

ATV Maine Annual Meeting
Jeff's Catering, Brewer, ME
Saturday, 18 April 2015.

Meeting called to order at 9:06 AM.

Please turn off cell phones.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Introduction of officers: Vice President, Real Deschaine
 Northern Regional VP, Real Deschaine
 Trails VP, Ray Archer
 Eastern Regional VP, Ray Archer
 Western Regional VP, Mike Lee
 Central Regional VP, Doug Kane
 Southern Regional VP, Richard Willoughby
 President Emeritus, Maurice Sargent

Appropriate meeting conduct explained.

A moment of silence for Francis Smith

Opening comments made by Tami on meeting attendance, officers, and progress. With two microphones on the floor, please stand up and a microphone will be brought to you so everyone can hear you.

Secretary: Vacant

Sue Lanouette made a motion to accept the minutes of the Secretary's report from December 2014. Tom Flanders seconded – Motion seconded, voted on, and passed.

Treasurer: Vacant

Nora's financial report provided – Tami informed the members the High Mileage and Safety Trailer accounts have had no activity. Pot of Gold account reflects payout to Acadia of \$150 from the December 2014 meeting.

Vice President's report: There is no contract with the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry for the Trails Committee this year. This has nothing to do with trail grants. Cost for anything done will be 100% through ATV Maine. There was a brief two-hour meeting in March for the Trails Committee, starting an outline and goals.

Introduction of Commissioner Chandler Woodcock of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

The Commissioner explained his background and where ATVs/SNOWMOBILES with landowners have come from and where we are going. What makes trail system possible? What is required to maintain a good relationship with landowners, and projects that have an impact on our trail systems?

The question was asked of the Commissioner as to his opinion of machine's riding in Maine from New Hampshire, New Brunswick, and Québec.

The Commissioner stated that special events will be approved but not in general. Maine's system is more significant than New Hampshire.

A landowner problem between Grand Isle and Madawaska; not able to get in touch with a landowner, was asked of the Commissioner. Commissioner could not respond to the question.

There was a question about street legal UTVs. The Commissioner had no information at this time. Local UTV access is up to the local communities. The size of the UTV is a manufacturing problem. There are street legal UTVs manufactured.

Question as to a change in the helmet law for a child under 18 riding in a UTV - There was some discussion on the subject.

Question as to why trail bikes are able to be registered as ATVs. There is a lot of discussion. Please make sure you are heard by your local Legislator and Senator on the subject.

A member made the comment that Maine has the very best ATV safety course in New England based on a meeting he attended elsewhere.

A Thank You from the Commissioner for being invited to speak and that spring looks like it has really arrived at last.

Corporal Rick LaFlamme, Maine Warden Service, presented the landowner relations program of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, and a landowner relations bag/kit each Warden now has.

Corporal Rick LaFlamme gave special recognition to Tami for her work and dedication. He also gave recognition to ATV Maine for what it has done.

Corporal Rick LaFlamme said there are three things that will shut down a trail – (1) litter (2) misuse (3) lack of respect.

The purpose of the landowner relations kit is to allow a game Warden to resolve a landowner problem right then and there along with proper continued follow-up. There are 110 landowner relations kit's in the field.

There are special "NO ATV" signs with special insignia on them basically saying that a game Warden has been there for an issue.

There was discussion of things to do to recognize and thank each landowner.

The trash bag program and what it is for. He would like to see a trash bag on every ATV/UTV/van/car everywhere. Trash is a real problem.

10:24 AM: Break – Directors-only meeting

11:17 AM: Meeting was called back to order

Right Way Trail System presentation was given showing how to protect trails passing through wetlands.

High Mileage Awards with Dave and Carol Phillips

There were eight clubs in this year's competition.

There were 56 machines in this year's competition.

There was 89,202 miles accomplished by the 56 machines.

The average miles for 2014 was 1593.

The average miles for 2013 was 1496.

The average miles for 2012 was 1340.

9 machines did less than 750 miles category averaging 558 miles rode.

The winner is Ed Pappas from Acadia.

12 machines in the 750-1200 mile category.

The winner is Cindy Laroue from Moose Alley.

There were 20 machines in the 1252-2000 mile from Acadia.

The wonders are Ed Jellison and Debbie Woodworth from Acadia.

There were 15 machines in the 2000+ mile category, averaging 2988 miles rode.

The winner is Lianne James of Moose Alley.

There were nine machines in the over 3000 mile category

The highest mileage winner is Marcia Mower from Acadia with 3885 miles ridden.

There were five clubs entered into High Mileage for 2014.

This year there was a big difference in the average mileage between the first and second place clubs:

The second-place club averaged 1534 miles per rider.

The winner, Acadia, averaged 2140 miles per rider, with seven members in the 3000 mile club, and 18 machines entered.

\$20 gas cards for the contestants of High Mileage and given to:

Ray and Kathy Clark from Parkman Prowler's

Terry Sinclair from Acadia

Armand Bouchard from Airline

Melanie Leach from Acadia

Judi Brooks from Central Maine Trailblazers

Dave and Carol Phillips announced that they will not be able to do the High Mileage for ATV Maine this year. If anybody would be interested in picking this up and doing it, they would give them all the information they needed to run High Mileage.

There is a donation container In Memory of Francis Smith to benefit the Pine Tree camp. Mike Lee will match up to \$200 personally and would like to challenge ATV Maine to match it. Dan Parlin made a motion to match, seconded by Ron Green – Motion seconded, voted on, and passed.

12:04 PM: Break for lunch

1 PM: Meeting was called back to order.

The kitchen help was called out and given thanks for their work in the meal they served.

Tami announced that \$473.13 was paid to unemployment. The penalties and interest were waived. The ATV Maine unemployment account was closed.

Facebook is up and running with over 1000 hits as of today.

The CEC was not done because we were missing two officers, the secretary and treasurer.

The 2014 minutes have been amended with a signature line and are accurate.

Terry Sinclair is the only nominee for secretary. It was announced three times with no further nominations. Terry is appointed secretary to be voted on at the next meeting which will be in June.

Tracy Levesque from the Star City Club, Presque Isle, has volunteered to become the treasurer. The request for nominations was done three times with no further nominations. Motion made by Richard Willoughby, seconded by Dennis Moody. Tracy is appointed treasurer to be voted on at the next meeting which will be in June.

Nora Foster was recognized for her support and work during the interim with a partial stipend of \$300. Motion made by Dan Parlin, seconded by Sue Lanouette - Motion seconded, voted on, and passed.

The Central and Western Region Vice Presidents were appointed in December and need to confirm appointment until the next election. Motion made by Sue Lanouette and seconded by Ed Coleman - Motion seconded, voted on, and passed.

Landowner Trash Bags: Tami reminded the group of discussion previously on the Trash Bag Program at the August 2014 meeting. A motion to spend \$1,500 to put the ATV Maine logo on the trash bag was made by Mike Lee and seconded by Richard Willoughby - 25 for the motion with 2 opposed.

Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry Trail Work Recognition:

Brian Bronson announced there is now a check-off box for “can we put up a camera” on the landowner paperwork.

Brian has extra “Mud Season” signs with him if needed by anyone.

Downed signs - pick up as trash and properly dispose of them.

UTVs cannot be registered for the road and be used on the trails. There are requirements to be street legal. The biggest one is a State inspection sticker.

There are now 996 miles of ATV access routes in the State and more communities are coming on board.

Landowners do not want a bridge wider than 60 inches. When we asked them to go wider than 60 inches, their response was “how would you like to lose the trail”.

There were just under 1000 volunteers with 28,000 hours of time in 2014.

\$500 landowner relation fund at 134 grants. There will 43 used for \$22,511.

DACF giving out water bottles with “Volunteers Get-R-Done” - If anyone was missed, let Brian know so he can recognize them.

Door prizes donated by Cabela’s: 8 - \$25 gift cards to Cabela’s, 2 Cabela’s sweatshirts, an ATV bag, and a grill.

Bangor Motorsports donated the helmet: Cindy Laroue

Pot of Gold: \$50 Acadia Area ATV’ers.

Silent Auction.

Meeting was adjourned at 14:19.

There was no motion or second to adjourn – adjournment during the silent auction.

Respectfully submitted,

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