

Pierce County ATV Association Minutes
Ellsworth Country Club, Ellsworth WI
April 18, 2022

Members Present: Caleb Beebe, Mark Kinneman, Gary Huppert, Paul & Leah Frandsen, Yvonne Blodgett, Randy Bayer, Brian Stein, David Deiss, Tom Bjork, Elle Leonard, Lisa Plummer, Denise & Dan Hager, Roger & Delores Fritz, Daryl Fay, Scott & Joanne Gulbranson, Jack & Mary O'Neil, John & Jean Marko, Kevin & Diane Johnson, Sheldon Huppert, Larry Johnson, Barb Fritz-Muhlhausen, Tina Huppert, Hank & Marge Lazarz, Sharolyn Johnson, Mark & Tammy Blodgett, Gaylen Langer, Matt Feuerhelm, Gary R. Huppert, Jackson & Katie Hager, Doug & Judi Brunner, Ruth Esanbock, Everett Muhlhausen, Mark Helmer, Mike & Ann Foley, Darren Place, Ron Gutting, Pete Schommer, Abby Flynn, Jeremy Brookshaw, Pierce County Recreation Officer

The annual meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Larry Johnson.

President Larry Johnson opened nominations for Vice-President. Tina Huppert nominated Darren Place for Vice-President, seconded by Mary O'Neil. Motion by Sharolyn Johnson to close nominations, seconded by Tina Huppert. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was turned over to Vice-President Darren Place for election for President.

Vice-President Darren Place opened nominations for President. Paul Frandsen nominated Larry Johnson for President, seconded by Gary Huppert. Motion by Tina Huppert to close nominations, seconded by Gaylen Langer. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice-President Darren Place turned the meeting back over to President Larry Johnson.

President Larry Johnson opened nominations for Secretary. Tina Huppert nominated Barb Fritz-Muhlhausen for Secretary, seconded by Darren Place. Motion by Tina Huppert to close nominations, seconded by Darren Place. Motion passed unanimously.

President Larry Johnson opened nominations for Treasurer. Sharolyn Johnson nominated Tina Huppert for Treasurer, seconded by Gaylen Langer. Motion by Darren Place to close nominations, seconded by Mary O'Neil. Motion passed unanimously.

President Larry Johnson opened nominations for three openings for the Board of Directors. Tina Huppert nominated Paul Frandsen, Sheldon Huppert and Jack O'Neil, seconded by Ron Gutting. Motion by Mark Kinneman to close nominations, seconded by Gary Huppert. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Darren Place, seconded by Denise Hager to adjourn the annual meeting at 6:12 p.m.

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. by President Larry Johnson.

Secretary's Report was read by Barb Fritz-Muhlhausen. Motion to approve the Secretary's Report by Dwight Smith, second by Hank Lazarz. Motion passed.

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

Old Business:

Meat Raffle at Sabes Loft: Mark Kinneman reported approximately \$3,400 was raised. They did 9 rounds of meat. Thank you!

Motion by Pat Gutting, second by Mark Kinneman, to buy a round of drinks for everyone.
Motion passed.

Fair Booth – discussion took place regarding having a booth at the Pierce County Fair at the cost of \$165. Motion by Pat Gutting, second by Mary O’Neil, to have a fair booth. Motion passed.

Truck & Tractor Pull – a sign-up sheet was passed around to work security and we have the 12 volunteers needed. Motion by Mary O’Neil, second by Hank Lazarz, to go ahead and work security at the Truck & Tractor Pull at the Pierce County Fair. Motion passed.

Tax Exempt status was passed on February 16th and the final paperwork will be done.

Polaris Ride Command – discussion took place and new roads will be added to maps.

The WI Legislature is voting on whether to open the bridge in Durand to ATV/UTV traffic. Doug Brunner reported President Evan Mercer from Pepin has not said anymore.

Village of Ellsworth – Jack O’Neil reported all streets are open in the village and ATV/UTVs cannot drive on Hwy 10, 63 or 65 but you can cross the highways. Seven signs will be needed to post the perimeter of the village. Motion by Pat Gutting, second by Dwight Smith, to purchase signs for the Village of Ellsworth. Motion passed.

Bay City – we have a few new members from the area but not a lot of activity or support.

Diamond Bluff – Mark Kinneman has signs to put up but no help so the project is on hold. Discussion took place regarding different routes to acquire to get residents out of the town. Mark asked for a committee to help contact landowners and Scott Schoepp to get routes. Thank you to Pete Schommer and Abby Flynn for volunteering to be on the committee.

Spring Valley – everything going good.

Trenton – Sheldon Huppert reported access at the bottom of the Hager Hill is not going well. Too many landowners involved on private property needed. Maiden Rock Park is now open. All routes requested from Pierce County were approved. Sheldon asked members to come up and write down requests for additional routes needed yet and they will be prioritized.

Oak Grove – no calls.

New Business:

None

Member Comments:

Dwight Smith suggested a sergeant at arms is needed and Roberts Rules of Order need to be followed.

Pierce County Recreation Officer Jeremy Brookshaw reported most problems involving ATVs/UTVs are on private property and not many accidents reported. Jeremy explained there are two ways to open roads. One is through road routes and the other are county and state roads that are under local jurisdiction of cities, villages or towns, that have a speed limit of 35 mph or less. Enforcement is difficult as town ordinances cannot be enforced by County Officers. There is a need for all municipalities to follow the state laws regarding ATV/UTV usage. Discussion took place regarding town ordinances not being uniform. The same ordinance is given to all towns but towns made individual changes.

Sheldon Huppert had Pierce ATV/UTV maps with the latest road routes available for sale.

Mark Kinneman suggested a once a year club ride in August or September. Dwight Smith mentioned it could be a sponsored fundraiser.

Mark Kinneman asked who is responsible for Polaris Ride Command. Sheldon Huppert has been working with Pierce County GIS Specialist Kevin Etherton and in collaboration with Mark Helmer updates will be sent to Polaris Ride Command. May take a little time.

The next meeting will be held at the Ellsworth Country Club on May 16, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Randy Bayer will have food available for a fee with serving beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Motion by Tina Huppert, seconded by Ron Gutting, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by,
Barb Fritz-Muhlhausen
Secretary PCAA