

ATV Maine Meeting Agenda
June 17, 2017
Hosted by: Airline ATV Riders

Meeting called to order at 9:05 AM

Request to turn off cell phones

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of Officers in attendance:

Real Deschaine, President

Mike Lee, Vice President and Western Region VP

Doug Kane, Central Region VP

Dick Howlett, Northern Region VP

Phil Flagg, Safety Officer

Count of Directors: 9

In the absence of Terry Sinclair, Secretary, Tami volunteered to take the meeting minutes.

Secretary's Report: Absent – no report

Treasurer's Report: Absent – no report

Vice President's Report: Mike informed the group the Eastern Region VP, Ray Archer, has resigned. Discussion regarding open positions in ATV Maine; Eastern and Southern Region VP's, previously titled Business Manager position, and Governmental Relations positions need to be filled. Dick Howlett suggested an E-mail to all members and post on Facebook for all open positions.

Discussion regarding someone to fill the previous Business Manager position again as opposed to continuing with a volunteer. Request for someone to volunteer for this position during the meeting; no volunteers. Concern for a volunteer to have the phone in the interim as opposed to an officer of the organization who will have the information needed to answer any questions. Motion for the Vice President, Mike Lee, to hold the organization's phone made by Jeff Worcester, seconded by Earl Oak, all in favor, no opposed.

Discussion regarding the 60-inch rule: ATV Maine is not at fault for this rule and will not go against a landowner. Clarification from Rick LaFlamme that the 60-inch rule will remain as it was announced and will be enforced in the areas that this applies. Signs will be posted by the State not the ATV clubs or landowners. Some ATV clubs are being notified by other landowners to follow this same rule.

President's Report: Meeting minutes. Motion to accept the April meeting minutes made by Earl Oak, seconded by Cindy Laroue, all in favor, no opposed. Real met with Irving regarding a portion of trail closed in the Van Buren region because of logging but offered an alternate route.

Newsletter deadline – July 1, 2017

Break: 10:15 – 10:30

Old Business:

- **Liability Insurance:** In the absence of Tracy, we have limited information regarding the proposed insurance presented at the April meeting. Real reiterated the outline of the policy Tracy presented at the April meeting, including the cost and coverage of events included in the cost. Real explained again the Naughton coverage of all ATV Maine member clubs that the organization was not informed of when the policy was first purchased in 2010.. Real also gave a quote that was researched for coverage for just one club purchasing alone for liability coverage at over \$2,500.00.
 - Motion on hold while phone calls were made to Tracy in an attempt for further clarification; no answer.
 - Jeff Worcester made a motion to accept the proposed replacement CGL policy, seconded by Dick Howlett, all in favor, no opposed.

New Business:

- **Website/Facebook Administrator – Airline ATV Riders’ member interested.** Daryl was not present at the meeting. Executive Board will want to meet with Daryl – suggestion to meet with him on the day of a Trails Committee meeting in July.

Safety Officer’s Report: Trailer scheduling update. Phil mentioned three dates scheduled with the trailer he has for Pickerel Pond in the upcoming months, to include emphasis on trail signs in the course and how Maine loses trails.

Real has been out with the Safety trailer in Caribou, scheduled for Patten in July, Madawaska in August, and Caribou will be scheduling a second time this year. Described some of the events he’s set the trailer up for, the turn out, and the experiences.

Trails Committee VP Report: Phil has received all materials from Ray Archer. MATS: odd numbers North and South, even numbers East and West. ATV Maine working to help save trails, recognizing many clubs are losing trails across the State due to disrespectful riders and/or actions. Discussion of similar scenarios landowners are experiencing.

Regional Vice Presidents Reports:

Northern Region – Dick Howlett: Things are good in Presque Isle, no problems. Mentioned clubs in the northern area overcoming issues to keep the club going. Northern section of Aroostook County map will be out this year. Trails will have new signs, towns listed, - showed an example of their new numbered signs – suggestion made of S – W – E – N be on signs at intersections for directional information. Event scheduled July 7, 8, and 9th, Ultimate ATV Event.

Eastern Region -- Vacant

Central Region – Doug Kane - Time spent in Augusta during legislation. The 60-inch rule affecting Central Maine in the China area. Scheduling conflicts to meet with clubs, falling on many of the same dates.

Western Region -- Mike Lee - Trail issues in Western Maine towards landowners, one resulting in limiting to 60 inches, next step will be to close the trail. Trail in Strong; State is working on Route 4 in the area of a trail and working with the club during this work schedule. MATS trail issues continue in this area but four club Presidents are on board for Kingfield East-West to Phillips.

Southern Region – Vacant

Southern region club was present and shared that their club has lost 10 miles of trail because the landowner asked for the club to lease his land for their trail to make money off the club – the club chose to shut down this portion of the trail; other landowners have allowed enough to replace what they lost.

Open discussion how to best reach out to the public to educate on trail issues and losing trails; potential cost issues involved, and who would volunteer for this.

Lunch: 12:00 – 12:40

Thank you to Airline ATV Riders for a great lunch.

Real explained the reciprocity bill - *LD 191*: 3-day ATV registration free-weekend - and Doug explained the timeframe for this bill to go into effect which will not allow the free-weekend to be effective until 2018 for ATV's. Commissioner of IF&W will make the decision on the date.

Hosting Club 50-50: Kathy Howlett

Hosting Club Door Prizes drawn

Helmet Award – Donated by Frechette's Ski-Doo & Off-Road – Cindy Laroue

OP Membership Raffle:

Richard Belanger
Real Deschaine
Cindy Weymouth
Tim Maddocks
Mike Lanouette
Judy Campbell
Mike Lee

Pot-of-Gold Drawing – Seboeis Stream ATV Club – not present

Thank you to Airline ATV Riders for hosting the ATV Maine meeting

Next ATV Maine meeting – August 19, 2017 – Central Region
Hosted by: TBD

Motion to adjourn by Sue Lanouette, seconded by Walter Laroue

Meeting adjourned 1:10 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Tami M. Kane
Volunteer