

ATV Maine Meeting  
K of C Hall  
Sixteenth Street  
Madawaska, Maine  
Hosted by  
Madawaska Valley ATV'entures Club

2018 – 08 – 18

Meeting called to order at 0901.

Please turn off all cell phones or put on vibrate.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

Introduction of officers:

President – Real Deschaine

Vice President – Doug Kane

Secretary – Terry Sinclair

Treasurer – Vickie Morgan

Northern Vice President – Dick Howlett

Eastern Vice President – Phil Flagg

Western Vice President – Mike Lee

Count of Directors: 12.

Appropriate meeting conduct requested.

Vickie Morgan is resigning as Treasurer of ATV Maine as of today, 2018 – 08 – 18. Motion to accept the resignation made by Sue Lanouette, seconded by Dick Howlett – discussion – passed, 11 for, one opposed.

Motion made to get Vickie paid for her mileage made by Mike Lee, seconded by Lewis Conrad – discussion – MSVP.

Mike Lee resigned his position as the Western Region Vice President as of today, 2018 – 08 – 18. Motion to accept the resignation made by Dick Howlett, seconded by Sue Lanouette, MSVP.

Secretaries Report: motion to accept as printed made by Dan Nicolas, seconded by Sue Lanouette, MSVP.

Treasurers Report: Report not accurate. Three checks not cashed yet. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report as printed made by Sue Lanouette, seconded by Nelson McPherson, MSVP.

Presidents Report: DACF needs more money. Presently the ATV program is spending more than it brings in. The economic impact study says that the ATV program brings in 754-million dollars at this point in time. Need the clubs to become more active with legislators to increase dollars to the ATV program, with letters to legislators. The ATV season is 9 to 10 months out of the year

where the snowmobile season is 2 to 4 months per year. Individual calls to legislators make a difference and will have an effect.

The issue of a non-director representing a club with a letter from the club president and its Director was authorized to be allowed twice a year.

The 50-50 from the annual meeting in April went to Angel Flight. Angel Flight sent an acknowledgment to ATV Maine thanking them for the donation.

September 9<sup>th</sup> is the date for the cleanup for landowners. Waste management is donating dumpsters for free.

American Forestry Management (AFM) lands: Brian reports that we have until November to fix trails in Western Maine or they will be closed.

Vice President Report: Doug sits on two boards dealing with landowners.

There is a new proposed ATV definition. All-terrain vehicles or ATV. “All-terrain vehicle” or “ATV” means a vehicle, originally designed and manufactured to be a recreational vehicle which is motor driven and capable of cross-country travel on land, snow, ice, Marsh, swampland or other natural terrain. “All-terrain vehicle” or “ATV” includes, but is not limited to a multitrack, multi-wheel, low-pressure tire vehicle, a motorcycle or related 2- wheel, 3-wheel or belt driven vehicle or an amphibious machine. The ATV width is not to exceed 65 inches. For the purpose of this subpart, “all-terrain vehicle” or “ATV” does not include a motor vehicle as defined in title 29 – A.

There is a question concerning the weight restriction of a UTV and an ATV and should be part of the definition is dry weight. Would like to see 1,000 pounds for an ATV and 2,000 pounds for UTV.

Break: 1000 – 1010.

Stickers that can be issued. There is a problem with clubs that are sending in very few members but ordering several hundred stickers. That is the reason for the change in the number of stickers a club now can order to bring this problem to an end.

New Business: Doug has been working with an insurance company to get a liability insurance policy which gives us the coverage we need at a lower cost. The cost for 30 clubs could be \$773.00. The more clubs the cheaper it would be. Maine law protects the landowners. Question raised and discussion to move from V&V to Averill - cost is less. ATV Maine would pay the cost and the clubs would reimburse ATV Maine.

ATV Maine will purchase the Averill Insurance policy. This insurance is similar to the United Insurance policy.

Motion made to purchase Averill Insurance made by Dan Nicolas, seconded by Lewis Conrad, past, 11 for, one opposed.

Doug will sign the policy for ATV Maine per Real Deschaine.

Tami will contact V&V Insurance for the refunds to the clubs that have already sent in renewals.

If you do not match your Grant out, you can put your insurance bill in your grant.

National Motorsports does not automatically cover events under their present insurance. Event insurance is extra and at different rates and must be approved by National Motorsports first, and non-refundable.

Shane Knowles trying to get ATV Maine back with AD&D; Once the name of the clubs and the number of members per club sent to in. Was a problem in the past with the salesforce being a little too aggressive.

Lunch: 1130 – 1212.

A thank you for the wonderful lunch served.

Western Vice President Report: silly problem getting a trail up over Saddleback Mountain.

Non-ATV Maine club to host ATV Maine meeting: There is a problem getting member clubs to host ATV Maine meetings. By allowing a non-ATV Maine club to host the ATV Maine meeting this would expose the club what ATV Maine does. To do this we would need to change the rules and guidelines. Motion to go with a non-ATV Maine club if there is no ATV Maine club to host made by Dan Nicolas, seconded by Lewis Conrad, MSVP.

Northern Vice President Report: Presque Isle bypass – Fence is going up. Will be ready for snowmobiling this winter. Bypass will be available for ATVing in the spring. MATS 101 signs should be the only MATS signs in the County. MATS 101 and 105 signs need to come down. MATS 218 is legal.

Real met with St. Francis and Eagle Lake clubs to help resolve problems and put them back on firmer footing.

Eastern Vice President Report: Phil Flagg reported that Charlie Corliss does not want anything done with the MATS trails until he talks to Brian Bronson. Terry will be GPSing all MATS trails in the Eastern region.

Central Vice President's Report: Doug to GPS MATS in the central region. There is only one way in and out of Moosehead – Shirley. A lot of trails in Greenville are closed because of logging. GPSing the trails in Fairfield for club.

Safety Officers Report: ATV Maine trailers were at the Maine Wildlife Park. Results were very successful. ATV Maine trailer was requested to be in Allagash and had a very positive successful result. Trailers are requested to be in Princeton on September 5th and in Columbia September 22nd.

Southern Maine ATV club has a night ride on September 15<sup>th</sup>. The first Sunday in November is the Christmas ride. Please check the website for updates and information.

Hosting Club 50-50: won by Mike Lanouette, \$50.00.

Helmet Award: Made by Gary's Yamaha, won by Phil Flagg.

Pot-of-Gold Drawing: – Portage Lakers ATV Club - present

Next ATV Maine meeting will be October 20, 2018 in the Western Region, hosted by: TBD. This is also nomination month for Officers.

Adjournment: Motion made by Dan Nicolas, seconded by Sue Lanouette, MSVP at 1242.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Terry Sinclair  
Secretary, ATV Maine.