

ATV Maine Meeting Agenda
June 16 2012
Hosted by: Narraguagus ATV Club

Call meeting to order: 9:11 A.M.
Please turn off your cell phones
Pledge of Allegiance
Introduction of officers

Old Business:

- **Sales agreement for trailers/website logos:** We have sold considerable amount of advertising for the trailers. Woody's Performance purchased an expensive piece a trailer. We would like to sell additional spots for the back door to business's such as Cabela's, etc.
 - **Trailers: Can-Am has purchased spots as well.**
- **Ad Hoc Committee for advertising:** Would like to put together an Ad Hoc Committee for advertising. Ken Snowden has agreed to be on the committee as he works for Moosehead Motorsports in Greenville Junction. Group will also take a look at a third trailer. This may be a onetime meeting, possibly 2. Most work can be done online.

New Business:

- **President's Report, Dan Mitchell:**
 - **Landowner's Permission for MATS:** Going better now. All clubs, when you identify a trail to be in the MATS system, make sure you first contact the landowner to discuss what the MATS trail system consist of. Will bring more traffic as it is the main artery trail. ATV Maine is having great success with MATS.
 - **Internal/external Audit:** Coming up on end of fiscal year. If you know anyone who is a member of ATV Maine that would be able to do an audit, there is a stipend for this. This needs to be done. If we do not get anyone to come forward, Dan Mitchell is going to ask to go outside ATV Maine and get this approval at the august meeting.
 - **Western Regional Vice President:** Mike Worthley sent in a resignation in a month ago but Dan Mitchell has not accepted the resignation. Mike Worthley is going to take a break from Western Regional Vice President. He is willing to help where needed but for his own health reasons he is going to take a break. Mike will do his report today.
 - **Dan Mitchell regretfully accepted the resignation of our Western Maine Vice President.** Dan is sorry this situation came to this. Dan has a couple of people to ask but didn't want to until he came to this meeting. Dan hopes to be back here by the August Meeting with a new Vice President.
 - Dan thanked Mike Worthley for his efforts and contributions to ATV Maine and to the sport. Nadine thanked Wanda Worthley as well.
 - **Third Safety Trailer:** Spoke in April in regards to needing a third trailer. Have a third trailer will significantly cut down on mileage and expense of the trails. IF&W has monies in their budget to get a third trailer. One for Aroostook County, Central Maine.
 - **Support from manufacturers:** We need to approach other manufacturers to assist with the trailers. Six years ago, Brian Bronson and Dan Mitchell called a meeting/luncheon in Augusta. During this meeting it was discussed \$10-\$15 thousand per manufacturer.
 - **Bill Lombard made a motion Dan Mitchell would be allowed to persue the sponsors for ATV Maine for contributions to ATV Maine.**
 - **Richard Willoughby 2nd the motion.**
 - **All in favor – no opposed**

- **Safety Trailer Expectations:** We have experienced some issues with the Safety Trailers. They are not getting returned like they should be. Flagstaff club came to pick up large trailer from Dan Mitchells home. Kill switch unplugged on one machine. Dan found out later the reason it was unplugged it kills the battery. Going to the shop to be fixed. Governors have been backed off of both machines. Bottom line is the kind of things we need to guard against. Thankfully both of these issues were noticed before the event.
 - ATV Maine needs to be informed of any issues so we can have the issues taken care of.
 - The person where this equipment resides need to be responsible for checking over before this equipment is sent out and when it gets returned.
 - Expectations on the form filled out for the use of the trailers.
 - Person signing out equipment will have a copy of expectations to ensure the ability to return in correct order.
 - Vickie and Dick had written a 2 page expectation sheet.
 - This will be posted in trailer as well, posted on website and on the back of the signed sheet from the club requesting the use of the trailer.
 - **Maurice Sargent made the motion f you are going to use our trailers you have to abide by regulations. If it reads hay for a soft barrier – you need to have hay. No question.**
 - **Dave Coulters 2nd the motion.**
 - **All in favor – no opposed**
- **Donation to ATV Maine:** Michelle Parks from the Mount Waldo Wheelers from Frankfort, Maine contacted ATV Maine in regards to make a donation to ATV Maine for \$5350.53 in memory of Millie Brown. This donation is due to Mount Waldo Wheelers dissolution. ATV Maine needs to think about how we are going to bring that into ATV Maine Budget and also what we are going to do with it. She requested this money to go to help improve ATVing in Maine. Michelle had some suggestions on purchasing a 3rd cargo trailer, making a memorial bridge in “Millie Brown”. The Club President Millie Brown passed away due to cancer. Monies donated came from fund raising activities and not from State Grant. Even if it was grant monies, the work was already done and it would be a reimbursement.
 - E-Board discussed suggested to use the monies to be used for the purchase of the 3rd medium size trailer, atv and supplies of what couldn’t be donated. Also recommend to have in memory of Millie Brown on that particular trailer. IF&W to partner with ATV Maine. Purchase another 150cc or larger to accommodate larger children who may take the course.
 - Bill Lombard suggests a medium sized trailer not to be hooked up to electric brakes.
 - Jim Butler made a recommendation to have brakes on the trailer. Most trucks are equipped with trailer brakes and if not the box is \$100 to purchase one.
 - **Richard Willoughby made the motion to use the monies donated to purchase a third trailer with electric brakes.**
 - **Dave 2nd the motion.**
 - **Richard Willoughby made an amendment to ensure this trailer would have a memorial for Millie Brown placed on the outside.**
 - **Dave 2nd the motion.**
 - **All in favor – no opposed**
- **Legislation: 1:37**
 - Storm Water Management is not complete. Dan Mitchell to go to governor’s office and get this fixed personally. Dan Mitchell does not know exactly what happened. Dan Mitchell was told it was going to be taken care of but didn’t get signed. Dan to get afternoon off afternoon landowner meetings to have this issue fixed.

- Pineau's participated in several meetings regarding discussion of taken monies from registration of atv's. This did not take effect.
 - ATV Maine didn't have a bad year in regards to legislation, but we didn't get everything done that was wanted.
- **Letters:**
- **Sportsman's Alliance of Maine:**
 - David Trahan from Sportman's Alliance of Maine sent ATV Maine a letter expressing gratitude to ATV Maine for the generous support given to the Alliance.
 - Sportman's Alliance of Maine would like to request a donation to assist with the renovations needed at the Augusta Headquarters. Donors will be recognized at
 - Nadine shared we have \$100 in the budget
 - **Pine Tree Society:** Dan Mitchell read a letter received from the Pine Tree Society. 600 campers were welcomed through the gates last year. Tuition is \$1900 for a six day session. Campers received partial or full tuition to the camp due to the generosity of donors like ATV Maine.
 - Francis Smith said we are going to make a donation somewhere in the neighborhood of \$600 to cover the letter. Francis is also having a cabin raffle for an event. The money received for this raffle is usually approximately \$2500. Also, someone has donated a wooden canoe for a raffle as well.
- **Francis made a motion to use the \$100 to send to Sportman's Alliance of Maine due to the fact we will be sending the monies from raffles to Pine Tree Society.**
- **Maryann Janusz 2nd the motion**
 - **All in favor – no opposed**
 - **Motioned carried**

Annual Banquet: Suggestion has been made to Dan Mitchell to change the date of the Annual Meeting due to MSA Meeting on the same day. We lose participation due to this issue.

- Dan Mitchell not in favor in changing the date.
 - Francis made recommendation we move to the summer or fall – October meeting a Pine Tree Camp in Smithfield. Check out facility and move the ATV Maine Annual Meeting to the fall time.
 - Maurice Sargent is concerned about the talk of having to move the Annual Meeting. He has no problem for bending things for people but when is it going to stop. Maurice thinks it is time to stop. This is in the bi-laws and would have to be changed. MSA moved their meeting to our date knowing this one on the same date as ours.
 - Beverly Sargent recommends Dan should contact MSA to change their date.
 - Mike Worthley recommends to the keep location in Bangor area.
 - Bill Lombard reminded us annual Meeting is the largest meeting
 - Carol reminded everyone we just adjusted bi-laws. Increasing numbers to our Annual Meeting. People need to make a conscious decision of which banquet to attend.
 - If MSA has moved the date – this discuss is obsolete.
- **Mike Lanouette made the motion to not changing the date.**
- **Frank Janusz 2nd the motion.**
 - **All in Favor – Not oppose**
 - **Motion carried.**

- **Vice President's Report, Real Deschaine:**
 - Thanked everyone for sympathy cards/phone calls in regards to the death of Real's father. It was really appreciated.
 - Thanked everyone again for award awarded at Annual Meeting.
 - Acquired a signed contract with Irving for the MATS Trail System.

- **Secretary's Report, Sherri Jordan:**
 - **Real Deschaine made motion to dispense Secretary's Report**
 - **Beverly Sargent 2nd the motion**
 - **All in favor – no opposed**
 - **Motion carried**

- **Treasurer's Report, Nadine Stover:**
 - **501C-3 update:** Rose Sack and Nadine have been working diligently on this. Paperwork is all is sent to Keith Allen, our accountant and Jennifer Kreckel, our lawyer. It is in their hands now.
 - **Dan Mitchell made motion to accept Treasures Report**
 - **Richard Willoughby 2nd the motion**
 - **All in Favor – No oppose**
 - **Motion Carries**
 - E-Board requesting a stipend for Rose for all of her assistance with this 5013C of \$500 - \$575. Rose Sack is going to request mileage from home to Nadine's home where she worked on this.
 - **Real made the motion to give Rose Sacks \$500**
 - **Mike Lanouette 2nd the motion**
 - **All in Favor – no opposed**
 - **Motion carried**

- **Business Manager's Report, Tami Kane:**
 - 98 Supporting Clubs currently.
 - 42 have renewed for 2012-2013 season
 - 62 clubs have purchased insurance for \$550 per club
 - Premium for policy has been reimbursed of \$32,805.30
 - Mike Worthley has an issue with the wording on waiver form of not holding insurance company liable for any accidents. Dan Mitchell said this would not hold up in court. Nadine said this would take effect even if someone gets hurt working on your trails. The person would not be able to sue the club.
 - Beverly Sargent requested an e-mail regarding insurance. The e-mail outlined the waiver issue. Beverly felt better about the insurance.
 - Beverly Sargent to get the letter and forward to Dan Mitchell.
 - Change the date of the Annual Banquet due to MSA having their banquet the same day? We could move it to Sunday instead of Saturday.
 - ATV Maine currently out of business sponsor plaques.
 - Purchase laptop purchase of a laptop for Secretary.
 - Dan Mitchell to authorize purchase of laptop before next meeting.

- **ATV Maine Charity Team-Francis Smith, Mike Worthley, Rick Willoughby:**
 - **Calendar Raffle:** State Police were called due to the fact no numbers were placed on this raffle tickets. Mike and Wanda Worthley have taken over raffle. Scanned each ticket sold previously and purchased a program to number the tickets.
 - Mike and Wanda Worthley will not be available for the drawing in July. Requests someone to be at Ellis Pond Variety the last 3 days in July. Dan Mitchell said he would take care of it.
 - 1008 calendars were sold.

- Calendars can still be sold as long as Mike Worthley has them before June 27th.
 - **Mike Worthley made a motion we only give the monies to the three charities Pine Tree, Make a Wish and Al Langley and none to ATV Maine except for the expenses incurred by ATV Maine. Those expenses to be paid to ATV Maine.**
 - Francis Smith 2nd the motion
 - All in favor – none opposed
 - Motion carries
 - Francis Smith wants to make the Al Langley the primary recipient for this raffle in hopes to enable ATV Maine to give a full scholarship to the deserving recipient.
- **Lunch:** Break for Lunch at 11:29 A.M.
- **Reconvened:** 12:20 P.M.
- **50/50 Winner:** Maurice Sargent won \$45
- **Department of Conservation, Brian Bronson – Charlie Corlis in place of Brian Bronson:**
 - Charlie welcomed everyone to the Downeast area.
 - Signage is good in some places ~ horrible in others. Strongly recommends backing on all signs.
 - Signage is questionable. If you think your trails are signed properly, take someone out with you who does not know your trails. ATV Clubs should not remove snowmobile club signs and vice versa.
 - Jim Butler question was asked if snowmobile arrows and atv arrows could be different?
 - Charlie noted the D.O.C. does not have enough room to store any more signs. Limited amount of storage space.
 - Grant Applications are due by the end of June.
 - Make sure you have the landowner information updated.
 - If you haven't received the application for the grant information, contact Shannon in Augusta.
 - ATV Club and Snowmobile Clubs need to get along. We share trails and need to work together.
 - Sunrise Trail faired pretty well.
 - Two major washouts.
 - Trail has extended to Perry. Restaurant is available.
 - Department of Transportation assigned project manager to extend from Hancock into Ellsworth for a 2 mile extension. Data has been gathered. She is looking to hire an engineer to complete design and should be complete by sometime next year.
 - 85 miles of beaver issues. Cannot keep up with the beaver issue.
 - Funding for the Sunrise Trail was attained from the dissemination of the railroad system. Sale of steel. Funds were left over after the completion of the project as of thus far.
- **Dan Mitchell thanked the kitchen crew. The food was great. Dan also thanked the Narraguagus ATV Club for hosting this meeting.**
- **Dave Phillips – “What’s at?”**
 - ATV Clubs to submit a unique place or interesting items on your trails. Take a picture of place/item. Submit the GPS coordinates given in WGS 84 format, description of place/item, name & telephone of the person submitting information along with the picture to David & Carole
 - David & Carole will put the information together and have it ready for next spring.

- If your club does not have anything interesting, they encourage you to come up with something. The place/item cannot move around ~ must be stationary.
- This is in hopes to get people out and on trails they do not usually ride.
- **Dan Mitchell thanked the Phillips to putting some more fun into the sport.**
- **Trails Vice President, Bill Lombard:**
 - **Scholarship –**
 - 5 applicants submitted for scholarship
 - Erin Abbott from Starks, member of Moose Alley ATV Club, going to Thomas College for MBA in Accounting and Taxation for a 5 year program. She is currently working with an accounting firm. Erin Abbott received \$1000 scholarship.
 - Bill Lombard is pleased to hear what the Charity Team has in the works.
 - \$250 from a benefit ride in the County a couple weeks ago
 - \$50 donation received from Valley Riders
 - July 7th ride in Bingham at 8AM going to Greenville and returning is a benefit for Al Langley Scholarship Fund.
 - **MATS trails:**
 - Permission granted by Wagner to do MATS signage
 - PlumCreek meeting is Friday, June 22nd, 2012.
 - Also may acquire a new trail that will connect Western Maine to Central Maine by way of Kingfield.
 - Permission granted by Cherryfield Foods for any club trails.
 - Permission granted by Irving.
 - We will have this system on a map next spring of 2013.
 - **Advertising:**
 - Bill asked if we could advertise our trails to people from out of state?
 - Dan thought this could be a good idea for the advertising committee.
 - Matt Jordan suggested to have clubs send in pictures of different things on the club trails and create a DVD of pictures from all clubs across the state to sell.
 - We have a 10 day registration available for people from out of state.
 - Dan Mitchell noted part of the legislation for next year to restore reciprocity.
- **Regional Vice Presidents:**
 - **Northern, Real Deschaine:**
 - **Eastern, Ray Archer:**
 - We are currently sitting in the heart of the atv system.
 - Few week points
 - Beautiful trails/views/wildlife out there
 - Side by side accessible
 - Ray thanked the local atv clubs, Wagner and Cherryfield Foods, etc for the trail system.
 - Serious issue on signs just as Charlie Corlis from Department of Conservation stated.
 - Request the clubs to update GPS coordinates for their trails. Request the clubs to update GPS coordinates for their trails.
 - **Central, Ken Snowdon:**
 - Everything in Greenville is open
 - Blue Hill has one section closed
 - Thorn Brook in Abbott ~ bridge will be replaced to enable side by sides to pass. Scheduled for the middle of June.

- No progress in trail from Greenville to Kakajo. Still waiting for landowner permission. This will not happen this year.
- Trail from Dover-Foxcroft to rail bed trail still has not happened.
- Section of railroad bed between Greenville and Shirley has been damned up by beavers. The trail is passable. Per Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, damn cannot be broken until middle of July due to the baby ducks.
 - Can get through just pick up feet.
- **Western, Mike Worthley:**
 - Safety Course scheduled for June 30th
 - Mike would like to see small clubs under 50 members be able to join ATV Maine without paying the \$50. In Western Maine there are many clubs with under 35 members.
 - 2 events with total monies raised was \$4700
 - May 26th Poker Run \$3400 raised
 - \$1025 went to the winner of the 50/50
 - June 9th Tower Ride – 125 wheelers 193 people raised over \$1300 for Make A Wish Foundation
 - West Branch Road and Bemis Road no funding because it is a loop trail. Roxbury ATV Club going to fund the trail. 75 water bars and 3 bridges to build. Hoping to have trail open by end of July. Will pass walking distance to Angel Falls.
 - Keep on selling calendar raffles until June 27th
- **Southern, Ed Coleman - reporting Mike Lanouette in Ed Coleman's absence:**
 - All trails are open and passable
 - Going to try "Right Way" product on section of the trail
 - CMP and FPL going to landowners to get another 50 foot right away in addition to what they currently have.
- **Pot-of-Gold:** Wellington Wheelers were the winner but were not present to win.
 - **AGENDA ITEM FOR NEXT MEETING:**
We need to discuss how we want to handle the Pot of Gold. There were not any winners present in a fiscal year. This needs to be an agenda item.
- **Helmet Award:** Francis Smith was the winner for the Helmet Award.
 - **Dan Mitchell to get a voucher for a helmet.**
- **Recognition Committee:** Carole Phillips asked to get the committee together
 - Richard Willoughby made a motion to maintain the same Recognition Committee but choose someone from Western Maine to serve on the committee
 - Ken Snowden 2nd the motion
 - All in favor – no opposed
 - Motion carries
- ****Committee Members:**
 - Carole Phillips, Judy Butler, Dave & Kate Coulter, Maurice & Beverly Sargent plus one member from Western Maine Area.
- ****Dan Mitchell wanted to make sure to note we mention Recognition Committee information at each meeting.**
 - **Committee is welcomed to use the same space as the Trails Committee Meeting in July to enable the committee to have a space to use.**
- **Adjournment:**
 - Beverly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:16 PM
 - Mike Lanouette 2nd the motion

Next ATV Maine meeting will be held in the Northern Region – hosting club Knowles Corner in Oakfield on August 18th.

October ATV Maine meeting will be held at the Pine Tree Camp in Smithfield on October 20th.

NOTE:

43 present

18 ATV Maine Directors present

6 ATV Maine Alternate Directors present

19 Clubs present