

Pierce County Atv/Utv Association
May 18th Meeting @ 6:00 p.m., Potluck @ 5:00 p.m.
Gaylen & Sue Langer's

Members Present: Mark & Cathy Kinneman, Wanda & Butch Kinneman, Jack & Mary O'neil, Dave Deiss, Yvonne Blodgett Mary Hoffmyier, Yvonne Blodgett, Barb Fritz-Mulhausen, Everett Muhlhausen, Sheldon Huppert, Roger & Delores Fritz, Janice & Jim Ottman, Tom Schutz, John & Jean Marko, Kevin & Diane Johnson, John & Monica Lewis, Dan & Wendy Smith, Jamie Langer, Dawn Kobs, Gaylen & Sue Langer, Randy Bayer, Brian Stein, Gene Benck, Tom & Jackie Norbury, Joe & Sue Strong, Kim & Phil Deiss, Gary D. Huppert, Gary R. Huppert, Jim & Tony Bergman, Jeremy Brookshaw and Mike McFadden.

Meeting called to order by Jack O'Neil 6:02 p.m.

Secretary's Report read by Cathy Kinneman and motion to accept the minutes by Tom Schutz and Phil Deiss.

Treasurer's Report read by Wanda Kinneman and motion to accept by Sue Langer and Cathy Kinneman.

Old Business:

Dave Deiss has posters and raffle tickets for the 2026 Polaris and will disperse tickets to members.

Scavenger Hunt update from Wendy Smith & Mary O'Neil: 24 bars are currently participating, hoping to add a few more to the list. The list should be finalized within the next week and printed after that. Dates are June 15th to September 15th. Captain Jack's will not be included. Given the issues with the closed trail, committee members didn't want to encourage UTV riders to go on the trail that's been closed to the bar even though participants don't have to travel via UTV to participate.

The closing of the trail to Captain Jack's was shared by Mark Kinneman and Dave Deiss. Last year during heavy rainfall, the trail was closed, signs were posted, but riders ignored them. This caused deep ruts to the landowner's field and resulted in permanent closure at the landowner's request. The issue will need to be addressed between Captain Jack's and the landowner. Jeremy Brookshaw, a local police officer and member of our club, offered to speak with individuals that ride on closed trails to avoid this from happening again. It would be a conversation rather than a citation.

Captain Jack's still plan on being a business member of our association and hosting a meat raffle for us.

Jack O'Neil talked to M&M Lawn & Leisure, Pine Island (where the Polaris Ranger was purchased for the raffle) they generously will contribute \$1,000 as a sponsor of the UTV raffle

and want to be exclusively listed as such on the tickets. Cathy Kinneman will send an invoice to them for their donation.

Dave Deiss followed up with the Village of Ellsworth regarding access to Main Street. The village is considering the request. Phil Deiss asked if Ellsworth can open Main Street to ATV traffic given it's a state highway. Jeremy Brookshaw explained the village may do so because the speed limit is 35 mph. Also, road construction begins soon to East End, having main street open would help.

Jill Sears asked if we plan to offer clothing orders again this year. The group will discuss this at the meeting next month.

Dave met with Ellsworth Rod & Gun to discuss reimbursement for ATV Safety class. They'll be sending us a bill for reimbursement. We plan to invite the kids that attended safety classes to a future meeting, yet to be determined. Dave spoke with the kids on the 2nd day of their class and shared what our club does and why safety & respect for driving ATVs is important.

New Business:

The Durand bridge hopes to open traffic for UTVs to cross in June once state approval and everything is signed. UTVs will need to exit at the stop lights in Durand after crossing the bridge to avoid going on the state hwy.

Status of Richardson property trail: The trail is open; there was confusion on land ownership.

Gaylen Langer received complaints about ATV traffic going through the yards of Todd Straub and Danny Huppert. Signs blocking traffic and barrels will be put up by club members. Jack O'Neil has the signs and barrels.

Membership enrollment: Cathy Kinneman & Krystle Holt are looking into updating the club's website to add online membership enrollment. They're also researching "Google for Non-Profits" options to set up free email accounts and utilize other features that may be of use.

Dave Deiss asked for a list of businesses that are no longer active members so he can start visiting them. Cathy Kinneman will send via email.

A BIG THANK YOU to Gaylen and Sue Langer for hosting May's meeting!

Meeting adjourned by Jack O'Neil at 6:32 p.m.