

Turf and Tundra ATV Club Meeting September 16, 2017 @ Ike Walton Lodge

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The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Secretary's Report

Ron Gray opened the meeting, reminding all in attendance that the Secretary's Report (meeting minutes) will no longer be read at the meetings. The Meeting Minutes will be sent via email to all Club Members with a valid email address. If you have an email address and ARE NOT receiving the minutes, please email the Club Secretary at TandTATVClub@gmail.com.

Financial Report

Cheryl Gray provided an overview of the financial report which follows:

Opening Balance	\$30,821.90
Income	\$ 461.00
Expenses	\$ 2,947.20
Ending Balance	\$28,335.70

Copies of detailed financial reports available upon request.

Trails & Equipment

The "Fall Season" for Burnett County trails begins tomorrow. The actual ATV Trail System is closed beginning tomorrow, September 16th.

As of September 16, the Burnett County State-funded Summer Use ATV trails are closed. However, from September 16 through November 30, the Burnett County Forest Woods Trails and county forest roads are open for ATV/UTV use. What this means is that you can ride your registered ATV/UTV on any woods trail, snowmobile trail, and ATV trail ON COUNTY FOREST LANDS that is not bermed, gated, or signed as closed and is at least eight feet wide. A good rule of thumb is that if you can drive your truck down the trail, then you can take your ATV/UTV down it. Reminder: Off-road motorcycles are NOT ALLOWED on our trails or on Burnett County Forest Lands at ANY time. No off-trail use is allowed and operation on private lands is illegal unless you have permission from the private land owner.

It is very important to note that all of these trails are currently multi-use trails. This means that any street legal, licensed vehicle can use these trails during this time, (trucks for example).

Also note that ATV/UTV use is NOT allowed on the Gandy Dancer Trail at this time of year, except north of Hwy 77 into Minnesota.

Many townships allow the use of their town roads. If a town road is signed as a road route open for ATV use during this time, it can be used. If it is signed as closed, or if there is no signage, the town road is NOT open to ATV/UTV use. *Please contact individual townships for their rules and regulations if you have any questions.* Contact information can be found on the Burnett County website at www.burnettcounty.com/townships.

Remember, it is your responsibility to know where you are and whose property you are on. If you are unsure of where Burnett County Forest Land is located, please refer to a Burnett County Plat Book, as this is your best resource.

Visit www.burnettcounty.com/trails for more information or to sign up to receive current trail notifications via email or text.

Roads F & H did not make the September Infrastructure meeting as Mike was not done on his report. He should be at the October meeting.

Scott Township Roads went to a vote at the September meeting and passed 2-0. Now they need to make a formal commitment to propose to open up the roads.

New Business

The public meeting August 29 at Crooked Lake Lodge was more of a survey about what outdoor activity and DNR resources they use, such as: snowmobiling, ATVing, hiking, hunting, horseback riding, fishing, skiing. Go to DNR website for more information.

The next meeting will be April 2018.

There were 60 individuals that signed the sign-in sheet at the meeting.

Public Comment (from last month):

The Club should check into opening two locations along Loon Lake Road.

Update: Only location from Park & Ride to Jackson & Swiss town line.

It was brought to attention that there are no ATV signs at Briggs Lake Road from Jackson north to Swiss. There is also interest in opening Briggs Lake Road to ATVs.

Update: Signage has been installed.

There was a question raised about the ATV/UTV Trail Maps from WATVA – can they be made available?

Update: not at this time, maybe in the future.

Upcoming events:

Club-wide ride – September 30th. Meet at Club Pole Building at 9:30 sharp. Travel to Otis' then to the Lookout for lunch.

Pizza & Bowling Party January 20, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., in Webster.

The next Turf and Tundra ATV Club Meeting – **April 2018 – Have a safe and healthy winter!**