



ATV Maine February Meeting

February 20, 2021

Hosted by: Online ATV Maine

Meeting called to order at 9:04 AM

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Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of Officers: President - Real Deschaine

Vice President - John Raymond

Secretary - Laura Mae Brackett

Treasurer - Sue Lanouette

Northern Region VP - Dick Howlett

Eastern Region VP - Daryl Friedman

Central Region VP - Vacant

Western Region VP - Absent

Southern Region VP - Absent

Count of Directors: 12

Appropriate Meeting Conduct.

Secretaries Report:

Secretary had nothing to report at this time.

Treasurer's Report:

We received \$200 for the trailer advertisement from Fort Kent Powersports. We are still waiting for Can Am for both the trailer advertisement and Pot of Gold.

Kendra shared that we could possibly get Central Maine Powersports to advertise as well. Sue will contact them to inquire about it.

Sue reports that two accounts were closed. The Pot of Gold account and the Trailer Account. The money that was in those accounts was pooled into a money market account to earn interest.

Presidents Report:

The banquet for April 2021 should be postponed until next year since we are limited due to covid restrictions.

Dick made the motion that we canceled the banquet for this year. John seconded the motion. All in favor.

The officers of ATV Maine decided to do something for the clubs. We purchased two cameras per club. These cameras are a way to support the clubs and help with landowner relations. Many of the cameras have been delivered to the clubs and whatever ones that aren't able to be delivered will be sent via mail.

- Dick Howlett adds that game cameras do work, they had an incident last year of someone running over signs. They didn't know who the person was by looking at the images but once they put it on Facebook they were able to find out who did the violations. He was fined by game wardens for his actions.
- John Raymond explains that the backstory on the cameras was because they had been attending the task for meetings and this would be a great way to establish good landowner relations.

Real Deschaine states that a letter will be sent out to get a bill into the legislature on gas tax. We should be at the same rate as snowmobiles on the gas tax since we are not. A letter will be sent out next week to hopefully start the ball rolling on getting a bill on increasing gas tax for ATV's. The registration will possibly increase by June 30th, there has been a lot of new purchases since Covid 19 has started.

Dick adds that Brian stated at one of the task force meetings that the increase in sales were increased by 300% last year.

Vice Presidents Report:

John states that the letter that will be sent into legislature, we know we cannot get a bill in at this point but we can at least get the ball rolling for the next session to get a bill in.

John would like to see the Lobbyist more active in the legislature and have contact with ATV Maine. Possibly have monthly meetings with updates on what is going on with the bills that are in session now and getting the gas tax bill into session as well. We are in a one year contract with Ed Pineau for \$1000 a month. Discussion of setting up a meeting with Ed and ensuring that he is fulfilling his contract and keeping ATV Maine informed.

ITP Grant program distributes federal gas tax money. Each state gets a percentage yearly. There is a 20 percent match on this grant. We would like to see the match decreased so that more clubs would apply for it. The ITP grant is a lot more paperwork than a municipal grant, but it is worth applying for it. You have 2 years to do an ITP Grant project.

John Raymond and Dick Howlett are both on the ITP Grant Committee.

Northern VP Report:

Dick Howlett doesn't have anything to add.

Eastern VP Report:

Daryl states that the website is going well and that Facebook is as well.

Internal Accountant:

Kendra shares that she will be contacting the accountant to file the taxes. She also states that there was a merger between the accountant Gibson and Leclair with One Rivers Branches.

Insurance:

Discussion of Insurance Policy. We haven't heard yet about if the premium will be increasing this year. Sue will contact the Insurance Agent and find out what the premium will be this year.

ATV Maine Clubs:

Currently out of 31 clubs in Aroostook County, there are 26 clubs that have joined ATV Maine as of 2020 and 22 of those clubs are on Irving Land.

Pot of Gold:

33 Moose Alley - Not Here

Next meeting will be \$200.

Next month meeting will be online for April 17th, 2021

Real called for a motion to adjourn made by Daryl. Dick seconded the motion. All in favor.

Attendance:

Daniel Parlin

Daryl Friedman

Cheryl Friedman

Earl Oak

Susan Lanouette

Mike Lanouette

Deb Scates

Real Deschaine

Lewis Conrad

Jerry Myrick

Kendra Deschaine

Dick Howlett

Michael Beals

Laura Mae Brackett

John Raymond

Terry Sinclair

David Guerrette Chris

Smith