## Pierce County ATV Association Minutes Sandbar, Elmwood, WI November 16, 2015

Members Present: Tina Huppert, Ken Majeski, Sheldon Huppert, Ron Wilkens, Ruth & Jeff Esanbock, Larry & Sharolyn Johnson, Barb & Everett Muhlhausen, Will McRoberts, Jeremy Brookshaw, Pierce County Recreation Officer

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

Secretary's Report was read by Barb Fritz-Muhlhausen. Motion to approve the Secretary's Report by Will McRoberts, second by Ron Wilkins. Motion passed.

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

## **Old Business:**

Will McRoberts introduced Jeremy Brookshaw, the Pierce County Recreation Officer. Jeremy attends snowmobile meetings and was invited to attend the ATV meetings.

President Larry Johnson announced the following updates:

- Pierce County Land Management Office has an ATV/UTV map on their website at <a href="http://www.co.pierce.wi.us/maps/countyATVmap.pdf">http://www.co.pierce.wi.us/maps/countyATVmap.pdf</a>. There are a few corrections to be made on the map. President Johnson had a copy he passed around.
- Town of Rock Elm renewed the ATV/UTV Ordinance. Village of Ellsworth and Town of Isabelle will renew in December.
- Tavern League meeting on November 2<sup>nd</sup> was attended by Larry Johnson, Tina Huppert, Jeff & Ruth Esanbock, Sheldon Huppert, and Ron Wilkens. Congratulations to Ron for winning \$100.
  Members attended to support effort for donations given out by the Tavern League. Mike from Baytown requested a thank you be sent to municipalities who opened routes and encourage other municipalities to open routes. Donations will be discussed at the Tavern League's next meeting.
- Off road trail to 730<sup>th</sup> Street was turned down but will check on 290<sup>th</sup> Avenue West. President Johnson talked to Mikael Andrews regarding routes. Goal is to be able to cross Highway 63.

Raffle fundraiser was discussed, but the Pierce County ATV Association is not a tax-exempt organization. Feuerhelm Langer Accounting said the Pierce County ATV Association does not have a large enough cash flow to do all the work required to obtain a tax-exempt status.

Ruth Esanbock reported on the October 25<sup>th</sup> ATV/UTV ride that began in Spring Valley. Weather was cool but a large group attended and they rode to Knapp, Coyotes, and back to Spring Valley.

## **New Business:**

No meeting scheduled in December – Merry Christmas everyone!

Christmas party will be held on January 18, 2016 at Clyde's Bar and Grill. Discussion took place regarding giving out free hamburger and fries to paid memberships as the treasury is low. Motion by Ruth Esanbock, second by Ron Wilkins, to have members purchase their own meal. Motion passed.

President Larry Johnson called Doug Watkins, Plum City Village President, to request a meeting to discuss getting the Town of Union to open up ATV/UTV routes next year. President Larry Johnson said the residents from the Town of Union have to make the request. Discussion took place.

## Member comments:

Jeremy Brookshaw, Pierce County Recreation Officer, asked about the El Paso Trail on the Eau Galle Property. Questions have been raised whether it is open to the public as there are not any signs posted. President Johnson will check with Arby Linder regarding the current status and report back at the next meeting.

It was noted that it is a criminal offense to possess any ATV/UTV signs.

Members that were present were encouraged to pay their membership fee to save on postage costs.

The next meeting will be January 18, 2016 at Clyde's in Beldenville. Motion by Will McRoberts, second by Everett Muhlhausen, to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectively submitted,

Barb Fritz-Muhlhausen