

ATV Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2021
Hosted by Narraguagus ATV Club

Meeting called to order at 9:00
Please turn off all cell phones
Pledge of Allegiance to the flag
Appropriate meeting conduct requested
Count of Directors: 7

Introduction of Officers:

President – Real Deschaine
Vice President – John Raymond
Secretary – Cheryl Friedman (temporary)
Treasurer – Sue Lanouette
Northern Vice President – Dick Howlett
Eastern Vice President – Daryl Friedman
Southern Vice President – Shawn Landry
Western Vice President – Ed Zilinsky (absent)
Central Vice President - vacant
Web/Facebook Administrator – Daryl Friedman

Secretary Report:

No Secretaries report

Treasurer's Report:

Sue Lanouette gave the Treasurer's report, providing account balances. The report was accepted as presented.

Presidents Report:

Ed Pineau Associates has lobbied for ATV Maine in Augusta for the following:

1. The option to hold electronic meetings – passed
2. Dual registration for ATVs with tracks – not passed
3. Option to hold Raffles by mail – died
4. Ability to present electronic copy of registration – passed
5. Option to sell Raffle tickets on line – passed
6. Size and weight of machines defined. If a machine is registered before 01/01/2022 and is over 2,000lbs or wider than 65" it will be grandfathered.
7. Registration increase \$25.00 so this will bring ATV Registration to \$75.00 next year.

8. Rental ATV tax will go into the ATV program

Rules & Guidelines-clarify that clubs can purchase stickers equal to the number of memberships they sent in last year to ATV Maine. This will be added to the Rules and Guidelines. This was decided during the meeting held 08/2018.

The District Representatives are not currently paid milage to attend meetings. Real wants to have them paid mileage. Shawn Landry made the motion to pay the DRs mileage, Dick Howlett seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Laura Mae Brackett has resigned as secretary. We will be seeking nominations in October to fill the position. Cheryl Friedman is currently filling in.

We have received a request to join Maine Sportsman Alliance which we usually do. Dick Howlett motioned that we join Maine Sportsman Alliance and Shawn Landry seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Vice Presidents Report:

John Raymond has been working on having ATV Maine host a trade show in Bangor at the Cross Center. He has been trying to co-ordinate this and make it a full weekend when a concert is also taking place at the Waterfront Pavilion. The Hollywood Slots control the Bass Park area so now he will be meeting with them to use the outside area also. He will be trying to have several manufacturers as sponsors.

NHOVAC – in New Hampshire if you belong to a club, you receive a discount on your machine registration. A non-club member pays more for their registration. New Hampshire has seen club membership go from 14% up to 51%. John would like to see us do something similar in Maine to increase club memberships and put more money in the trail maintenance fund. He will set up a meeting with the representative from New Hampshire to get a better understanding of just how this works. Jim Butler expressed

concern that the extra money from this would go into the General fund instead of the trail fund. John and Real both gave assurance that it would be specified in the legislature that this money would go to the trail fund only. There would be lots of groundwork before this would be implemented.

John explained that currently \$4.15 from each registration goes for law enforcement to pay for their presence out on the trails.

He would like to see speeds and laws on access routes be uniform throughout the state. Currently they can vary from town to town. Some areas want machines to stay on pavement, some want them on the side of the road etc.

Break Time from 10:09 to 10:33

Vice President continued:

In Millinocket they have a rail that dead ended. About 2 weeks ago he got the landowner to allow access from Millinocket to Mattawamkeag, approximately 11.2 miles. He hopes to have the trail finished for use early next year.

Dick Howlett:

Irving is planning on closing their trails 10/31/2021. There is a new club in Limestone which connects Caswell and Fort Fairfield.

Daryl Friedman:

We don't seem to be having quite as many issues as last year. Facebook has a lifetime audience of 9,952 people.

Daryl also reminded everyone that from their club pages on the ATV Maine website, he can put links to their club applications, maps etc

Shawn Landry:

There is a possibility that the Turner Timberlands club may be closing. Both the President and Trail master have resigned.

General Conversation:

Dick Howlett asked if anyone had used the game cameras that ATV Maine gave out to clubs. His club did and caught someone in a violation.

Lunch Break :

11:00 – 11:45 approximately

Real:

Thank you to Narraguagus for hosting the meeting and providing lunch.

Newsletter Deadline:

September 10, 2021

Helmet award:

No helmet given out.

Door Prizes:

Kathy Howlett and Cheryl Friedman each won a gift card to Circle K. (Gail Corliss had won one of the cards but choose to have another name drawn so Cheryl won the second card)

50/50 Drawing:

Kendra Deschaine won \$36.00

Pot of Gold:

Shin Pond – no representatives present.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be on 10/16/2021 in Southern Maine. Shawn Landry will work on finding a meeting place

Adjournment:

At 12:03

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Friedman
Temporary Secretary, ATV Maine