

ATV Maine Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2017
Star City ATV Club
Presque Isle, Maine

Meeting called to order at 09:02
Please turn off all cell phones
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Appropriate Meeting Conduct: Requested.
Count of Directors: 8 & 3 Alternate.

Introduction of Officers: President – Real Deschaine
Vice President – Mike Lee
Secretary – Terry Sinclair
Treasurer – Vacant
Trails Vice President – Phil Flagg
Northern Vice President – Dick Howlett
Northern Delegate – Real Deschaine
Eastern Vice President – Vacant
Central Vice President – Not Present
Western Vice President – Mike Lee
Western Delegate – Not Present

Secretaries Report: Minutes posted on the web and there was copies at meeting on the table for those who would like their own copy. Motion made by Sue Lanouette, seconded by Earl Oak, MSVP.

Treasurers Report: Financial update given by Tracy on all accounts. Motion made by Dan Nichols, seconded by Vicki Conley, MSVP.

Vice President's Report: NOHVCC report – conference, a request to reimburse Real for the cost of the conference and mileage. Motion made by Daryl Friedman, seconded by Sue Lanouette, MSVP.

Request for mileage reimbursement for the Web/Facebook Administrator and Safety Officer when they are requested to attend meetings. Motion made by Lewis Conrad, seconded by Earl Oak, MSVP.

Information was presented on the National Economic Impact study pertaining to our sport. ATV program gets 1/10 of what the snowmobile program gets.

Recognition of the veterans in attendance at the meeting. Nearly half the people in the room are veterans.

Discussion to change the stipends to be based on the number of meeting that they attended up to \$600.00. This works out to be \$120 per meeting. Motion made by Lewis Conrad, seconded by Dick Howlett, 8 Yes, 1 No

Presidents Report: NOHVCC conference report given as to what was covered during the conference. This was the first conference by NOHVCC to be held in the Northeast.

A snowboard helmet gives more protection for a child than a bicycle helmet.

NOHVCC would like ATV Maine to become a part of NOHVCC. The decision on this has not been made by Real yet.

Tracy resigned as Treasurer as of September 12, 2017. This required Real to go to TD bank to change the account and paperwork. Real's name was never added on the account. The paperwork has been done and sent to the main office of TD bank for approval and change. Real expect to be able to have a financial report by November.

Old Business: Liability Insurance – V & V agent did not show. Name, address, and phone number posted for clubs to contact him. There is a problem with certificate dates that are only for 11 months. ATV Maine holds the master policy. Dates are from September 2017 to September 2018. American Forestry Management, Weyerhaeuser Forestry Management, and Irving Woodland's want it to be \$1 – 2,000,000. Real did a direct phone call to the agent to get assurances for the ATV Maine clubs present. The president of the Flagstaff Area ATV Club also did the same thing.

Real explained how the liability insurance covers the club/clubs concerning the aggregate. If you combine an ATV club and a snowmobile club it costs \$300.00 more.

An in-house audit will be done by Debbie, Tami and Kendra, Real will be in attendance but not a participant.

Break: 10:15 – 10:35

Fallen Veterans: Dean Baron spoke on the Fallen Veterans Foundation. The foundation has a raffle for a 570 RZR limited to 1000 tickets, at \$20.00 per ticket. The money raised is to be used

for the youth program. Fallen Veterans Foundation would like ATV Maine to sell raffle tickets for the foundation. A club would receive a reward of \$2,500.00 for first place, \$1,500.0 for 2nd place, and \$1,000.00 for 3rd place for selling most tickets. Drawing will only happen after 1000 tickets have been sold.

Polaris wants to advertise on our website and Facebook for an event they are doing in New Hampshire. The Polaris representative was not here.

Question: is there a way of developing a financial incentive to get Directors/alternate directors to the ATV Maine meetings?

Question: what is the reason individual ATV club members cannot vote, not just the directors? The reason is so that no one club can control the vote at an ATV Maine meeting. The protocol for voting was established when ATV Maine was formed.

Question: Change would need to be done in rules and guidelines to allow a designated member to represent the club when a director cannot attend. A letter signed by the club president and the director to be hand carried to the meeting. Motion made by Dan Nichols, seconded by Lewis Conrad, MSVP.

The E board has discussed a club refund some of the cost, but cannot do it until we know what the financial status is.

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Fort Fairfield Club wants to join ATV Maine so that members can ride on Irving land. Real covered the Irving requirements to ride on Irving land pertaining to club membership. Fort Fairfield also wants to connect with Caribou.

Irving land shuts down on October 28 for the winter.

A lot that the clubs do not see the work being done by ATV Maine behind the scenes. There will be reciprocity for one weekend next year that the commissioner will choose. Those non resident will not have to register their ATV's on that weekend.

Lunch: 11:39 – 12:25. Motion made by Dan Nichols, seconded by Sue Lanouette, MSVP.

A thank you was given to the kitchen crew for the delicious meal they served us.

Web/Facebook Administrator's Report: Daryl introduced himself, what he does, what he is trying to do to improve the website and Facebook to supply more information on member clubs and club activities. We are at 5022 likes on Facebook. The 5000 like was Ken Cohen from New Hampshire.

Mike has received "what does ATV Maine do for us"? The ATV Maine E board does not run ATV Maine. The E board is just the pencil pushers. The ATV Maine member club directors run ATV Maine!

American Forestry Management and Central Maine Power have a 60 inch requirement and have since 2006. This is been printed on the state map since 2006. It is the landowners who establish how wide they will allow the gates and bridges on their land, not the state.

We need volunteers to fill positions and help ATV Maine do what it needs to do. There was a discussion on the subject.

Safety Officers Report: There have been 3 serious accidents. Trailers were at events in Princeton and Columbia. Fish and wildlife has a program to involve the kids.

Northern Vice President's Report: The bypass will not be done for a couple years. The trail will be alongside of the bypass. Trail numbers have been put on the map and the clubs need to be numbering all the trails that are legal.

Western Vice President's Report: Brettuns Wheelers trails are closed. Saddleback Mountain ski area would like to have an ATV/snowmobile trail over the mountain.

Nominations: President – Real Deschaine – accepted
Vice President – Mike Lee – accepted
– Doug Kane
Secretary – Terry Sinclair – accepted
Treasurer –
Trails Vice President – Phil Flagg – accepted
Real Deschaine - accepted
Northern Region Vice President – Dick Howlett – accepted
Eastern Region Vice President – John Raymond
Central Region Vice President –
Western Region Vice President – Mike Lee – accepted
Southern Region Vice President –
Safety Officer – Phil Flagg – accepted

Hosting Club 50-50: won by Alice Reese – \$56.00

Helmet Award: Anne Deschaine – Madawaska Valley ATVentures Club.

Pot of Gold Drawing: Central Maine ATV club – not here, \$50.00 to be added to the pot for the next drawing December 9th.

Adjournment: 14:03 – Motion made by Cheryl Friedman, seconded by Sue Lanouette, MSVP.

**NEXT ATV MAINE MEETING – DECEMBER 9, 2017 – WESTERN REGION HOSTED BY:
TEMPLE ATV CLUB.**

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Terry Sinclair
Secretary ATV Maine