

**A.T.V. Maine Meeting Agenda
December 11, 2010
Hosting Club: Moose Alley Riders ATV Club**

Call meeting to order at 9:30
Please turn off your cell phones
Pledge of Allegiance
Introduction of officers-
President—Dan Mitchell
Vice President—Real Deschaine
Secretary—Rose I. Sack
Treasurer—Nadine Stover

President's Report: Newspaper Publication Manager and Schedule (ask directors for advertisements)-We want to put our first publication out in May. Clubs will get 25% of advertisements brought in and ATV Maine will get the remaining 75%. Our conservative approach will be to issue 2 newspapers. We are going to come up with a Fee schedule of advertisements. We are considering possible website and newspaper or a combination of both. We will probably be printing extra copies to deliver to businesses. We are looking at how to minimize the mailing costs. We want to work within our means but get the job done to. We will need to look at getting some corporate sponsorship and to review the printing costs.

We are finding out that the big corporate sponsors are not so likely to buy printed advertisement. Motion by Rick Sack and seconded by Dave Coulters to put 2 newspapers into motion. Motion passed unanimously. They are looking for club effort for articles to include and to sell advertisements. Doug Kane has agreed to try to be the publication manager. We will get a template to begin with to publish the newspaper.

The storage shed has been downsized and moved to the Rumford area, closer to Tami and Dan who are the folks who use the facility the most.

Website--2007 and 2008 we started working with Ursus productions. They were going to sell enough advertisements to cover costs. We want directors to be able to find a new host of our website. Discussion was had on different host websites as we need to get a set up that will be able to handle the kind of traffic we have. Motion by Nadine Stover and seconded by Bev Sargent to have Tami and Rick look into getting a new web host.

“Cosponsored Events: All clubs need the insurance to be protected”— If clubs cosponsor events then those clubs need to have insurance. Jim Brown will be

coming to another meeting to do some more explaining of the insurance. There is a link on the website to take you directly to the insurance agent.

Laptop for Dan—Laptop Tami is currently using is getting outdated. We will give Tami's old one to Dan for use in legislature. Motion made by Richard Barter and seconded by Rick Sack to purchase computer for the Business manager not to exceed \$1,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Directors and Officers insurance quote—We have one quote for \$800.00 and we may be able to get it down based on other things we have in place. This quote will cover the officers and the organization itself. Some discussion was had whether the clubs should have the insurance policy also. You should check with your insurance agency. We are going to look for a package that will cover all clubs. Motion made by Ed Coleman and seconded by Mike Worthley to purchase insurance for the current ATV Maine officers. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice President's Report: Newsletters and Newspaper contributions—it is important for clubs to send articles to Tami to publish the newspaper. This is what makes the newspaper vibrant and the clubs want to see that information. We also want a paragraph from the Regional Vice Presidents for each issue. A lot of the snowmobile clubs have a club reporter and that seems to work well. Make it somebody who isn't already doing a job for your club. This is an opportunity to get one more volunteer involved. Volunteers needed to update By-Laws.—Last update was done in 2007. Maurice Sargent, Dave Coulter and Dave Phillips have volunteered to review the by-laws. Thank you to our volunteers to tackle this issue.

Secretary's Report: Motion made by Bill Lombard and seconded by Bev Sargent to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the last meeting as they have been posted on the web.

Tax Status (501-C3) update—We are waiting to get an update from the accountant and lawyer on what exactly our status is with the IRS. We have a lawyer in Rumford and using an accountant in Lewiston to review this situation. 501 c 3 status would allow us to accept donations and allow companies an avenue to donate to us which they can in turn claim as an expense. One obstacle for us is for lobbying. IRS has certain guidelines that do allow some lobbying costs; however, those costs cannot exceed a certain portion of your budget. Motion made by Real Deschaine to go for 501 c 3 tax exempt status seconded by Ed Coleman to go forward with this effort. Motion carried unanimously.

The goal here is to get corporate sponsorships to help pay for a full time Executive Director. This is the direction we need to go in. We need to look at possibly combining efforts with other organizations in this State to combine lobbying efforts.

Treasurer's Report: General checking--\$22,387.95. Savings insurance account--\$15,283.93 Scholarship account--\$3,417.75.

We will be moving some funds into savings accounts to earn a little bit of interest. We paid approximately \$34,000 for insurance policy and will try as much as possible to get this covered by the clubs participating in the insurance policy. The Department of Conservation has agreed to continue the reimbursement of \$250.00 towards the clubs cost to join the policy.

Internal Audit Timeframe—Cindy Barter will be doing audit after the first of the year. Stipend has been offered to do this work.

Business Manager's Report: Insurance Update—35 clubs have purchased insurance so far. Also certificates of insurance should be received from agency. If you do not get yours then get in touch with Tami as you will need this to send in to Brian for the grant reimbursement. Participant exclusion should be coming from the insurance company. We are still waiting for the definition from the insurance company as to what an event is versus a ride. There is a direct link on the website to the insurance agent if you have any questions about the policy. GPS Units—5 have been located. We will be getting these to the Regional Vice Presidents.

Can-Am Sponsorship—They have been invoiced for the website banner and we are going to make a link on the website for their dealers.

New Clubs--We've had 5 new clubs join since October.

Landowner's Relations Conference—was attended on Thursday by Tami Kane and Ken Snowden. Funding and education is the key to improving our image.

T-Shirts—Tami Kane showed some samples that she had made up. Bill Lombard made a motion and seconded by Ed Coleman to have some shirts made up to be ready for the Sportsman show and for the annual banquet with ATV Maine Logo. Discussion followed and motion carried unanimously.

Annual Banquet Sponsorship--American Life is offering to help sponsor April's banquet as well as being a speaker.

Trails Vice President: MATS—Ray Archer spoke about putting unique numbering system in each Region. Bill Lumbard Trails VP indicated that this idea would not interfere with the MATS system. This is more for the Regional areas. Much discussion followed this as to what a good idea they thought this was. Motion made by Francis Smith and seconded by Mike Worthley to assign regional numbering blocks and this will be done by the trails committee and then handed down to the Regional Vice Presidents. Motion carried unanimously.

Lunch:-It was very delicious—Door prizes drawn after lunch. Pot of Gold—Can AM sponsored. \$50.00 donated for every meeting. All clubs in good standing are entered in drawing. Knowles Corner of Oakfield was the winner but no one present so the Pot of Gold will rollover to next meeting. Next time the drawing will be \$200.00. Kitchen crew was thanked.

Jerry Meyer—Pine Tree trail riders—speaking about 2 wheeled off road bikes. This is an ongoing issue. In the work that we do we need to provide opportunities for these folks. All State land is opened to motorcycles, atv's and side by sides. This goes back to the fact that we need to get the definition of an ATV done.

Francis Smith—Camp Capella ride was a huge success and we will be doing this again next year. Putting together a 2 day event for Kingsbury Pond.

Trails Vice President:--Trails Committee Contract proposal with D.O.C.—One thing we are trying to do is get the DOC involved with the finances to help pay for mileage. A proposal has been made to DOC for the mileage, facilities, lodging, etc. This will cover the Regional Vice Presidents which make up the Trails Committee. We will not be getting these numbers on the spring map but we will be able to start getting signs up. The reason is we will need to be getting permission from the landowners to designate the trail segments on each property owners land as part of the MATS system.

Al Langley Scholarship fund. First recipient will be getting her check once her transcript is received in January. Please remember that the new application process will begin soon and needs to be submitted by April 30, 2011. Moose Alley Riders has a fundraiser ride planned for Fourth of July.

Regional Vice Presidents:

- Northern – Real Deschaine—Met with a couple clubs about the MATS system.
- Eastern – Peter Poors—No report
- Central – Ken Snowdon—Not much to report—Trails are closed until May 15.
- Western – Mike Worthley—a couple of trails will be closed to dirt bikes. Would like to see about getting a couple of quotes on larger machines to do the ATV safety training with. Motion made by Dick Eastman and seconded by Dave Coulters to get quotes on a mid size ATV for the older Kids and bring the quotes to the February meeting. It was also decided to sell the only two stroke ATV we own in order to help with the cost of this purchase. Discussion and motion carried.
- Southern – Rick Sack—ATV Safety met with Mike Sawyer about the up and coming safety program. Meeting with the 4-H program next month. Company in Bath that is producing an ATV Safety magazine. Facebook currently has many members.

Department of Conservation: Grant reimbursements are due by the end of January. Even if you are waiting for insurance paperwork get your grants information in and Brian can still work with you. If you do not get it in you will lose the opportunity to submit the grant all together.

Make sure you have discussion up front with landowners if their trail is going to be on the MATS system.

We are going to be closing on a land deal between Phillips and Strong and Kingfield. It is a land swap with the National Parks system.

We are going to need support from all ATV riders when the legislative session comes up on the ATV Stop bill.

Kingfield area is working on closing a loop. If you have a positive working relationship with a land trust then Brian needs that information ASAP.

Central Maine Power has agreed to allow side by sides on their trails for machines up to 60 inches wide.

Need to work with the Recreational Trail Program (RTP) federal grants to do some of these big projects. It comes from part of the gas tax.

Terrain Navigator WGS 84 Lat Long is the system we are currently using. This is important when getting coordinate information out.

We will dedicate some time in the February meeting for the RTP grant. We would like to invite Mick Rogers to the April meeting to discuss this program and the application process.

Legislation: we will pursue the following bills in the upcoming legislative session LD 1536 (ATV Stops), 10-day registration, Registration money split D.O.C./IF&W. Hire a Lobbyist—we need to hire a lobbyist so that we have someone working on our issues on a daily basis year round.

Motion made by Sue Lanouette and seconded by Ken Snowden to hire a lobbyist for the upcoming legislative session. Discussion called for, question moved and motion carried.

Elections: Nominations for President—Dan Mitchell, Vice President—Real Deschaine, Secretary—Rose Sack, Treasurer—Nadine Stover, Northern Regional Vice President—Real Deschaine, Eastern Regional Vice President—Peter Poors, Central Regional Vice President—Ken Snowden, Western Regional Vice President—Mike Worthley and Southern Regional Vice President—Edward Coleman. Mail in voting completed by 31 clubs. All nominations were voted in unanimously.

Adjournment—Motion made by Rick Sack and seconded by Mike Worthley. Motion passed unanimously.