

Pierce County ATV Association Minutes
Gas-Lite Bar & Grill, Ellsworth WI
April 19, 2021

Members Present: John & Jean Marko, Kevin & Diane Johnson, Scott & Joanne Gulbranson, Greg & Marcy Reid, Dwight & Leslie Smith, Mark & Sheri Christopherson, Mary & Jack O'Neil, Barb Murphy, Larry & Sharolyn Johnson, Tina Huppert, Barb Fritz-Muhlhausen, Darren Place, Sheldon Huppert, Kris & Paul Morris, Gary Huppert, Mark Kinneman, Tom Schutz, Glen & Cheryl Anderson, Travis Anderson, Cory Dodge, Mark Helmer, Dave & Kris Deiss, Randy & Sandy Bayer, Brian Stein, Pat Bayer, Caleb Beebe, Mike Gutting, Brent Becker, Ron Gutting, Daryl Fay, Doug & Judi Brunner, Ryan Warner, Jackson Hager, Donnie Sabby, Mark Blodgett, Matt Feuerhelm, Paul & Leah Frandsen, Guest Evan Mercer, Pepin County ATV President

The annual meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Larry Johnson. 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 Mark Helmer. Motion by Jack O'Neil to close nominations, seconded by Gary Huppert. Motion passed unanimously.

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

President Larry Johnson opened nominations for Vice-President. Tina Huppert nominated Darren Place for Vice-President, seconded by Tom Schutz. Motion by Mark Christopherson to close nominations, seconded by Jack O'Neil. Motion passed unanimously.

President Larry Johnson opened nominations for Secretary. Sharolyn Johnson nominated Barb Fritz-Muhlhausen for Secretary, seconded by Jack O'Neil. Motion by Kevin Johnson to close nominations, seconded by Mark Kinneman. Motion passed unanimously.

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

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

Elections were closed and the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 6:05 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, seconded by Jack O'Neil. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report was given by Tina Huppert. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by John Marko, seconded by Tom Schutz. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Sheldon Huppert reported the probation period for opened routes for Oak Grove Township is terminated.

President Johnson reported the Town of Clifton will vote on the ATV Route Ordinance on May 3, 2021.

The Valley Bar and Grill Update:

Gary Huppert reported bridges replaced and need to see if there is enough room to run a trail.

Town of Trenton:

Sheldon Huppert reported on the issues of the Hager hill with tenant and landowner concerns regarding traffic, noise and dust. Hoping to be able to skirt the perimeter and will work on access this summer.

President Johnson reported the Meat Raffle held at Sabes Loft in Bay City raised \$5,500 for the Pierce County ATV/UTV Association. Thank you to Mark Kinneman and his co-workers and Donnie Sabby for all their work. In return we need to get route/trail access and help get routes connected to Sabes Loft.

New Maps:

Mark Helmer from Helmer Printing said they are in the process of working on the new map and he had proofs for the Map Committee to look over after the meeting. It will be a little while before they are ready for printing but hoping around May 1st.

Pierce County Signing:

Cty W is signed

Doug Brunner explained the signed routes in the Plum City/Lund/Stockholm/Maiden Rock area to Pepin County line. The Village of Plum City, Maiden Rock and Stockholm is not open yet. Routes are signed.

Stockholm will be voting soon.

New Business:

Pierce County is going to fix the bridge on the railroad bed in Spring Valley. Trail may be closed for a while.

Village of Maiden Rock is considering if they want to open village to ATV/UTV traffic. Just getting started with the process but need Cty S so it will be next year before it could be opened.

Arkansas Creek Park Days are June 19, 2021, and they invited the club members to be in the parade. Treasurer Tina Huppert read the letter. A vote will be taken at the next meeting to decide on participation.

Pierce County Fair – August 12-15:

Fair Booth:

Sheldon Huppert explained the fair booth is good PR and raises awareness of the club. A large map would be on display with routes depicted and questions can be answered for fair participants. Safety information, ATV/UTV maps and membership forms are also available. The booth is located across from the 4-H Food Stand and Pierce County Sheriff Department booth and 8 complimentary tickets will be available for volunteers to work the booth. Motion by Sheldon Huppert, seconded by Darren Place to put the booth together. Motion passed. Gary Huppert suggested having the volunteer sign-up sheet at the July meeting.

Truck & Tractor Pull Fundraiser:

We would need 11 people to work security from 5 pm to midnight on Friday, August 13th. Volunteers will get into the Truck & Tractor Pull free and vests are provided. In return the Pierce County Fair pays the club \$425.

Motion by Jack O'Neil, seconded by Sheldon Huppert to do the fair booth and security at the Truck & Tractor Pull at the Pierce County Fair. Motion passed. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be available with booth sign-up.

Member Comments:

Doug Brunner said to get to Beav's Bar & Grill Main Street needs to be open in Plum City. Pierce County has jurisdiction and will try to open by next year. Currently you can park on a side street and walk to Beav's.

Jack O'Neil mentioned that all of Buffalo County town roads are now open along with Pepin County and almost all of Barron County. The speed limit in Barron County is 45 mph.

Hager City would be good to get open and get access to Vieth's and will need to work on it.

Pat Gutting mentioned a possible fundraiser could be with Bill's Distributing selling raffle tickets for Busch Light beer. Selling 1,000 tickets could raise \$5,000. No action taken.

Town of Clifton only has two roads open currently. Most town roads stop on county or state roads and are land locked.

Sheldon Huppert encouraged members to contact him to open road routes. Pierce County road routes gain access town by town. Need to have a destination, traffic count under 700 and several people to benefit to ask the county for approval to open. It takes several meetings to get approval and that can be worked on next winter.

Glen Anderson requested ways to gain access into Trenton. Discussion took place.

Tom Schutz talked to Jill Sears and she can make up hats, shirts, hoodies, etc. and sell for the association at an online store for a period of 2-3 weeks so she could print them all at once. Jill would bag up orders and they could be picked up. The association could add \$2 per hat, \$5 per hoodie, etc. to raise funds. Donnie Sabby suggested updating the logo to look more modern before selling new items online. UTV's should be included in the new logo. Discussion took

place. Mary O'Neil volunteered herself and Barb Murphy to meet with Jill Sears and work on a new logo and bring the logo back for a vote.

Member mentioned they could not hear the beginning of the meeting until a speaker was brought in. Jack O'Neil mentioned getting a better set-up for club meetings due to the larger membership the past couple years. Discussion took place regarding locations and purchasing a speaker system. Tom Schutz and Donnie Sabby volunteered to purchase a speaker system on behalf of the association. Motion by Jackson Hager, seconded by Pat Gutting, to allow Tom Schutz & Donnie Sabbie to purchase a speaker system. Motion was amended to add a cap of \$500. Motion passed.

Mark Kinneman reported Polaris Ride Command would update all our roads on their maps if Krystle sends them a pdf. Mark Helmer said he could also assist. In the future looking for a volunteer to update the little changes. Helmer Printing will update Polaris Ride Command.

Evan Mercer, Pepin County ATV/UTV Association President, mentioned Plum City having issues with ATV/UTV's blocking the road, open containers on rides posted on Facebook, kids not wearing helmets, find a good safe place to pull over and do not pull into road ditches. Evan encouraged members to be an advocate for the association.

The Map Committee was instructed to look at the proof of the new map Mark Helmer had.

The next meeting will be held at Broz Bar & Grill in Ellsworth on May 17, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Motion by Mark Kinneman, seconded by Donnie Sabby, to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by,
Barb Fritz-Muhlhausen
Secretary