

ATV Maine Meeting  
August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
Caribou, Maine  
Hosted by: Caribou ATV Club

Call the meeting to order at 9:05AM  
Please turn off all cell phones  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Introduction of officers

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – Bev Sargent made a motion to file as printed – Richard Willoughby 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion – All in favor no opposed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mike Lee made a motion to accept treasures report. Ben Zetterman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor no opposed.

**President's Report: Ken Snowdon**

ATV Search Effort – Ken received 3 resumes and has been turning these over to the Warden Service because he was unsure of whom to turn them in to. Ken asked the room if anyone had information for this. No one in room knew.

Landowner Appreciation Clean Up Day September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – This is put together by the Maine Rangers. Ken will forward information to Roger, Web Master to have added to Web Site.

**Policy Committee:**

ATV Maine Financial and Recognition Committee:

Nadine has some questions for Dave Phillips regarding the Committees. Ken would like to table these questions until the next meeting when Dave Phillips is in attendance. Maurice Sargent made a motion to table until next meeting. Mike Lee 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor no opposed.

Terry Sinclair has written an article to be printed and ATV Maine needs to give approval for Article to be printed: E-board agreed to allow the articles Terry has written to go to print. Ken asked if anyone in the room opposed or had any questions with these articles going to print. All members present were fine with the articles going to print in the magazines. Mike Lee made a motion to give Terry the go ahead with the articles to be printed. Richard Willoughby 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor no opposed.

Ken Snowdon thanked the Caribou ATV Maine for hosting this meeting today.

Blue Ribbon Coalition:

Blue Ribbon Coalition has served for 24 years as a leading advocate for recreational use of public lands. They are National Lobbyists. ATV Maine has received the renewal membership form. Richard Willoughby made a motion to pay 1 year membership to the Blue Ribbon Coalition. Mike Lee 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in Favor no opposed.

ATV-Snowmobile Summit Meeting in Greenville July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013:

Ken has been working for 7 years to get a trail from Greenville to Kokadjo. They had a meeting on July 16<sup>th</sup> to try to get the ATV Club and Snowmobile Clubs together. The trail is now open. This is a 46 mile trail one way. The last half from Greenville is a rough.

#### RTP Grant:

Rand Paul has introduced that would strip the grant monies for the RPT Grant. He is proposing these monies to be used for bridge repair. If anyone would like to voice their opinion, please contact your senator's. If this is not on the website -

#### **Vice President's Report: Real Deschaine**

Real hasn't been able to GPS trail very much. He has been working the trails. Real's Trail Master has been ill for 2 months. Sinclair is building a new trail. Al Morin was there yesterday putting some gates up. Jim Caron shared the trail from Soldier Pond and Sinclair to include Cross Lake area. This is almost complete – just not marked. This was funded with RTP Grant Money. The amount was close to \$40,000.

#### **Executive Director's Report:**

Dan Mitchell was not present to give report.

#### **Committee's Reports:**

ATV Charity Team: Richard Willoughby stated the Calendar Raffle will not be done this year but will be brought back next year.

**Al Langley Fund Up-Date:** Liane James was not present to give report.

#### **Department of Conservation, Jim Caron:**

Jim Caron wanted to remind clubs the vinyl green and white ATV Signs from the State are not supposed to be attached utility poles on public ways. Arrows are okay to use. If you have those on your access, please replace with the access route signs instead. On access routes, these should be placed every half mile on an access route.

Jim shared Brian Bronson will be at the Workshop on Desk Management Practices on September 21<sup>st</sup> at Star City ATV Club, Presque Isle. This workshop will begin at 9AM.

Jim Caron asked if ATV Maine will join the promotion World Acadian Congress will be meeting August 2014. Real Deschaine shared it would be the local clubs not ATV Maine.

#### **Regional Vice President's Report:**

**Northern – Real Deschaine:** Nothing additional to report

**Eastern – Ray Archer:** One issue is one trail has been closed this summer. Spoke to Brian Bronson and still hasn't been resolved the issue. The issue is the local clubs (Dwinal Pond ATV Club) did not renew their contract with the Penobscot Indian Tribe.

Due to rain conditions – one side of the rail bed slide down 20 feet and needed 6 loads of gravel to repair.

#### **Central – Ken Snowdon:**

Trails are in pretty good shape. One trail has water right up to your headlights on your machine. ATV and Snowmobile club are trying to work together. Ken will get back to us with progress.

#### **Western – Mike Lee:**

Rain in the western region has caused the trails to take a beating.

September 28<sup>th</sup> will be the next Whistle Stop ATV Toy Run. There were 140 ATV's last year and a little over \$5100 was raised for the local towns. This ride goes from Farmington to Canton and return to Jay Plaza parking lot for a free BBQ and raffle prizes.

**Southern – Richard Willoughby:**

The trails are open, but hasn't been able to be out much. Wash out areas.

Ken Snowdon called for a break in the meeting.

Meeting back in session at 10:23A

Ken has a prior commitment for October Meeting. Real Deschaine will be there to conduct meeting. Reminder nominations are needed for officers by the end of the October Meeting.

Ken Snowdon spoke about the e-board minutes being posted on the website. E-Board recommended no E-board minutes on the website from this meeting on. Bev Sargent made a motion not to put E-Board minutes on the website. Mike Lee 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Maurice Sargent wanted to make it known this is not to deny members what is going on, members can contact the Secretary to find out what went on if need be. All in favor no opposed. Mike Lee made a motion of any past e-board minutes not be published on website and to remove any past e-board minutes from the Website as of today, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Ben Zetterman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Ben asked if the e-board meetings removed and not being published would be questionable. Vickie stated to have this in the Bi-Laws/rule and guidelines regarding publishing e-board minutes. All in favor no opposed. Ed Coleman said we need to have something added to the Rules and Guidelines regarding this.

Friends and Neighbors are hosting a Frozen Turkey Ride on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> 9A Frozen Turkey Ride. Leaves Ellsworth at Washington Trail Junction. If there is any snow the night before, the ride is canceled.

Southern Maine ATV Club September 13<sup>th</sup> night ride. Meet at 5p ride begins around 6:30pm. Bring non-perishable food items. The ride is leaving from Hatfield Pond Beach Area in Berwick. More information can be found on Southernmaineatv.com website.

Saturday, September 07<sup>th</sup>, Turner Timberland ATV Club is taking part in the Kora Shriners event at Twitchell's Airport on Route 4 in Turner. Registration for the ATV Ride will be from 10A-11A. There will be a short and long ride available. Donation to the Shriners is \$5.00 per person for to ride. There will be 3 bands and fireworks after the ride. Many other events also taking place that day. Any questions, call Sherri Jordan 207-212-7111.

Caribou ATV Club had the Land Owner Appreciation. This was the largest turn out they have had.

Ed Coleman, Southern Maine ATV Club hosted an event and \$1600 was collected for the Make A Wish Foundation.

**Old Business:**

Internal/External Audit – no information was available.

501C-3 Update – Real Deschaine stated we know it was sent it in December 2012 the application was received but no further information is known. Maurice Sargent suggested someone contact

**New Business:**

RTP Grant Up-Date: Ed Coleman: The last meeting was canceled 2 months ago and Ed hasn't received any information on a rescheduled meeting. Ed just received 2 emails regarding site visits.

MATS Trails Up-Date: Ed Coleman

Mike Lee has approximately 40 miles of trails they will be riding and working on. Sanford has a few hundred acres they are willing to give an established club the rights to use for an ATV Trail. Ed has a new prospected club in the works. If this club is established, this land could be used for their trail system.

Website: Ken Snowdon announced last night at the E-Board Meeting it was brought up of having more than one person who could make changes to the ATV Maine Website. Danielle Barcelou has agreed to assist with the website. Bev Sargent made a motion appoint Danielle Barcelou as the Alternate Web Master and will Danielle Barcelou will answer to the E-Board. Mike Lee 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor. No opposed. A job description will be written for this position that states she can be used anytime. Richard Willoughby made a motion the passwords for the website need to be given to the President, Vice-President in case something happens. Richard Willoughby changed his motion to the website passwords needs to be given to the Secretary should have the passwords for the website in case needed. Mike Lee 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor. No opposed.

Dan Nicolas asked if there was anything Legislature could do to push all ATV owners belongs to a club. Real Deschaine this issue was brought up before and it did not go anywhere. Also, Dan Nicolas asked if there was anything that ATV Maine could be due with going to the State to making it a law all ATV owners need to have insurance. Ken Snowdon will bring the insurance question up to Dan Mitchell, Executive Director. Ken Snowdon also directed Dan to contact his senators. As for ATV owners joining an ATV Club, Ken Snowdon is not sure what can be done about this.

Bev Sargent suggested when the Business Manager sends out any information regarding vacations; this should be sent out to all committee members and all active clubs so all is aware. Ken will contact Dan Mitchell regarding this.

Pot of Gold Drawing: \$50 would have been given to Bog Hooters ATV Club was drawn. No one was present from the club.

Helmet Award: Sherri Jordan, Turner Timberland ATV Club was the winner of the Helmet Award.

50/50 Drawing: \$84 was collected. \$42 goes to the winner Mike Lee and he donated the \$42 back to ATV Maine.

Ken Snowdon thanked Ben and Vickie again from the Caribou ATV Club

Adjourn: Richard Willoughby made a motion to adjourn. Ben Zetterman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in Favor no opposed.

Next Meeting October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013 hosted by Temple Trail Riders to be held at Temple Town Office. Directions and hotel accommodations will be published on website. ATV ride will be held after the meeting.