

Pierce County ATV Association Bylaws

Article I - Name and Purposes

Section I - Name

The name of this association shall be "Pierce County ATV Association".

Section II - Purpose

This non-profit, membership association is established in order to support All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) enthusiasts, as well as to promote the sport in Pierce County of Wisconsin. The associations principle goals are:

- To promote the practice of safe and responsible riding habits, being respectful to landowners, the environment, other trail users, local residents, and other ATV riders.
- To work with Local, State, and Federal Government agencies as well as other associations, clubs, and organizations to preserve and expand ATV riding privileges through involvement in the designation, establishment, and maintenance of trail systems in Pierce County.
- To aid as a communication link for local ATV enthusiasts and to act as an organized voice providing representation for the concerns of ATV riders in our area. The Association also provides a forum for riders to contact one another concerning organized rides, expressing opinions and concerns, etc.

Section III - Code for ATV Riding

We strive to lead by example by being good and responsible ATV operators. We recognize that people will judge all ATV owners by our own actions - every rider does make a difference. We will use our influence with other ATV riders to promote sportsman-like conduct.

We strive to stay on trails and not tear up sides of trails and hills, to not litter trails or pollute streams, rivers, and lakes, to be respectful to the environment, i.e., "treading lightly" in our travels.

We strive to respect property owner's rights and to not be an annoyance to local residents.

We strive to not interfere with or harass hikers, mountain bikers, horseback riders, fishermen, hunters, skiers, etc.

We strive to ride only in authorized areas when traveling cross-country.

We strive to not harass or harm wildlife or livestock in our travels.

Section IV - Form of Entity

This Association shall be organized as a non-profit membership association for legal and tax reporting purposes with necessary steps taken to secure and maintain such classification under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Article II - Membership, Initiation Fees, and Dues

Section I - Composition

Membership in this Association shall be determined on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to race, color, or national origin.

Section II - Number

There shall be at least 12 (twelve) people comprising the total association membership for it to continue.

Section III - Term of Membership

The term of membership shall be annual.

Section IV - Initiation Fees and Dues

The initiation fee and/or dues shall be \$20.00 (twenty dollars) per individual, \$35.00 (thirty-five dollars) for a family, and \$50.00 (fifty dollars) for businesses.

To coincide with the fiscal year of the Association, **new** individual and family memberships shall be pro-rated on a quarterly basis as follows:

| Quarter | Individual Membership | Family Membership |
|----------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Jan – Mar | \$20.00 | \$35.00 |
| Apr – Jun | \$15.00 | \$26.25 |
| Jul – Sep | \$10.00 | \$17.50 |
| Oct – Dec | \$5.00 | \$8.75 |

Business memberships shall not be pro-rated.

Section V - Distribution of Funds

All funds acquired by initiation fees, dues, or Association-sponsored events shall be used for Association expenses and such educational, recreational, or charitable activities within Association purposes as the Officers shall designate. All expenditures in excess of \$50.00 (fifty dollars) shall require the verbal agreement of a majority of the Officers and Board of Directors.

Article III - Officers

Section I – Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of the Association shall consist of the four (4) Officers and the three (3) members of the Board of Directors.

The Officers of the Association shall be President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

The Board of Directors of the Association shall consist of three (3) members elected at large from the current members of the Association.

Section II - Terms of Office

The Executive Committee members shall be elected at the annual meeting for a term of two (2) years. The President, Secretary, and one (1) member of the Board of Directors shall be elected in even number years. The Vice-President, Treasurer, and two (2) members of the Board of Directors shall be elected in odd numbered years.

To maintain status as a member of the Executive Committee, two-thirds (2/3) of the monthly meetings (i.e., 8 out of any 12 consecutive meetings) must be attended.

Section III - Method of Election

1. Nominations for Executive Committee members shall be made from the floor at the annual meeting.
2. Association members will then get a slip of paper upon which they can write their choice for the position being elected. A tally committee of two members shall be appointed by the President to count the ballots and announce the names of those selected.
3. All Executive Committee members shall take office immediately upon election and hold office for one term and until their successors have been elected and duly installed.
4. If a majority of members feel an Executive Committee member is not following through with their job they may be removed from office by a majority vote of the members. A new Officer or Board Member shall then be elected.

Section IV - Duties

President - The President shall be the chief officer of the Association and shall preside at all meetings of the membership. The President shall appoint all standing committees and be an ex-officio member thereof. The President shall have general powers and duties of supervision and management usually vested in the office of a president of an organization.

Vice-President - The Vice-President shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President during the absence or disability of the President.

Secretary - The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the members and shall take and preserve a copy of the minutes of all proceedings. The Secretary shall give all notices required by these By-laws and perform other duties as may be delegated by the President.

Treasurer - The Treasurer shall have custody of all of the Association's funds and shall keep books reflecting a full and accurate accounting of all receipts and disbursements made by the Association. The Treasurer shall disburse the funds of the

Association as ordered and shall render a Treasurer's report at all meetings of the Association.

Article IV - Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Association shall commence from January 1 through December 31.

Article V - Meetings

Section I - Annual Meetings

The annual meeting of the membership shall be held at 7:30pm on the first Thursday in August of each year. Whenever such day shall fall on a legal holiday the meeting shall be held on the next succeeding week at the same hour.

Section II - Monthly Meetings

Monthly meetings of the Association shall be held on a monthly basis. 30 days notice shall be given to all members prior to changing the regular day and/or time of the monthly meeting.

Section III - Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Association may be called by the President or upon the request of the Officers.

Section IV - General

The members present at a regular or special meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Each Member shall be entitled to 1 (one) vote (one vote per Family Membership).

Article VI - Committees

The President shall appoint committees deemed necessary by the Officers for situations or events.

Article VII – Bylaws Amendments

Amendments may be made at an annual, regular, or special meeting by a majority vote of those members present.

Article VIII - Chapters

Section I - Chapter Bylaws

All Chapters of the Pierce County ATV Association ("PCAA") agree to accept and abide by the PCAA Bylaws.

Section II - Chapter Membership Dues

All Membership Dues will be paid to the PCAA and not to the Chapter of the PCAA.

Section III - Chapter Fundraisers

Any assets generated by fundraisers put on by a PCAA Chapter will stay with the Chapter.

Section IV - Chapter Meetings

At least 2 members from the PCAA must be in attendance at all PCAA Chapter meetings.

Section V - Chapter Trails and Routes

Any ATV trails or routes being proposed by a PCAA Chapter must be brought up at a monthly or annual meeting of the the PCAA.

Section VI - Chapter Bylaw Violations

All PCAA Chapters must abide by the PCAA Bylaws. Any violation of the Bylaws by a Chapter will be given 30 days to be corrected or the Chapter will be subject to termination by the PCAA.