

ATV Maine Meeting
Zoom Meeting

Date 10/16/2021

Meeting called to order at 9:01 AM

Please turn off phones

Appropriate meeting conduct

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of officers:

President –	Real Deschaine
Vice President –	John Raymond
Treasurer –	Sue Lanouette
Secretary –	Cheryl Friedman
Northern Region VP –	Dick Howlett
Eastern Region VP –	Daryl Friedman
Web/Facebook Administrator –	Daryl Friedman

Directors Count: 6 Directors and 1 Alternate

Secretaries Report-not provided

Treasurers Report – Sue gave revised the amount in the regular checking account due to the cost of the PO Box. There is \$39,528 in the regular checking account and \$69,635.22 in the liability account.

Presidents Report:

1. Real received an email from the New Brunswick Alterain Vehicle Federation. They would like ATV Maine to support a bill to allow riding on both sides of the border without registering in both locations. NB would require the machine be insured and the riders wear helmets, Maine does not have these requirements. John suggested we send a copy to both Brian Bronson and Real also suggested sending it to Ed Pineau. Daryl will send it in an email to Brian and Ed.
2. Real heard that someone was going to put in a bill to amend the machine size to 2500lbs and he wants to know if ATV Maine should support it. Dick and Sue both thought it should remain as is and not support it where larger machines are grandfathered if already registered. John thought that if it was increased, it could be opening up for other increases which could end up allowing Jeep type vehicles on the trails. It was decided that ATV Maine will not support the increase.
3. Real and Clayton (from Van Buren) discussed the timing of sending in paperwork and receiving stickers. Real reminded everyone that a club can get a number of stickers for the upcoming year based on the number of members sent in for the last year. For example in 2021 they can get a number of stickers equal to the number of members sent in in 2020.
4. Real attending a club meeting in Ashland. They are trying to connect a trail through to Portage. The club was advised that it would take about \$5,000 worth of access signs to get trail marked and it could not be included in the municipal grant. They advised they may join ATV Maine next year.

Vice Presidents Report:

1. He has been working hard on the new trail system. They are waiting for permits and hope to start work soon. Waiting on permits to be able to make an official announcement.

2. He thinks they are getting a \$25,000 Yamaha grant which will help with the 70 foot bridge they will need to build over Schoodic Brook.
3. He hopes to get 3 sections done this fall, and then the bridge in the spring.

Northern Region Report- Dick Howlett mentioned it has been pretty quiet.

1. Irving trails shut down on 10/31/2021
2. They have done some trail work with their new to them dozer
3. They may get a dump truck next year to haul gravel and pay someone to move the dozer when needed

Eastern Region Report -Daryl Friedman mentioned that it as been quiet lately other than clubs starting to close trails for hunting season.

Central Region Report – none provided

Southern Region Report – none provided

Western Region Report – none provided

Web/Facebook Report – none provided

New Business –

1. Real asked for ideas on how we can let riders from southern maine and away know that to ride on Irving land that they need to be a member of one of the clubs recognized by Irving and who have trails on Irving land. Daryl has put up comments on Facebook posts advising them of the Irving requirements and which clubs are recognized. Cheryl mentioned that she has seen Daryl post the Requirements and the list of 23 clubs periodically over the summer. John asked who regulates this and Daryl advised that it is the Game Wardens and Irving people. Dick mentioned that he wished more large land owners would follow Irving's policy. Someone mentioned that Weyerhaeuser requires all clubs that ride on their land have liability insurance.
2. Nomination of officers:
 - President-Real Deschaine
 - Vice President – John Raymond
 - Secretary – Cheryl Friedman
 - Treasurer – Sue Lanouette
 - Trail VP – Real Deschaine
 - Northern VP – Dick Howlett
 - Eastern VP – Daryl Friedman
 - Central VP – John Raymond
 - Western VP – Ed Zilinsky
 - Southern VP – Shawn Landry
3. John will work on scheduling a Zoom meeting with Steve Wilkie

Dick advised he would try to find somewhere to hold the December meeting. It will be December 11th, 2021. Louis advised that they could hold it at the Island Falls VFW Hall.

Hosting Club 50/50 - as this was a Zoom meeting there was no 50/50

Helmet Award- as this was a Zoom meeting there was no 50/50

Club Door Prizes- as this was a Zoom meeting there was no 50/50

Pot of Gold drawing – winning club was #23 Island Falls and Louis Conrad was in attendance. Next meeting in December, the amount goes back to \$50.00

Newsletter deadline November 10th.

Next Meeting will be December 11th in Island Falls. For those staying overnight, we will try to get reservations at Ivey's in Houlton.

Motion to adjourn – John Raymond motioned and Sue Lanouette seconded to adjourn meeting at 9:49 AM-passed.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Friedman
Secretary, ATV Maine