

Turf and Tundra ATV Club Meeting Minutes, April 22, 2022 @ 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		\$52,434.33
Income		\$10,208.00
Memberships	\$ 1,600.00	
DuFour's Campground (donation)	\$ 1,500.00	
Log Cabin	\$ 1,053.00	
Map Ads	\$ 5,800.00	
Rental X (donation)	\$ 140.00	
Gliders (donation)	\$ 115.00	
Expenses		\$20,506.44
Ending Balance		\$42,135.89

Copies of detailed financial reports available upon request.

Trails & Equipment

The equipment is nearly all ready to go for the season. We just need to give the truck and mower a 'once over' and we are ready to roll!

The Club has bought a new tool for removing gravel off the pavement at the trail crossings. If it works as well as we have heard it does, the club will buy a couple more.

The club is still looking for groomers, mowers, trail workers, mechanics, and welders. If you have the time, we would appreciate you stepping forward to volunteer. Contact Dan Bullis our Trail Boss at dan.bullis58@gmail.com or Ron Gray our President, at 715-259-3405 if you are interested. Necessary training will be provided. Dan Bullis will be contacting past groomers for their availability this season.

Dave Luka is heading up trail clean up on Saturday for Earth Day. If interested talk with Dave after the meeting.

Still looking for individuals to 'adopt a trail' and commit to ensuring signage is cleared, trash is off the trail, etc. We have a few club members that are currently dedicated to specific trails: Eric Hallen, Dan

Coyle, Throttle Rental and Ron Sager. If interested in adopting a trail, contact Ron Gray for more information.

New Business

The Club officers and Board members recently met to discuss possible changes to the By-laws for the Club. The current by-laws have not been updated since 2011. The updated by-laws will be sent out for comment and vote at a future meeting. One of the proposed changes to the by-laws is the staggering of elections for both officers and board members. By doing this we do not have all officers and or board members changing at the same time. This will allow for smoother transition of new officers/board members coming into the fold.

Another topic that was discussed was combining the Turf & Tundra ATV Club and Lakes and Pines Snowmobile Club. This was brought up to those at the monthly meeting during the public comment portion of the meeting. This generated much discussion! It was decided that we will get a smaller group together to identify the pros and cons of combining the two Clubs. The merging of the clubs is NOT something that is going to be done in the immediate future. Just something to consider for the future.

Elections will take place this year. All positions will be open (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer). Nominations for officers will take place at the June meeting with the election taking place at the August meeting. The term for officer positions is two years. If you are interested in one of the positions and have questions, do not hesitate to reach out to the current officer if you have questions about the duties of the position.

Garry and Eric attended the annual WATVA meeting in April in Stevens Point.

Garry and Eric received the Trail Guardian of Excellence award at the meeting. This is a very prestigious award! Congratulations to them both!

Garry reported that Turf & Tundra will be hosting the regional meeting at the Club Barn on August 20. More information will be provided as we get closer to the event.

Garry reported that we have 13 individuals interested in the Trail Ambassador program! The Trail Ambassador meeting is May 14th at Voyager Village Clubhouse, lunch will be provided. Greg will be in contract with those new Trail Ambassadors. Thank you to those that have stepped forward!

If you are interested - Trail Ambassador 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. This is NOT an enforcement position.

Ginny Luca and Sue Weiss, who volunteered to take over Club apparel last year had the new shirts available for sale. Shirts are only \$15.00 each. Apparel will be available at future club meetings but if you are unable to get to a meeting, contact either Ginny or Sue directly at ginluca26@gmail.com or susanweiss51@yahoo.com on how you can purchase a shirt (or two).

Membership renewals will be sent out early May via USPS (snail mail). Memberships expire June 30th.

New maps are available.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The Club email has been hacked. DO NOT open ANY emails from Darcy Long. Generally speaking, ONLY club minutes are sent via email.

There was a great deal of discussion around the combining the two clubs. See second paragraph under 'New Business'.

There was a question about the fire lanes in Burnett County. Fire lanes are closed to ATV until after September 15. There are a few fire lanes that are part of our trail system - they are clearly marked. The county is working toward rerouting trails to get us off fire lanes and roads.

Dirt bikes are NOT authorized on the trails. If you see dirt bikes on the trails, report it to the Burnett County Recreational Officer, at the Burnett County Sheriff's office.

REMINDERS:

All officer positions (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) will all be vacant this Fall. Nominations for these positions will be held at the June meeting with elections at the August meeting. If you are interested in ANY of these volunteer opportunities – please talk to the individual holding the position to get more information as to time commitment, duties, etc.

Upcoming events:

Monthly meetings will take place at the Club Barn on FRIDAY evenings at 6:00 p.m. at the Club barn located on Namekagon Trail, on the following dates unless otherwise noted

May 20

June 17

July 15

August 27 (annual picnic) SATURDAY, location TBD

September 16

WATVA Regional Meeting, Saturday, August 20th, Club Barn

Annual Club Picnic, Saturday August 27th, location TBD

Miscellaneous:

There were 56 people in attendance for this meeting. What an AWESOME turnout!

The next Turf and Tundra ATV Club Meeting will be on Friday, May 20, at 6:00 p.m. at the Club Barn located at 2616 Namekagon Trail.

