

ATV Maine Meeting
Hosted by: Madawaska ATV Club

Date: 10/15/2022

Meeting called to order at 09:00 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

Central Region VP – John Raymond

Eastern Region VP – Daryl Friedman

Southern Region VP – Sean Landry

Western Region VP – vacant

Web/Facebook Administrator – Daryl Friedman

Directors Count: 11 Directors

Lewis Conrad motioned to suspend reading of the Secretaries Minutes and Bob Marquis seconded it. Motion voted and passed.

Mike Bouchard motioned to accept the Treasurers Report and Lewis Conrad seconded it. Motion voted and passed.

Dick Howlett advised he is working on connecting 2 railroad beds. They have also opened up a new trail in Caribou in town about 2 miles long.

Real Deschaine reminded everyone that the municipal grant application is due by 11/30/2022.

Daryl Friedman advised that the down east area fared better this year than last.

John Raymond is still trying to get connection in to East Millinocket. Senator King put in a bill to expand Katahdin Woods and Waterways which would put a stop to trail use. Also, the Trust for Public Land is purchasing land and will eventually give it to the park. He is working on getting access to put a trail in. He has been guaranteed that language will change to include ATV use.

Sean Landry advised they got the connection from Lisbon to Lisbon Falls. They are working on other connections to increase trails.

Lewis Conrad advised all is going well in his area so nothing to report.

Real Deschaine advised his club has gone out the last 3 years in the fall to open up ditches, so they don't have as many issues in the Spring.

Real also mentioned that the cost of our liability insurance went up about \$3,000. As of 01/01/2023 the state will require that all clubs will need to have their own liability insurance, and that insurance will kick in before the state insurance will kick in. Brian Bronson will allow the cost of the liability insurance to be included in grant money. The municipal grants and the process was discussed extensively.

Break 10:18 to 10:38

John Raymond will contact Brian Bronson to see if he will some training seminars on the municipal grant process.

Real advised that clubs are not sending in their full membership lists. By our Rules and Guidelines, all primary memberships need to be submitted. If not submitted, those members are not covered by the AD&D insurance.

The E-Board has had much discussion on stickers. Clubs are asking for more stickers than they are submitting for memberships. We will be issuing stickers like MSA does. The club will send in the completed membership card. Once we have the card, we will be sending the stickers to the member ourselves and will have dates on the stickers. We will send out stickers every year.

Lunch 11:33-12:15

We discussed the option of Zoom meetings. The issue is that we don't always have internet connection. Bob Marquis motioned, and Mike Lanouette seconded to keep face to face meetings. Motion voted and passed.

Real advised that we are looking to bring back awards for the April banquet and looking for ideas. We have so far: high milage, club milage, trail master of the year, landowner that did the most for a club.

Ideas from members:

Kendall Stratton advised that he would like to have access to trail increased from 500 yards to 1500 yards. Bob Marquis would like to have "lights on" mandatory. Kendall also suggested getting trail work sheets from the state and give credit on future registrations.

We have asked Ed Pineau to put in 2 bills. One for a bigger piece of the gas tax and a reduced registration for belonging to a club. As of 12/31/2022 we will need a new lobbyist and have started the search.

John Raymond will be coordinating another meeting with Cross Insurance Center regarding an ATV trade show. He has made connections when attending the Jericho ATV event. We would be looking at having the show April or May 2024.

We discussed coming up with a letter of explanation for the AD&D insurance. Will come up with something for including in the renewal packets that clubs can make copies of as needed.

We will be attending both Augusta and Orono's sportsman shows.

We discussed moving \$20,000 back over to our other account as we are not getting as much interest as we thought we would. Lewis Conrad motioned, and Mike Bouchard seconded the move. Motion voted and passed.

We are still looking as having a reciprocity agreement with New Brunswick but will need to have our new lobbyist work on this.

Nominees for 2023 – Voting in December

President – John Raymond

Vice President- Real Deschaine

Secretary - ?

Treasurer – Sue Lanouette

Trail VP- Real Deschaine

Northern VP- Dick Howlett

Eastern VP – Daryl Friedman

Central VP – John Raymond

Southern VP – Sean Landry

Western VP – vacant

Safety Officer – Real Deschaine

Hosting Club 50/50 – Kendra Deschaine won.

Helmet Award: none

Club Door Prizes: none

Pot of Gold drawing – Eagle Lake Trail Blazers won but no one from there was in attendance so the pot goes to \$350 next meeting.

Next Meeting will be 12/10/2022 and location to be determined

Motion to adjourn – at 1:48 Mike Bouchard motioned, and Phil Levesque seconded the adjournment where there was no more business to discuss. Voted and passed.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Friedman

Secretary, ATV Maine