

ATV Maine Annual Banquet Agenda
April 21, 2012
Hosted by: Jeff's Catering, Brewer, Maine

Meeting called to order by Real Deschaine at 9:21 A.M.

Please turn off your cell phones

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of officers

New Business:

- **President's Report:** Pineau Policy Associates for 2012 – Dan Mitchell, President was not present. Real Dechaine (Vice President) had no information to provide.
- **Vice President's Report:** Meeting with clubs, issues with landowners for permission. Irving has no problems on Irving Land.
- **Secretary's Report:** Ed Coleman made a motion to suspend reading of minutes and Bill Lombard 2nd the motion.
- **Treasurer's Report:** 501C-3 update in hands of lawyer and accountant. Information was has Gail Corliss made a motion to accept the treasurers report. Emile Pinard 2nd the motion

High Mileage Awards: Dave and Carole Phillips, organizers of ATV Maine High Mileage Club gave information regarding the event. Forty-eight from 8 different clubs registered for the event. They are hoping for more participation for this season. In the end, thirty-five machines submitted their ending mileage. High Mileage Winner for 2011 – Cynthia Wacome-Laroue.

You can register from May 15th thru November 30th. The price is \$10 per machine and \$11 for a double rider. Ending mileage must be postmarked by December 01st. Certificates and Patches are available at lunch time.

Real asked to donate 50/50 proceeds to Al Langley scholarship fund. Francis made a motion to donate proceeds and Ken Snowdon 2nd the motion.

Banquet Recognition Committee: Carole Phillips, Judy Butler, Kate and Dave Coulters, Doug Kane, Maurice and Bev Sargent

- Committee put together 2 months ago to recommend outstanding clubs or individuals in ATV Maine.
 - Dedication Award – Mike Ferguson
 - Community Service Award – Pat Hamor
 - Challenge Award – River Valley ATV Club – Brian Jordan accepted award for River Valley
 - Committee Choice Award – Real Deschaine

Department of Conservation: Brian Bronson

- 10 year update – where we were in 2002 to where we are now in 2012
- Funding increase of 300% - done well with that.
- Significant increase in revenue – DOC receives 1 million in registration fees for trail funds.
- Snowmobile registrations were down this year
- Non-resident snowmobilers did come to Maine. It looks like most came in and bought 3 day passes. Holder of registrations may have re-used these registrations more than one occasion.
- 2600 landowners have given permission for ATV Trails in this state. This is positive and we need to make it known.

- Doubled trail mileage.
- New Trail Signage booklets - make sure person signing for your club has this. Arrows are only for corners – DO NOT WRITE ON AN ARROW. Put ATV sign with it to ensure riders do not get confused if snowmobile trail or ATV trail. Some states have done away with arrows to omit this issue.
- USE THE TRAIL INFO SIGNS.
- Dozens of clubs have had pickup trucks on their trails and wardens have caught them during Mud Season.
- We have the largest ATV Trail System in the COUNTRY!!! Most clubs than any other state!.
- Towns/Cities are beginning to realize ATV riders bring money – more trails coming about.
- ATV Clubs and Snowmobile clubs are not working well together. Signage is a problem
- Differing Land Owner Policy –
 - No ATV's to basically open land Policies
 - Not wanting certain types of machines (motorcycles & side by sides)
 - Some restrict and/or require Club Membership, insurance, etc

Brain would like to see an Economic Impact Study that would include people coming to the state, purchasing camps, machines and they would not

Brian Bronson, Brian Milligan, Charlie Corliss, and Jim Caron from the Department of Conservation awarded a Mug to the people who had 40 hours or more documented for doing trail work.

Right-Way Trail Systems – Powerpoint Presentation was done by Mike Dionne, from Right-Way Trail Systems in New Hampshire, about their trail product. Followed by Q&A.

Lunch @ 12:00

Back in session @ 1:04 p.m.

- Mike Ferguson spoke on the ATV trail across Appalachian Trail.
 - 12 years ago there was a meeting when Saddleback sold the land. Snowmobile and ATV's were supposed to have access. ATV's were not allowed to use land.
 - 10 years it has taken – Mike Ferguson didn't feel he was getting a good enough answer as to why ATV's couldn't use the land. He kept asking “why” and finally got the okay.
 - Moose Loop trail has been made – various types of terrain throughout the trail.
 - Mike reminded everyone to always work your state officials.

Real Deschaine wanted to give a big thanks to the Kitchen Crew!!!

Real Deschaine also wanted to thank United Insurance for donating \$400 for this event.

Trails Vice President: Bill Lombard

- Thanked all the clubs and folks who have made contributions to scholarship funds.
- **Scholarship** – The scholarship will award \$1000 to one deserving applicant.
 - Applications need to be turned in by the end of April. This is the first time for the award of \$1000, was \$500 in past years.

- **MATS – Signage – New** trail Signage Guidelines- explains how and where to place the signs. Please take notice of the new pamphlet and make sure the signs are done correctly.
- New State Maps are out. If you haven't received any, contact Brian Bronson.
- Additional signage added to the MATS – explain what trail number you are on, where you are on the trail, and how many miles to reach the next destination, including gas station.
- Going to be a written permission form for landowners to sign, ATV Maine, DOC and Club will have a copy – stating the landowners are aware of the MATS program.
- 150 clubs in the state of maine – 6500 miles of trails
Very important that these clubs stay active and make the trails passable.
- MATS trail system is going to provide trails for non-expertise riders.
- 2564 landowners are involved with this project. Landowners will need to be contacted each year.
- Many more cities and towns are allowing atv's to travel on the street to reach the city/towns businesses. Communities need to be aware everyone will benefit from this. More ATV's mean more revenue for the city/town.
- Maine is not longer vacationland – it is recreation land!!

Regional Vice Presidents:

- Northern: Real Deschaine
- Eastern: Ray Archer – This year this is the first year we have been able to get out and ride the trails before the Annual Meeting for ATV Maine - Off to a good start. A lot of good trails. Acadia area has a Windmill Project – need to be aware of trail closures and special attention to working trucks in that area. Always room for improvement on signing trails. He has a few trails people like the “mud holes”. Some clubs have lost the use of the trail due to letting the mud hole remain.
- Central: Ken Snowdon - snow in the woods, trails still closed – frost in the ground. Going to go out this week to check trails.
- Western: Mike Worthley – trails are all open. Another club is starting up in Upton - Closest club to New Hampshire. They already have a trail to Geriko State Park. Do not want another Mexico Club. Roxbury ATV Riders received an award for ATV Safety course – 62 people at this course. Need more clubs in our area to put on these classes. Tomorrow is Earth Day – go out and clean up in your area. Mike was out checking trails and came upon a copper thieving operation. They called the authorities and arrests have been made.
- Southern: Ed Coleman
 - Bill Green “Mud Season” segment.
 - New club in southern Maine – York County Trail Riders
 - Safety Courses are available down south.
 - We played the video of the news broadcast of Ed Coleman taking Bill Green from WCSH 6 out on the trails.

ATV Maine Charity Team –

- Francis Smith would like to thank all who have taken part in the sales of the calendar raffles. Extra posters available if needed.
- We are close to coming out even for this.
- This year's recipient is going to be the Pine Tree Camp, Al Langley Scholarship Fund and Make a Wish Foundation. Next year we will choose three other recipients for this award. Charity Committee will welcome any recommendations.

- Camp Capella ride is going to be hosted by the Downeast Club. Date will be posted on www.atvmaine.org website. Kids who attend Camp Capella come from the local area.
- Cornfield ride has been a great success - \$10,000 after breakfast.
- Make A Wish benefit ride will be in Roxbury, going to the Wind Mills.
- Pine Tree Camp ride – Smithfield Fire Dept. will put on a chicken barbeque.
- Pine Tree Camp will host our ATV Maine Meeting in October 20th, 2012.

50/50 - winner is Peggy League from Topsham Trail Riders, received \$312.00

Door Prizes donated by Cabela's –

- Real thanked Cabela's for the donation of the door prizes for this event

WINNERS OF THE DOOR PRIZES

- Rain Gear = Brian Milligan
 - Cabela's Pink Sweatshirt = Cathy Ingerson
 - Deluxe Cargo Box = Bill Walters
 - Gloves = Natasha Field
 - T-Shirt = Glen Barker
 - Hat = Dale Giles
 - ATV Rack = Mary Ann Janusz
 - Dry Bag = Juanita Allen
 - Camo Sweatshirt = Roger Roy
 - Hitch Hauler = Kendra Deschaine
 - Multi-Tool = Francis Smith
 - Gloves = Ryan Ames
 - Flash Light = Roger White
 - Multi-Tool = Real Deschaine
 - Red Sweatshirt = Deb Willoughby
 - Hat = Bob Whitney
 - Gloves = Lenny Stratton
 - Black Jacket = Bill Birden
 - Multi-Tool = Steve Danbois
 - Gloves = Barry Roberts
 - Multi-Tool = Bill Warden
 - Wheeler Cover = Earl Oak
- **Helmet Award** – Friends and Friends donated gift card for a helmet. The winner was Cathy Ingerson Topsham Trail Riders
- **Pot-of-Gold** = Northern Timber Cruisers were the winners but were not present to win.
- Next ATV Maine meeting will be held in Cherryfield, hosted by the Narraguagus ATV Club on June 16th. Narraguagus ATV Club is going to have a map available with various trails if you choose to ride after the meeting.
 - Richard Willoughby made a motion to adjourn and Emile Pinard 2nd the motion @2:12PM.
 - Adjournment; 2:00 pm