

Turf and Tundra ATV Club Meeting Minutes June 25, 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		\$16,934.83
Income		\$ 1,005.00
Memberships	\$ 825.00	
Donation	\$ 150.00	
Merchandise	\$ 30.00	
Expenses		\$ 2,366.71
Ending Balance		\$15,573.12

Copies of detailed financial reports available upon request.

Trails & Equipment

All equipment is up and running and the trails are looking good. All groomers, mowers and trail workers continue to do a great job!

Ross Construction dropped about two yards of gravel on the culvert that was exposed on Trail 925.

Susie from Forestry identified that trail 8 needs a bit of mowing and weed whipping done.

Thanks to Ken Parent for helping in the removal of a CAR on Trail 41!

Dan Bullis, Bruce Peyton and Ron & Cheryl Gray attended the Natural Resources Committee meeting on June 10 to ask and answer questions regarding gravel on road crossings for the townships. Turns out there are about 22 trails that cross over graveled township roads – 10 for Swiss; 6 for Blaine; 3 for Union; and 3 for Webb Lake. The Club will be responsible for paying \$100 each for those townships that need gravel at their crossings. Please note – this is NOT a blank check for the townships; they will have to complete the necessary paperwork to get the funds allotted to them from the Club. While this may seem high, this is half of the amount that Forestry originally proposed.

A few Board members will be going to Solon Springs to look at a new drag on Tuesday, June 29. While no commitments are being made at this time, the Club is trying to be proactive – considering a new type of drag that we may purchase in the next couple of years.

On Saturday, May 29, WATVA Trail Ambassadors along with our Ambassadors, Recreational Officer and DNR Wardens patrolled the trails. Members of the Regional Group - Randy, Greg, and Jeff, along with their wives came up for the day. Volunteers for the 'welcome tent' were Dan and Julie Coyle; Jim and Sue Smedegard; and Duane Staehanke and Dave Nelson and a friend of his. Thank you again to those that participated. Dan reported out that from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., there were 227 machines that went through the intersection from 9-12 and another 190 machines went through in the afternoon. It was observed that while some viewed the WATVA tent intimidating, once they engaged in conversation, started sharing information about our club and WATVA, people were very interested and engaged.

We are always looking for volunteers to help 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

Nominations for board members are:

Dan Coyle, Duane Stanke, Dave Luka, and Lowell Severson.

Because there are only three positions available and four nominees, there will be an election at the August monthly meeting.

Wild Rivers sent the Club a promotional packet. In the packet was several coupons offering 10% off at their establishment for parts and service. Ron has coupons available if you want one. Note the coupons expire the end of AUGUST.

Membership renewals were due June 1. Darcy sent out a reminder emails to those that have not yet paid for this season's membership. If you have not yet sent in your membership renewal, please send a check in the amount of \$25.00, payable to Turf & Tundra ATV Club, to Darcy Long, Club Secretary, 30150 Oriole Drive, Webb Lake, WI 54830.

To date - current membership numbers are: non-Business - 145 families; Business members - 81

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!

The President, Vice President and Secretary positions will all be open after their terms is done in 2022. 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.

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.

Upcoming events:

Friday Club rides – Friday, July 9, 2021, to Tony's Riverside in Spooner, WI. Meet at the Club barn a 10:00 a.m., leaving at 10:15 a.m. Driving to Tony's River in Spooner for lunch and return to the barn. RSVP to Bruce Peyton at 763-688-4463, ASAP so that he can give Tony's a head count for lunch.

Annual ATV picnic – Saturday, July 24th, 12:00 noon, Gandy Dancer Saloon, Webster. Flyer was sent out on 6/27/2021. RSVPs are requested NO LATER THAN July 14, 2021, via email (TandTATVClub@gmail.com) or to Ron & Cheryl Gray @715-259-3405. It would be appreciated if you bring a chair.

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.

Miscellaneous:

There were 26 people in attendance for this meeting.

The next Turf and Tundra ATV Club Meeting will be Saturday, July 24, 2021, at 12:00 at the picnic. Do not forget a chair!