

Pierce County ATV Association Minutes
Big Horn, Beldenville, WI
August 17, 2015

Members Present: Tina Huppert, Larry & Sharolyn Johnson, Ken Majeski, Sheldon Huppert, Gerald Johnson, Barbara McLaughlin, Kurt, Cindy and Kyle Sundquist, Darren Place, Will McRoberts, Gaylen Langer

The meeting was called to order at 6:02p.m. by President Larry Johnson.

Secretary's Report was read by Barb McLaughlin. Motion to approve the Secretary's Report by Tina Huppert, second by Jerry Johnson. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report was given by Tina Huppert. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Sharolyn Johnson, second by Jerry Johnson.

Annual Meeting:

Annual Secretary's Report requested by President Johnson. The corporate tax return was prepared by Langer/Feuerhelm. The fee was \$400.00 but was discounted by \$200.00, resulting in a net fee of \$200.00. No tax was due. Current balance in account is \$1,286.12, which is lower than in past years. Lower funds are the result of increased expenses (such as signs, etc.) and decreased income (no proceeds from fair).

Elections:

President Larry Johnson turned over election for President to Vice-President Darren Place.

Vice-President Darren Place opened the nominations for President. Tina Huppert nominated Larry Johnson for President, second by Jerry Johnson. Tina Huppert moved we close nominations, second by Will McRoberts. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Darren Place turned over elections for the other offices to Larry Johnson.

President Larry Johnson opened nominations for Vice-President. Tina Huppert nominated Darren Place, second by Jerry Johnson. Tina Huppert moved we close nominations, second by Jerry Johnson. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

President Larry Johnson opened nominations for Secretary. Barb McLaughlin nominated Barb Fritz-Muhlhausen, second by Will McRoberts. Sharolyn Johnson moved to close nominations, second by Gaylen Langer. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

President Larry Johnson opened nominations for Treasurer. Jerry Johnson nominated Tina Huppert, second by Gaylen Langer. Jerry Johnson moved to close nominations, second by Sharolyn Johnson. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

President Larry Johnson opened nominations for 3 positions for the Board of Directors. Tina Huppert nominated Sheldon Huppert. Second by Darren Place. Tina Huppert nominated Kurt Sundquist. Second by Darren Place. Tina Huppert nominated Jerry Johnson. Second by Gaylen Langer. Jerry Johnson moved to close nominations, second by Sharolyn Johnson. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Tina Huppert moved to close annual meeting, second by Will McRoberts. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Old Business:

The ATV/UTV Fun Run is scheduled for August 29th beginning at 9:00 a.m. with parking east of Pierce County Meats in East End Ellsworth. The first stop will be at Broz, then on to Elmwood Sandbar and Longbranch, then on to Sneakers Pub and Eatery in Spring Valley at lunch time. The ride will then proceed to Jimmy's Big Horn in Beldenville, and then ending back in town. Clydes is having a "Beer Bong" on August 29th and is expecting large crowds.

ATV routes on S, HH, and VV that were going to be signed by today did not happen as Rent a Flash sent out the wrong signs. The correct signs are supposed to come tomorrow.

Regarding opening Hartland and Isabelle Town Line down to 170th to Cty EE into Bay City and from Cty D to 210th Ave, nothing will happen at this time due to too much opposition.

The Spring Valley Village meeting regarding opening all village street sin the village of Spring Valley has been rescheduled until the September meeting. President Larry Johnson plans to attend.

We are still awaiting the "two way traffic" sign and "end" signs for Spring Valley.

New Business:

President Johnson advised the Club that it would be more efficient to amend the bylaws to allow elections at the March meeting instead of the August meeting. The state requires clubs to file notice of it's new slate of officers and annually by April/May. Thus the club would need to file once yearly instead of twice yearly. Motion to change the bylaws to allow elections in March was made by Tina Huppert. Second by Jerry Johnson. Motion passed. This means we will have elections again in March.

President Johnson attended the WATVA Regional Meeting. UTV's no longer require cargo boxes. Plans are in the future for UTV's for youth.

Polaris Aces are actually UTV's, not ATV's as mistakenly registered by the DNR. Thus, operators of this UTV must be 16 years old.

WATVA lost Grant Program to fund Trail Ambassador Program and Safety Training Program.

Trails and Routes are now open from Pierce County to Lake Superior.

WATVA has informational signs for preferred routes, which are not replacements for Route signs.

Neighborhood Watch meeting in Esdaile will address County EE issues on August 26th at 7pm in the Park. President Johnson plants to attend.

President Johnson installed more signage in Elmwood on trail to grain bins on Friday upon their request.

Ken Majeski expressed concerns about club web pages and wonders if less expensive to use Facebook instead of "Go Daddy". Fee for Go Daddy is \$102/year. Facebook is free. But not familiar enough with Facebook to know how to set up and how it works. Sheldon Huppert will inquire of Janet Huppert as regards her opinion on the best way to proceed.

Members Comments:

Gaylen expressed concerns regarding establishing routes to Lawton. At this time, a landowner opposes ATV routes because of his horses.

Member concerns about the very muddy eroded trails on private property section in Spring Valley. President Johnson expressed that creek needs to be cleaned out before can fix trail. Darren indicated could get rock for \$10/yard.

Will McRoberts expressed concerns about lack of adequate signage in certain Ellsworth areas near 490th Ave and off of 10. All township roads in Ellsworth are open to ATV's. Ellsworth township roads require only minimal signage.

The next meeting will be September 21st, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at Sneakers Pub and Eatery in Spring Valley. Motion by Sharolyn Johnson, second by Will McRoberts, to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectively submitted,

Barb McLaughlin