

ATV Maine Meeting Agenda
December 8th 2012
Hosted by: Flagstaff Area ATV Club

Call meeting to order @ 9:15 A.M.
Please turn off your cell phones
Pledge of Allegiance
Introduction of officers

Old Business:

- Internal/external Audit – Because of cost of external audit by CPA – Directors voted to do internal audit. Audit was going to start beginning of December, but 990 needed to be done. The 990 is still in the works. A Lincoln Club Member has volunteered to do the audit.
- 501C-3 Application Filed – ATV Maine has been working on this for 18 months. This is for corporate donations among other reason. Application has been filed this week and paid for \$850.00 for a fee. Now waiting for IRS to do their part. The IRS could take 3-6 months or longer to do their part. Jennifer Kreckel, Attorney from Rumford, did this work pro-bono. Minimal fees from the CPA side of the application. This application was fairly sizeable compared to an ATV Club application.
- Dan Mitchell had shared a sales pitch with the manufacturers such as Can-Am, Yamaha, etc. years back. The dealers told Dan Mitchell to come back with the same sales pitch when ATV Maine has the 501C-3. There has been a huge effort for many players from ATV Maine to make this happen. There is a possibility this application can be denied but Dan Mitchell doesn't believe ATV Maine will be denied.
- New Web-Site Construction under way -Ad-hoc committee met in Augusta about a month ago. 4 proposals from companies and ad-hoc committee chose Original Computing, LLC from Brunswick is the company. ATV Maine appropriated up to \$4000 to get this website up and running. Right now the estimated cost for the job scope is \$3600.00. The company charges \$250 annual fee to host the website and cover any minor maintenance. The completion date is February 14, 2013.
 - Budget for 2013-2014 line item for Web-site \$1,250 to start, \$250 for annual fee and \$1000 so if we are going to make any major changes, we would have money to finish and complete. The benefit to having this as a line item is the money is there if we need it and everyone can see it. The detriment is if we don't have it and need it, we would have to bring it back to the directors.
 - Ed Coleman made a motion to make a line item of \$1250 for the website for 2013 and 2014. Carole Phillips 2nd the motion, all in favor, motion carries.

New Business:

- President's Report: Legislation to create reciprocity and another bill to address the percentage of the ATV registration fee that goes to the Trail Fun and the exemption of the Storm Water Act. These bills are to be sponsored by Representative Sheryl Briggs. Sheryl Briggs has been a long time member of the IF&W. Dan Mitchell expects these first two bills to be tough. We only want to offer reciprocity to New Hampshire and New Brunswick. There will never be a good time for the second bill. Brian Bronson believes this is not the right time for this because they will raise the registration amount for ATV's. Dan Mitchell believes it we do not begin conversation about this issue; it is never going to happen. Brian Bronson stated we should have a new economic impact study done for the support. The last study had squewed numbers of machines. Trail Fund is 1.3 million. The problem is everything we have done until this point is going to collapse if we do not move forward with this. Dan Mitchell shared New Hampshire will extend reciprocity to Maine if we extend reciprocity to New Hampshire. We need to know number one the clubs support this effort – clubs will need to be present and support

it. Also support of landowners and business owners that gain revenue from ATV'ing as well. Dan Mitchell also stated once we put a bill on the table, it is no longer ours. There will never be a good time. Titles need to go in within the next couple weeks. Dan believes we can manage the amount in some degree. Once given to lawmakers we lose a lot of control. Dan Mitchell wants us to think of this as a state wide issue instead each individual club. Our goal is somewhere between 7000-10000 miles. Brian Bronson shared Maine has 6500 miles of claimed but GPS'd trails is 5600 miles. Dan Mitchell would like a show of hands to support a raise in registration 2 opposed. This will be discussed at every meeting moving forward. Need to break the news to the clubs. ATV Maine Executive board will draft a letter to be sent out to the clubs as well.

A third bill will be sponsored by Senator Tom Saviello to create an exemption for ATV Trails in the Storm Water Act. ATV Maine went down this road a year and half ago. The ATV community with Brian Bronson's help got an exemption on the table to be fixed. This needs to be fixed. Tom Saviello is a chair for this committee and he is sponsoring the bill as well.

- **Vice President's Report:** Real went to a meeting in Caribou, Fort Fairfield blocked headed north. Considering trails to Limestone. They are looking at trails to connect to Caribou and Limestone. Real went to a meeting in Eagle Lake in the end of October – Real discussed a trail to Fish River Falls. Ed Coffin Forester from Irving told Real to come meet with him in the spring.
- **Secretary's Report:** Revision was made on the October 2012 minutes – Correction to Tina White's name and Dave Phillips added Maurice Sargent as President Emeritus.
 - Bev Sargent made a motion to accept the minutes with changes as written – Mike Lee 2nd the motion all in favor, no opposed, motion carried.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Nadine thanks room for support through her illness. She was happy to report she was now Cancer Free!! Profit and Loss – Fee's IRS Filing Fee's is changed from \$750.00 to 850.00 and a bank fee of \$8.00 to create check for US Treasury.
 - Ken made a motion to accept treasurer report with changes, Bev Sargent 2nd the motion, all in favor, no opposed.
 - Profit/Loss Budget Overview by Nadine and Rose. The reason why we are \$5000 over budget was because they added in Full year of Pineau's plus the website.
 - Mike Lanouette accepted the Budget Report, Ed Coleman 2nd, all in favor, motion carries.
- **Business Manager's Report:** Tina White is creating a distribution list for all clubs, directors and alternate directors to ensure appropriate persons are notified. This is going to happen sooner rather than later. Tina has a new business card with new phone number and address on it. ATV Maine's new telephone number is 32 ATVME. This new telephone number is a cell phone. The new Address is PO Box 14 Jefferson, Maine. This information is now on the current website as well. E-mail address for Tina is atvmaine@roadrunner.com. Proposed Organizational Chart – Dave Phillips
- Select Ballot Committee: Kate Coulters, Sue Lanouette and Bob Dennett
- Dan made a motion to take a 5 minute break. Liane James made a motion to take a recess, Sue Lanouette 2nd the motion all in favor and no opposed.
Back in session @ 11:23AM
- Elections: According to Robert's Rules – we will go through the individual officer's positions and ask for nominations three separate times.
 - Maurice Sargent nominated Ken Snowden for President.
 - Nadine Stover nominated Real Deschaine as Vice President
 - Dave Phillips was nominated at October Meeting for Vice President
 - ATV Maine will continue to look for a secretary as no nominations were accepted.
 - Nadine Stover was nominated at the October Meeting for Treasurer
 - Dan Mitchell nominated Ed Coleman for Vice President of Trails
 - Dan Mitchell nominated Real Deschaine Regional Vice President for Northern Region

- Ray Archer is on the ballot from October Meeting for Regional Vice President for Eastern
- Ken Snowden was nominated at the October Meeting for Regional Vice President for Central
- Matt Jordan declined as Regional Vice President for Western
- Doug Kane nominated Mike Lee Regional Vice President for Western
- Dan Mitchell removed his name for Regional Vice President for Western.
- Richard Willoughby was nominated in October Meeting for Regional Vice President for Southern.

Vice President of Trails: (Ed Coleman Interim) MATS trails: Had a meeting in November to get Ed Coleman up to speed. Now we have officers in place, we can move forward. Dan Mitchell shared it was time again to negotiate the ORV. Ed Coleman to connect with Brian Bronson to see what was on the list to see what has been completed and what was left outstanding. Dan Mitchell would like to create a single line item in the budget for this. Nadine Stover, Treasurer shared there was a line item already in the budget for this. She would rather leave the budget as it is now. ATV Maine is doing this as a time saver and cost saving effort. Brian Bronson's suggestion was to amend the current contract because ATV Maine hasn't spent much of the current contract and move on. The main issue is we are not getting GPS'ing back to Brian Bronson. Brian Bronson is going to send an amendment for ATV Maine to sign.

ATV Maine Charity Team: Francis Smith had to leave the meeting early.

ACF: Brian Bronson – Money is becoming more of an issue. Landowners are concerned trails are not being maintained as they should be. There were several clubs in this room today we are going to have meetings on this issue. Landowners are expecting clubs to take care of roads if access is granted. This is expensive but grants are available for some of the expenses. Reality is we may need to take a look at the trails we have. Brian Bronson has been made aware there is talk of a pipeline on the Jay/Farmington rail bed. Brian has made Bob Dalot aware of this situation. Brian asked people to stay involved with this situation. Brian Bronson shared the last legislative section LD1596 – D.O.T. – stakeholder group has been set up and met 3 times. This is all about discontinued and abandoned Town Roads. The bill didn't pass but ACF is now in charge of a resolution. Bob Meyers, Tom Doak, Maine Forest Product Council, MSA, Sloam and a few others. Keep your fingers crossed. Brian will keep us posted on the outcome. If your clubs utilize any of these roads, offer to grade and put calcium down for dust.

Nadine made a motion to adjourn for lunch Real 2nd the motion.

Lunch 12:32:

Meeting called to order by Dan Mitchell at 1:22PM

Dan Mitchell sincerely thanked the staff for the hospitality at the White Wolf Inn.

Election Results:

- President - Ken Snowden
- Vice President – Real Deschaines
- Secretary – Vacant
- Treasurer – Nadine Stover
- Trails Vice President – Ed Coleman
- Regional Vice President for Northern Region - Real Deschaine
- Regional Vice President for Western Region – Mike Lee
- Regional Vice President for Central Region – Ken Snowden
- Regional Vice President for Eastern Region- Ray Archer
- Regional Vice President for Southern Region - Richard Willoughby

RTP – Letter of Support - Tina White: Penobscot Off Road Riders has put in for an RTP Grant for a trail that runs to Enfield. 4.1 Miles of trail. For a snowmobile trail it is good – impossible for an ATV trail. This will be the only marked trail to Enfield. This is the beginning to getting their trails connected to the Down East Trail. Hopefully they will score well for the grant. Dan Mitchell wrote a letter to show the club has statewide support. This is the only ATV Club that put in for this grant.

Not many applications received for RTP Grant. There is a certain percentage of money per category for the grants. Each category is scored on its own. Hopefully more clubs will put in for the grant.

Dan Mitchell would like to get a few people with experience in the RTP Grant application to help assist clubs with applying for this grant. There is monies available for motorized vehicles but it is not getting utilize.

Regional Vice Presidents:

- Northern – Real Deschaine
- Eastern – Ray Archer: No snow so they are still riding in that area. Met with Lifeflight to set up medevac sites for those trails. Sunrise trail coalition – 2 mile extension into Ellsworth will not be done until fall of 2014. Ray Archer is now serving on the Board of Directors for this coalition.
- Central – Ken Snowdon: Last Wednesday they had a meeting with the selectman on Greenville. As of last Wednesday there is a connection to Kokajo. This will go from Greenville to Prong Pond Road. Great improvement for that area. Trails still open until it snows.
- Western – Vacant
- Southern – Ed Coleman – No new business for Southern Region

On The Radar: Mileage Reimbursement Policy, Communication Policy,

Trailer verses Storage unit: The issue with storage unit is the cost will always be there. The recommendation of the E-board was to get a 7x12 trailer. Dan believes we could get this trailer donated right now. Right now \$452 is paid for insurance for 2 trailers with contents in them. This is a comprehensive plan. The storage unit costs \$45 per month. Dan suggested to move the storage unit closer to the Business Manager.

Support Letter “Bowers Wind Project” (To be addressed as time allows.) – First Wind is asking for a support letter from the clubs. The landowners benefit from the projects First Wind do. Richard Willoughby made a motion to write a letter of support. Ken Snowdon 2nd the motion. All in favor no opposed motion carries.

Pot-of-Gold – Director or Alternate Director of club must be present to win – Lake Region ATV Club – Tom Sapp was present to accept the monies.

April Meeting – Will be at Jeff’s Catering and Judy Butler has offered to get this scheduled. Dan Mitchell asked if there was any speakers or landowners people would like to speak. Jim Butler asked if Inland Wildlife and Fisheries could speak on changes. Doug Dennico asked if a Forester could speak. Dan Mitchell shared Doug Kane sent out an e-mail and only has received one for the recognition committee. Carole Phillips stated today was the deadline for the nominations. Carole Phillips asked if someone from Swome could speak on their expectations. Dan Mitchell has thought about bringing in someone from the Blue Ribbon Coalition. The Blue Ribbon Coalition is a group that does a lot of lobbying at the Federal level. Dan will invite them.

Helmet Award - Helmet for award was not received.

Next ATV Maine meeting will be held in the Eastern Region and we are in need of a club to host the meeting. Tina White had put out an e-mail and Ray Archer is going to help with the planning of the meeting.

Job Descriptions/Communication/Mileage Reimbursement Description Committee: Dave Colters, Dave Phillips and Maurice Sargent are currently on the committees. Completion date is late spring early summer. Dave Phillips looked at the job descriptions. He made an organizational chart. Dan believes this happened after Rick left the meeting. Dan is asking to create an ad-hoc committee that would be meeting on the off months same as trails committee to start working through this. The only requirement is you need to know ATV Maine and how this organization functions. Dan believes it will be 4-5 times through the winter months. Mike Lee offered to be on the committee. Nadine Stover offered to be on the committee as well.

Bev Sargent made a motion to adjourn the meeting – Real Descahine 2nd the motion, all in favor, no opposed.

Adjournment @ 2:11PM