**

**There is a group need for greater unity of the ATV clubs in the state. This also needs to be at the individual level.**

**ATV Maine individual membership needs to be revisited. Jim Butler's suggested an organization under ATV Maine to hold the individual memberships. This is to be brought up at the next meeting in October.**

**Web/Facebook Administrator's Report: Daryl explains what is available and not used. What is happening on the website and Facebook. Membership map is updated. What should happen with the 5000 Facebook like. Getting more email responses. More information and updates going on the Google calendar.**

**Mileage should be paid to the Web/Facebook Administrator. Mileage should also be paid to officers we asked to be here.**

**Presidents report: Real has a commitment in Madawaska and unfortunately could not be here.**

**Newsletter deadline – September 2, 2017.**

**Old business: Liability Insurance – Doug Kane covered the difference between the policies as best he could along with the difference with the club insurance being promoted out of Wisconsin, to the Tracy being unable to attend. For those who have direct questions of Tracy, her phone number is 207 – 521 – 6266. Her email address is [tracy.levesque@FApeabody.com](mailto:tracy.levesque@FApeabody.com).**

**Position Title – to hire someone to run the day to day business of ATV Maine, tabled until the October meeting. It was suggested that we refer to the position as an operational manager instead of business manager.**

**Break: 1046 – 1107.**

**Northern Timber Cruisers:** The president, John Raymond, explained the mission for the clubs trail expansion to get East. The potential for a railroad bed purchase. A trail to connect with trail ATV 66 North of Matawamkeag. Add to the states own land to create a 6000 acre ATV terrain park.

Judy Butler recommended that a committee be established with a member from each region to promote ATV Maine for the purpose of changing attitudes towards ATV Maine and to get people involved in our sports member clubs. This would be more of a personal touch – a Hospitality Committee until we can get a better name for the committee.

**Lunch Break:** 1141 – 1220.

A Thank You to the kitchen crew for a tremendous lunch in the morning snacks.

**Safety Officers Report:** Use of the safety trailers is up. It seems that we are not getting more use of the trailers at functions. Clubs can request the trailer but must, and haul them. There is no cost for a trailer. There must be an ATV Maine member with the trailer and need to be certified. Request should be made through the safety Officer. Truck to pull trailer needs electric brakes.

**Regional Vice President's Reports:**

**Central Region Vice President:** clubs are asking about insurance. Meeting on the railroad bed purchase. A club has created a trail without landowners permission and using it, creating a problem.

**Northern Region Vice President:** the ultimate ATV event will be the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> of August. The central Aroostook trail map has one correction and will be reprinted over the winter. The northern Aroostook trail map is supposedly at the printers.

**Eastern Region Vice President:** Position is vacant at the present time. The Downeast Sunrise trail map is in revision. AFM has closed certain trails in the Downeast area on the land they manage. Any questions as to which trails please contact Phil Flagg.

**Southern Region Vice President:** Position is vacant at the present time. Mike Lee said he was aware they are having a lot of trouble with dirt bikers. They have lost a trail.

**Western Region Vice President:** clubs are starting to work together and are connecting trail systems.

John Raymond request an email of the open positions of ATV Maine.

There is a tax law on the books which gives landowners a tax break for a recreational trail on their property. This law should be made known to all ATV clubs to give a landowner so that they can make use of it.

Landowners versus land management – the landowner has the final say!

Maine Sportsmen called Real, Mike, and Phil. They want to do an interview of ATV Maine concerning what to do for riding and ATV. The article should be in the September issue of Maine Sportsmen.

**Hosting club 50-50 drawing:** There was no 50-50.

**Helmet Give-Away:** Donated by KBX Tractor & Trucking - Won by Terry Sinclair and donated back to ATV Maine to be used on which every safety trailer needed it.

**Pot of Gold Drawing:** number 14 – Central Maine Trailblazers – not present.

**The next ATV Maine meeting will be held on October 21, 2017, hosted by the Star city ATV club in Presque Isle Maine, and the OTC Gym on Lombard St. in Presque Isle.**

**Motion to Adjourn: Motion made by Lloyd Phillips, 2nd by Phil Flagg,  
MSVP. Time – 1340.**

**Minutes respectfully submitted**

**Terry Sinclair  
Secretary, ATV Maine**