

**ATV Maine Meeting**  
Cochnewagan Trailblazers  
117 Main Street  
Monmouth, Maine  
2018 – 06 – 16

**Members present:**

President – Real Deschaine  
Vice President – Doug Kane  
Secretary – Terry Sinclair  
Treasurer (AP) – Vickie Morgan  
Northern VP – Dick Howlett  
Northern District Rep. – Real Deschaine  
Western VP – Mike Lee  
Western District Rep. – Ed Zilinsky  
Web/Facebook Administrator – Daryl Friedman  
Finance (AR) – Tami Kane  
Finance (Reconciler) – Kendra Deschaine

Meeting called to order at 09:04

Requested those present to either turn off cell phones or put them on vibrate

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of Officers

Count of Directors: 7

Appropriate meeting conduct requested

**Secretary's Report:** April minutes are posted on the website and there are copies at the desk where you signed in. Motion made to accept minutes as presented by Ed Zilinsky, seconded by Cheryl Friedman, MSVP.

**Treasurer's report:** Finance report explained. Motion made by Melvin McFerrin, seconded by Daryl Friedman, to accept the report as presented, MSVP.

**Vice President's Report:** Attended the land conservation task force meeting. Concern with land conservation; Setting up public information comments. Thirty years ago was 809,676 acres or 4.15% of Maine, 2017 - 4.1 million acres or 20% of Maine. Long-range plan for next 10 years discussed. Next meeting is scheduled for July 24th. Meetings are open to all.

Landowner relations Wardens; Corporal Rick LaFlamme covers the large landowners, Corporal Dave Chabot covers the small landowners. There was an in-depth discussion on

beavers. Beaver problem is strictly a game Warden problem. Next meeting will be held June 29.

**President's Report:** Re-word the motion to change the Rules & Guidelines to allow someone to represent the club when the Director/Alternate Director cannot attend.

Motion to allow a club member to represent their club when the Director/Alternate Director cannot attend, can be done twice a year. Motion made by Hugh Lemaster, seconded by Dick Howlett; MSVP.

**NOHVCC - Harry Brown:** Explained what the State and National organization does and the difference between the two levels. According to NOHVCC, Maine is the biggest in the East and the biggest club and trail system in the country. They want ATV Maine to be involved with NOHVCC.

**Break:** 10:00 – 10:19.

**DACF - Brian Bronson:** We are now spending more money on trails than we are taking in. Need to talk with legislators concerning the need for more money.

ATV Maine cannot because it's a 501c(3), but clubs need to talk with legislators and ask what will they do for the ATV program.

We need to be involved with what will happen in Legislation this fall.

There are about 75,000 ATV registrations this year.

We need to do what the landowners want or we lose trails. We all need to be on the same page. It needs to be a grassroots operation from the clubs.

The whole speed, width, machine weight problems are being brought about by landowners.

We have until November to fix the trails on AFM land in Western Maine or they will be closed.

ATV'ing is approximately \$754,000,000.00 (3/4 of a billion dollars) per year. Outdoor Recreational did an economic impact study and listed Maine as an \$8 billion industry and this has been referenced by the federal government.

ATV registration has had a continued steady growth.

There are 28,700 landowners involved in the trail program.

The clubs need to talk to their legislators on pending laws which will have an effect on our sport.

**Lunch:** 11:29 – 12:15.

A thank you given to the club for a wonderful lunch

**Stickers:** There is a problem with clubs purchasing more stickers than the number of members in the club and submitted to ATV Maine. ATV Maine will only be selling the stickers to clubs that are ATV Maine members. Question dealing with members that have multiple machines was discussed.

Motion: The number of stickers a club can purchase cannot exceed the number of members submitted to ATV Maine for the current calendar year.

Motion: Sticker motion effective as of today, 16 June 2018 - Made by Sue Lanouette, 2nd by Ed Zilinsky, MSVP. Passed.

**Maine wildlife Park, Gray, Maine:** ATV Maine is invited to the park to do a course on July 28.

**Northern VP Report:** The new map is in process for Central Aroostook County. A new map is being worked on for Southern Aroostook County. The Presque Isle bypasses is progressing. August 10, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> is the Ultimate ATV event hosted by the Star City ATV Club in Presque Isle. This is also the Free Registration Weekend in Maine.

**Northern District Rep:** North Ridge Runners Club wants to dissolve, but there are new people that want to take the club over so they do not lose the total grant.

**Western VP Report:** There are some issues in the Western region with connecting trail systems. The trail to Kingfield is closed due to logging.

**Central Region:** KI Riders wants to do a new map that will include all clubs East of Route 202 from Millinocket down to Newport.

**Eastern Region:** The Downeast Sunrise trail map has gone to the printers and should be available in a few weeks.

**OP Membership Raffle:** – Winners Are:

- Dick Howlett
- John Johnson
- Anne Deschaine
- Cheryl Friedman
- Hugh Lemaster
- Ed Zilinsky
- Mike Lee

**Hosting Club 50-50:** Won by Ben Towle and he donated it to the club.

**Helmet Award:** Ben Towle and he donated back to ATV Maine.

**Pot of Gold Drawing:** Massabesic [Not Present].

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Ed Zilinsky, seconded by Daryl Friedman, MSVP at 13:23.

Minutes respectfully submitted

Terry Sinclair  
Secretary, ATV Maine

The next ATV Maine bimonthly meeting will be August 18, 2018 in the Northern Region hosted by Madawaska Valley ATV'enture Club.