

Turf and Tundra ATV Club Meeting April 21st@ The Fishbowl Bar

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The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.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 and posted on the Turf and Tundra website at xxxxxx. If you have an email address and ARE NOT receiving the minutes, please email the Club Secretary at TandTATVClub@gmail.com.

Financial Report

The financial report overview is as follows:

Opening Balance	\$28,335.70
Income	\$27,940.46
Expenses	\$21,005.45
Ending Balance	\$35,270.71

Copies of detailed financial reports available upon request.

Trails & Equipment

This Spring, there are three townships that are opening some or all of their roads to ATV/UTV use - Scott, Blaine and Trade Lake townships.

Trail 45 from Brothel Road to North River Road should be open this summer. All bridges are in and now the Club has to install signs.

The towns of Webster and Siren are pushing to get the Gandy Dancer opened.

Trail 7 from Balsam Fire Lane in Webb Lake is now officially open. The club will be responsible for maintenance on that. This will allow riders to get to Trego.

It was presented at the meeting that we had requested to open Trail 45 from Tower Road to Bass Lake Road – offering another business access – Tommy’s Too High Winery. Since the meeting, there has been a slight change from what was shared at the meeting. A letter was just submitted to the Natural Resource Committee to open Trail 45 from the intersection of Trail 8 in Danbury to Staples Lake Road. The trail is currently designated as a snowmobile and ATV/UTV winter trail and ATV/UTV frozen ground trail. We have requested the designation be changed to ATV/UTV summer trail in addition to its current winter use. This change will provide access to another local business – Tommy’s Too High Winery at Hwy 77 and Bass Lake Road.

George Costello in Swiss township has done a tremendous job. Ron recently talked with him about the opening of Trail 45 at Trail 8 to Trail 121 – this will allow two routes out of Danbury. Trail 8 generally takes a beating each season. In the past more than \$9,000 was spent on gravel and due to use, the gravel is basically ‘gone’. By opening this trail would allow Trail 8 to have less traffic, etc.

The front end of the groomer needs to be installed and the Boom mower is ready to go.

There will be a groomers meeting in the very near future. There is a lot of corner work that needs to be done on the trails. Ron expressed that he hopes all the groomers come back for this season.

The ATV Club just bought a used full size 2016 Polaris 900 Ranger. Thanks to Dan Coyle who found it! It is a six passenger, but will comfortably seat 4 for trail maintenance.

New Business

Gary & Eric reported out on the WATVA meeting. Highlights follow.

Safety statewide stats from the meeting:

- 27 fatalities, 96% were not wearing helmets. 52% alcohol/drug related
- 55% were on roadways
- 230 tickets issued overall, most for illegal road use

Dealers that were present at the meeting stated that they give new buyers a WATVA membership and an information packet. It is the responsibility of the user’s to read this information and become familiar with the rules and regulations surrounding ATV/UTV use.

There is a statewide Act being introduced - Act 87. This Act will allow townships/cities to open their roads with 35 MPH or less speed limit, to ATV/UTV use. It was reported by a club member that the Governor signed this into law in April. Someone reported that signs are already up in Siren.

A new manual is coming out Act 193. It covers changes to ATV route and signage requirements. Grandfathering of signs is currently okay. As signs are replaced, new signage requirements will be considered when changing out signage. In the long term, hopefully signage will become more consistent, State-wide. Refer to the WATVA website for more in-depth information.

DNR enforcement – UTV use primarily. A discussion took place regarding tire pressure requirements. ATV/UTV tire pressure is a maximum of 20 PSI. DNR has the authority to check your tire pressure. If you have a higher tire pressure than 20 PSI, you can be ticketed. If you have switched out your tires, ensure you are only running with 20 PSI or less!

There ISN’T a requirement for trail passes for ATV/UTVs registered in Wisconsin. ONLY registration fees are applicable. Out of state ATV/UTVs ARE required to obtain a trail pass. In Wisconsin, there are approximately 414,000 registered ATV/UTVs combined.

Eric & Gary are our Trail Ambassadors. They do not write tickets but will be out on the trails informing riders of rules and regulations. They will be wearing a uniform of sorts – a vest, identifying who they are, etc.

Thanks to Gary and Eric for taking the time to do this!

The WATVA Regional meeting is August 18 in Gordon for WATVA. The Club will try and plan a ride for that. As more information is received it will be shared.

New Business:

New maps are being printed. They will be ready before Memorial Day.

June 1st memberships are due for the 2018/2019 riding season! A membership renewal form is attached for your use. Print it, fill it out and send it to Cheryl Gray, Treasurer @ 30127 Oriole Drive, Webb Lake, WI 54830. If memberships are not paid by the end of June, people will be removed from the email list effectively 1 July. Membership dues remain at \$25.00.

Reminder - All minutes are posted on the website.

There will be an Elections of Officers – Nominations are due in June, elections will be held in August.

There will be a meeting with the County to get a portion of County Road A opened to gain access to the Crow Bar.

Scott township has to work with County and need to get an all-inclusive list to get the county roads open.

Public comment/questions:

It was brought up that Jackson roads are closed during winter. Currently they open/close in same as trails. This is an inconvenience. Ron will follow up on this.

A new rider asked about signage at township borders so riders know when rules change. Ron explained that that is part of the long-range plan.

A question came up around road speed limits. County roads are 25 MPH, townships can designate their own speed limits. Webb Lake is 30 MPH on the roads. Generally speaking, road speeds are between 20 and 35 MPH.

A discussion came up around mapping. The County has GIS mapping of all trails. Snowmobile trails were mandated to have 95% of their trails on GIS/GPS. Approximately 90% of the ATV/UTV trails are also snowmobile trails. Ron explained that ATV/UTV trail map will stand alone. It is much easier to read just the ATV map. The WATVA maps available are for PLANNING not for navigation map. Best to get the various county maps for accurate trail mapping.

Question around County Road H. This IS open from Cabaret to 77 and is available to cross Hwy 77. The sign will be coming down soon!

Scott Township has had a lot of changes – much more ATV friendly. A question came up about getting to the Voyager Village Clubhouse. Once the signs go up, the roads will be 'legal'. Until the signs go up, they are not open. The roads must be signed before they are legal.

As a reminder, the following was posted in September 2017 meeting minutes. We felt it was useful information and thought it should be repeated

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.

Town of Swiss has proposed to the County Board that they do not want the campground in Danbury. More information to come on that.

Upcoming events:

Free wheeling weekend. June 2nd. ATV demo from 4 Star and Main Store, tours, and luncheon at a local establishment.

Blaine is doing a couple fundraisers to replace the money spent on signage for the road routes. One will be at Hillside, the second will be at Otis'. More information to follow as it become available.

The plan is to have a ride every other month along with a lunch. As a schedule is developed, it will be shared.

The Club is having a Summer Ride and Picnic. Tentatively it will be at Hومان's Resort. Dates and times will be provided once available.

Trail workers are needed. If interested, talk to Ron. Work dates will be sent out via email in the future.

Miscellaneous:

63 people signed in for the April meeting. GREAT TURNOUT!

The next Turf and Tundra ATV Club Meeting – **May 18th at Hillside Inn, Hwy 35 north of Danbury.**

There were several new members at the meeting – Welcome to the Club!

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.