

Turf and Tundra ATV Club Meeting August 24th, Sand Greens Country Club

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The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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 and posted on the Turf and Tundra website. 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	\$23,331.44
Income	\$35,869.02
Expenses	\$ 2,282.04
Ending Balance	\$56,918.42

Copies of detailed financial reports available upon request.

Trails & Equipment

Equipment is up and running. The boom does need some work, however. The parts are here and will be replaced.

Bill has been mowing. We do need another mower. If you are interested, contact Bill.

Work needs to be done around sign posts and such on the trails (weed wacking). Talk to Ron if you are interested in working on the trails.

The Club is getting a new tractor in the Spring. We get one every two years. Baribou continues to treat the Club very well and has been very competitive – that is why we continue to work with them.

There is a new trail in the Gordon area - # 217. Maps were provided at the meeting. If you are interested in learning more, contact Ron Gray.

New Business:

Several members of the Club attended WATVA Regional Meeting held in Gordon on August 18th. Below is a highlight of what was presented at the meeting –

- Some of the information that was presented related to DWIs. WATVA is *considering* adopting same laws as Minnesota recently passed on August 1st. In Minnesota, if convicted of a DWI and you lose your license, you are prohibited from operating motor vehicles, **INCLUDING** all-terrain vehicles, boats and snowmobiles. This is not the same in Wisconsin. Dual laws are difficult to enforce.
- Completion of safety training currently allows kids under the age of 16 to drive the TRAILS, they ARE NOT allowed to drive on the ROADS. There was discussion around whether or not the Club should sponsor a ‘hands-on’ training. The Club has provided safety classes in the past, presented by Deb K. It was mentioned that DNR provided the ATV. Additional information will be forthcoming.
- Department of Transportation (DOT) says ‘info signs’ must be Black & White. Our current signage is green with white – they approve of our signage.
- Participants at the meeting expressed that getting participation within their clubs is difficult. WATVA reports that this is experienced by all clubs state-wide.
- There was discussion around the use of LED lights – that is an item for discussion at the WATVA meeting that will be held in Madison. If you install LED lights, make sure you are installing them correctly.
- WATVA is talking with manufacturers regarding turn signals on the new machines.

The Club Officer positions remain unchanged. There were no volunteers for the positions, therefore, no election was necessary. The incumbents are: Ron Gray, President; Bruce Peyton, Vice President; Cheryl Gray, Treasurer; Darcy Long, Secretary.

In the future, we are considering the rotation of board members – President would rotate out, Vice President would rotate into President, Treasurer would rotate to Vice President, Secretary would rotate into Treasurer, then Secretary position would open, etc. IF this is adopted, we would have to revise the Club Bylaws.

There was another new member at the meeting – Lowell and Mindy Severson. Not only did they sign up, Lowell has already volunteered to groom the trails! Welcome!

Denise presented the decals for the Club. Decals are \$5.00 each. Each sheet contains three decals. You can take them to the Cabin Corner store in Danbury and pay \$2.00 to have them placed on a piece of clothing you bring in or purchase.

There are still some t-shirts available – Small, Medium and 3 XL at \$5.00 each.

Eric Halen from Polk County thanked those that attended the meeting in his area for re-zoning the trails. They didn’t pass the ‘multi-use’ trail usage, however, they will be going before the Polk County board in September for further discussion/consideration.

He also shared that the Ridge Runners Ride will be on August 25th, riding the Gandy. Proceeds will go towards the Community Referral Service and Battered Woman’s Shelter.

Polk County is also reviving the Veteran Ride. There was a lot of excitement and interest among the meeting attendees that this is coming back.

There is nothing new to report on the Gandy Dancer trail opening.

Public comment/questions:

There were a lot of questions regarding riding south of Siren. Contact Denny Strong if you need information on how to maneuver the trails/roads south of Siren.

There was a question raised about mapping and whether or not we could get a 'Burnett County map'. At this point we are not planning on developing separate maps, however, Cheryl will talk with the printer the next time we revise the maps. As a follow up to that, it was shared that the 'Polaris app' is a really good app to use on the trails with your phone, provided you have service.

There was a question presented about opening ALL Burnett County Roads. Before a road is open, there are survey studies, etc. At this point the policy is that each township has to request opening of roads. Ron will talk with Mike, the Highway Commissioner.

Upcoming events:

September 7th - WATVA meeting in Rome, WI – VIP Ride (Lobbyists, Senators, etc).

Picnic is tomorrow at Houman's Resort from 1-4. Music presented by Part-Time.

Miscellaneous:

We continue to try to go 'paperless'. If you have an email address, please provide it if you haven't already done so.

51 people signed in for the August meeting.

The next Turf and Tundra ATV Club Meeting – **Friday, September 21st at 6:00 p.m. at Kris' Pheasant Inn in Siren.**