

ATV Maine Meeting Agenda
April 20, 2013
Banquet

Call meeting to order @ 9:10 A.M.
Please turn off your cell phones
Pledge of Allegiance
Introduction of officers

President:

- Secretary Position is still vacant. Please share this information with your club.
- The ATV Maine newspaper has lost \$1100 over the past 2 years. Ken asked each club to sell one ad. This would help offset the expense of the newspaper. The ATV Maine Newspaper for this year will be one edition as opposed to two editions as in the past years. This was decided by the E-Board. Any information for the newspaper needs to be submitted by June 1st for a July newspaper. If this doesn't work, it was discussed to move towards an E-Newspaper instead.
- Ed Coleman couldn't make it to the meeting today. A card went around to be signed.

Secretaries Report: Minutes from Feb. 16, 2013

Treasurer's Report: Nadine stated the Treasurers Report was on the front desk for everyone to pick up a copy. Nadine shared if anyone had any questions after reviewing the report to contact her.

Vice President's Report: Real met with a few clubs. They are looking to get new trails in the Limestone

Executive Director's Report: Report on LD's – Not Present

Business Manager's Report: Tina White wanted to let everyone know starting today, April 20, 2013; the Directors are the only ones who can vote. She handed out yellow pieces of paper to use when the Directors Vote. Tina went over the rules for those who do not attend meetings regularly.

ATV Maine meetings are the 3rd Saturday in February, June, August and October. December meeting is held the 2nd Saturday due to Christmas. April is the Annual Banquet. Meetings are rotated throughout the region. The hosting club is paid \$200 to host the meeting and provide lunch. Any club member is welcome to any meeting.

Contact Person for each club: Currently one e-mail address is provided for each club and that e-mail address is listed as the club's contact person. ATV Maine sends e-mail to that e-mail address. These e-mails need to be forwarded to all club members. Information is sent out a couple of times a month and needs to be forwarded to your members.

Reports of Committees:

ATV Charity Team by Francis Smith: Francis thanked everyone who participated in the Calendar Raffle. It was a complete success. The Team fell apart but other than that it was a success. Richard Willoughby will be heading up the Calendar Raffle for this year. Francis thanked everyone who attended the meeting at Pine Tree Camp.

Richard Willoughby reported the raffle is going to be done differently this year. Each day on the calendar will be an actual prize as opposed to money. The calendar will be going out August or September this year.

Al Langley Scholarship Fund – Liane James: Only two applicants so far. Deadline was April 30th. Liane asked if anyone has someone who could apply for the application to please do so. Liane has pushed the date to June 01st.

High Mileage Awards by Dave and Carole Phillips: second year for awards for the High Mileage. 7 clubs that participated - 66 machines that participated. Total number of miles ridden was 86,021. That equals 1303 miles per machine for 66 machines. This is a contest to encourage people to get out and ride their ATV's. As you register your machine, you need your beginning mileage on May 15th to your ending mileage on November 30th. Less than 750 miles - 17 machines fell in this category. 22 machines fell in the 750-1250 mile category. 15 machines fell in the 1250-2000

mile category. 12 machines fell in the over 2000 mile category. 4000 gals of gas used to ride those miles. Gas tax raised from this is \$1200.

- Less than 750 miles = Winner Bob Durkie from Central Maine Trail Blazers
- 750-1250 miles = Winner Ray Taylor from Friends and Neighbors
- 1250-2000 miles = Winner Lee and Bill Thomas from Central Maine Trail Blazers
- Over 2000 miles = Douglas Young from Acadia
- Highest mileage winner was awarded to Ed Zelinski for riding 4601 miles. He received a \$50 gas card, gas can and a plaque.
- Cindy and Walter, Glen Dow, Terry Sinclair and Ed Zelinski were awarded a 3000 miles plus patch for in the past 2 years of riding over 3000 miles in the season in the High Mileage Club.
- Club Challenge consisted of 5 out of the 7 clubs. Two clubs ended up very close in mileage, Acadia and Moose Alley. Acadia is the winner for the challenge this year. Acadia averaged 1637 miles for per rider for 16 machines. \$100 certificate was received to put towards ATV Maine Insurance.

Carol Phillips in place of Ed Coleman spoke about ATV Maine lost Bill Lombard. Carol spoke about Bill and all he did for ATV Maine. Carol presented a small token of our love and caring to Bill's family. Carol presented this to Judy Lombard. Carol also shared the Trails Committee was working on marking a trail in Bill's honor. Judy thanked everyone on Bill's behalf.

Kate Colters thanked Brian Bronson and his group for everything they do for ATV'ers. Kate presented a homemade card and cakes for the group to share.

Sgt. Gillis, Warden Service IF&W, New ATV laws: Started with new laws currently being looked at in Augusta. There are a number of bills in legislature in Augusta this year. If they receive 3-4 calls regarding a particular issue they will act on it. – Contact your senator.

1. Act to create reciprocity with New Hampshire – did not pass
2. Expand authorization to operate on roads – did not pass
3. Act to exempt storm water management.
4. Eliminate sales tax for purchase – stilling in process
5. Increase revenue for ATV Recreational Trail Fund to go into the grant fund by increasing registrations by \$5. Still alive but tabled for now.
6. Act to require Secretary of State to issue titles for ATV, Snowmobiles and Watercrafts – is alive with DIFW committee.
 - Sgt. Gillis recommended each club to contact local warden and have him/her come speak to your club at a meeting. This will enable you to have a better relationship with your warden.
 - Adult is 21 years old.
 - Helmets: Bicycle helmets are not allowed. The helmet needs to meet the standards in the law book. This law applies on your own property as well. Wardens will stop in your driveway if they see a child with no helmet. Any child riding with an adult on an ATV or a side by side must wear a helmet according to the law.
 - Age restrictions on wheelers:
 - Under the age of 10 cannot operate off own property.
 - Ages 10-16 needs ATV Training Course and must be with an adult. List of ATV Safety Courses on the Wardens website.
 - Registration stickers must be visible on front and back of machines. The warden service may wave you by if your stickers are visible, if not you will be stopped.
 - Permission Law: you need to have permission when you operate your ATV on any land other than your own. This permission can be verbal or written. Crop Land, Pasture Land and Orchards must have written permission with you at the time you are riding those areas.
 - CMP Power lines are mostly privately owned. Permission is needed from each landowner to ride those lines. Local Police Departments can enforce. Power lines managed by CMP, rider would need to have permission from CMP to ride those lines.

- Landowner has the right to stop you and ask you to identify yourself. You are required to stop and talk.
- ATV's cannot be operated on a snowmobile trail unless you have tracks on your wheeler and register your wheeler as a snowmobile.
- Operating an ATV on a public way is a common violation. You can operate your wheeler 500 yards down a public way to get onto a trail. Any specific questions, contact your local warden.
 - Provision in Maine State Laws allows clubs to have access routes on public ways. These need to be signed by D.O.T. signs. These access routes cannot be considered part of a clubs trails.
- ATV and mufflers – Law states exhaust systems cannot be modified to make louder. Can be modified to make quieter.
- Prohibited areas to operate an ATV are in lakes, brooks, streams and rivers.
- When owner of an ATV allows a child to use your ATV, you (the owner) will end up with the summons if they break any laws.
- Failure to stop for a Warden when on an ATV - More often than not, you will be caught. Legislature has increased the penalty to \$1000 and the possibility of going to jail if you fail to stop.
- Snorkel kits are illegal even if they the machine comes from the manufacturer with one.
- Accident reports less than \$1000 damage and no one goes to the hospital this does not need to be reported. More than \$1000 damage, it is the owner's responsibility to make report and send in within 72 hours. If there is an injury that requires physician services, this must be called in to the warden.
- Clarification of an ATV is an anything that is registered as an ATV. They are permitted to ride on the trails. This can be a dirt bike, ATV, etc. truck cannot go on an ATV trail.
- How can Sgt. Gillis help you to help him help you? 92 warden districts in the State of Maine. Perfect world would have a Game Warden in each district. As of today 83 Game Wardens employed by the State of Maine. Today for instance, 38 Game Wardens working today. 4 days on 24 hours a day. 8A the first day through the 4th day at 5PM.
 - Meet your local warden. Ask him/her to attend a club meeting to speak. When you have any issues, please make sure you get the Sticker number of ATV/Dirt Bike, description of vehicle, description of driver and be prepared to go to court to testify. This is how you can help the wardens do their jobs to help you. Do not cause any type of confrontation with the individual over any issue. In case it turns physical.

11:00 Neil Kiely, First Wind – began by saying he was in awe for the high mileage riders. He presented each of the 4 high mileage winners a First Wind hat. Neil spoke about having a ride in to the Wind Towers as a way for these local ATV and Snowmobile Clubs to raise money. There will be a ride to the wind towers in Penobscot Off Road Riders on June 15th. If you any question regarding this ride, please contact Penobscot off Road Riders.

12:00 Lunch

Meeting called to order after lunch @ 12:56PM

Ken and ATV Maine thanked the kitchen staff for a wonderful meal.

Life Flight up-date on LZ (landing zones) by Jon Roebuck: Jon presented information on what Life Flight was all about. Jon thanked everyone for having him back after 4 years. Jon had asked for landing zones at that time and would like to ask the same. Life Flight has a new database containing all 1800 pre designated landing zones throughout the state. They have been to a few regions around the state with clubs, fire department, ambulance services, etc to practice training. Not all rescues will involve Life Flight, patients will need to get to patients and get injured patients out of the woods. In a sense, Life Flight brings the hospital to the injured patient. Pre designated landing spots would be a location with an area of 100'x100' such as a hay field or log yard that have been cleared previously. Snow covered landing spot need to be groomed regularly. Slopes of 5 degrees or less would be great. Regularly inspected and maintained. They do not land on frozen bodies of water. Pre-designated means landing zone has been submitted to Life Flight, they have catalogued the spot as a landing spot and Jon Roebuck from Life Flight left his contact information for any contact. His e-mail address is jroebuck@emh.org and cell phone is 207-279-0552. The website for Life Flight is www.lifeflightmaine.org. The website has the requirements for the landing zones as well as the Landowner Release of

Liability form is available on the website. Areas of interest or need for Life Flight pre-designated landing areas are the northwest section, western mountains and also the Down East section of Maine. Remote access Signage is provided for the approved location by Life Flight.

Presentation by Dave Phillips:

- The award of President Emeritus was presented to Maurice Sargent. He has been with ATV Maine since ATV Maine began. Maurice was the 1st ATV Maine President.

Brian Bronson, Up-date and trail work awards:

- Brian began by saying the cake was delicious. DIFW has decided to award plates for your machine to the 258 people who did more than 40 hours trail work. Brian reminded people to check his website for trail closures.
- Charlie Corliss shared there is a pretty good chance you will be able to get into Calais this year via ATV.

Recognition Committee by Carole Phillips: 16 Months ago ATV Maine Directors voted on the Recognition Committee. Last year was the first year the Recognition Committee presented 4 awards. This year the Recognition Committee did not receive any nominations for 3 categories. Committee has 7 spots for members. If you would like to serve on this committee contact Carole Phillips, Bev Sargent, Kate Colters or Judy Butler.

- The only award given today was given to Ken Snowden. This award was given to Ken for Outstanding Service to ATV Maine over many years as Central Maine Regional Vice President, his ongoing efforts to increase trail access and signage MATS Trails.

What's At Program by Dave & Carole Phillips: A number of people have taken pictures and GPS Coordinates of sights around the state. They have selected 5 sights and Dave and Carole encourage you to go out and find these sights. The only cost is going to be your gas. Dave and Carole also asked for more submissions this year for next year.

Door prizes donated to ATV Maine by Cabela's were drawn with many excited winners.

Pot of Gold Drawing was done by Francis Smith. The winning club was China Four Seasons Club. Unfortunately no members were present to win. The Director, Alternate Director or primary member of club must be present to win.

50/50 Drawing by Liane James for Al Langley Fund was in the amount \$313.50 given to the winner Gina Fernald.

Ray Archer's Photo Drawing winner was Virginia Bickford from Topsham Trail Riders

Next meeting is June 15th and Hosting Big Indian ATV Club, Skowhegan

Richard Willoughby made a motion to adjourn.

Bev Sargent 2nd the motion.

All in Favor

No oppose

Adjournment, 2:33 p.m.