

Turf and Tundra ATV Club Meeting Minutes April 30, 2021 @ Club Barn

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Secretary's Report

The Secretary's Report (meeting minutes) are sent via email to members with valid email address and are also 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	\$46,938.26
Income	\$ 3,649.00
Expenses	\$29,324.69
Ending Balance	\$21,262.57

Copies of detailed financial reports available upon request.

Trails & Equipment

The new tractor is here! The rest of the equipment is up and running. New blades were installed on the mower on Thursday.

Last fall the Forestry Department rerouted Trail 8 by CCC Road and Lakes Drive. Currently they are rerouting Trail 41 north of Hwy 77 that goes along Deer Lake Road.

Suzie, from Forestry has applied for grants this year to reroute some areas of three more trails to get us off the roads and/or change intersections. We will find out later this Fall if those grants are approved. Ron will be providing additional information as it becomes available.

The County graveled Trail 45 from North River Road to County Road F. They will also be spot graveling on Trail 41 from the Shelter to Dog Town Road.

We are hopeful that the bridge on Trail 925 just before Hillside will get done this year as well.

Dan Bullis has already talked with the groomers from last year. We are still looking for a groomer or two for this season. Trails are in fairly good shape already this year. He feels we are ahead of the game at this time compared to previous seasons.

The outdoor 'potty' at the shelter will be open this year.

We are always looking for volunteer to help work on the trails -

There are several ways to get involved in the Club:

TRAIL MAINTENANCE, GROOMERS, MECHANICS & WELDERS, & TRAIL AMBASSADORS

Necessary training will be provided. If interested in any of the above, contact Ron Gray @ 715-259-3405 and he will put you in contact with the appropriate individual.

New Business

Cheryl and Ron worked on this year's map over the winter/early Spring. It is currently at the printer. This year the back of the map is dedicated for information regarding township roads. Hopefully, this too will be a tool to educate riders!

Ron and Cheryl have also been attending many township association meetings, with much of the discussion around ATV/UTV road usage and the periodic damage on the gravel roads caused by them. Most recently they attended a special meeting with the President of the town association, County Sheriff, Recreational Officer, DNR and Forestry Department to discuss said damage. There is now county and state representatives along with WATVA officials trying to get help for the townships to get new legislation passed for the damage to gravel roads. As a Club, we are doing our part. We will be posting signs and posters along the trails/roads and in local establishments to raise awareness and remind all who use the trails that it is a PRIVLEDGE that we have use of the roads and could lose this privilege if damage continues. Tavern association is going to help us by distributing posters to establishments as well.

There is also concern around the width of the newer UTVs. It is getting more difficult for the groomers to fix the damage to the trails that the larger vehicles are causing.

Elections for Board members will be this year. Nominations will take place at the June meeting. The election will be in August.

The trails are due to be opened Friday, May 28th. We need a few good men and/or women volunteers for a meet & greet/information booth to be manned on Saturday, May 29th. You would be responsible for handing out Club information/maps and answering basic questions about our club. There will be representatives from WATVA there as well. Our trail ambassadors and WATVA personnel will be riding/patrolling the trails.

We need volunteers for the Trail Ambassador program. We only have two at this point. If interested, contact Gary, Greg, or Ron. Training consists of on-line computer training and a background check and of course hands on training. The time commitment is only 8 hours per season. However, you can patrol more hours than that in a season, should you choose to. Basically, you are out there informing the riders, you are not the 'police'. Ambassadors are all about safety, awareness, and education. Currently in WI there are 330,000 ATVs and 180,000 UTVs registered in the State.

The WATVA NW Regional meeting is August 21st in Drummond, WI. It is an all-day meeting including catered lunch and a trail ride in the afternoon, showcasing the trails in that area. If planning on staying in that area, research it now! There is a campground in the area but fills up fast. Do not delay if you plan on staying up in the area.

There will be a club picnic this year! Should COVID go crazy this season we will cancel it.

Public comment/questions:

Will there be a dedicated date for trail work prior to Memorial weekend? Ron will be identifying date(s) for this and Darcy will send out an email about the date and time.

A question was asked about if we pay the county to work on the trails. We along with the snowmobile associations pay a portion of the cost of this.

The question came up again about opening our trails earlier as surrounding county trails are open. Unfortunately, Forestry is not budging on this for Burnett County.

Ron announced that this will be his last term for President.

Bruce Peyton announced at a previous meeting that this is his last term and Dan Bullis has stepped up and is working with Bruce, already taking on many of the responsibilities of the position of Vice President. A special thank you to DAN!

Darcy announced that this will be her last term as Secretary.

Denise announced that this is her last 'term' as apparel extraordinaire. She too will be finished.

If you are interested in ANY of these volunteer opportunities – please talk to the individual holding the position to get additional information as to time commitment and duties, etc.

Cheryl will continue as the Club Treasurer for the time being.

Reminders:

Do not forget that Red Fox Creations, located at 27750 County Road A in Spooner, WI has club transfers available and can apply the transfer to your NEW, UNWASHED garment. Janelle Sacharski, the owner can be reached at 715-635-5392 for your questions!

Upcoming events:

Trails open on Friday, May 28th, 2021.

Friday, June 4, 2021, 10:00 a.m. pole building – Dale & Mary Sicard Memorial Ride.

Friday Club rides – TBD

Annual ATV picnic – Saturday, July 24th, 12:00 noon, Gandy Dancer Saloon, Webster.

Miscellaneous:

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

There were 54 people in attendance for this meeting.

The next Turf and Tundra ATV Club Meeting will be Friday, May 28, 2021 6:00 p.m. at the Club barn on Namekagon Trail. Do not forget a chair!