Pierce County ATV Association Minutes Exile Bar, Plum City, WI August 15, 2016

Members Present: Larry and Sharolyn Johnson, Darren Place, Tina Huppert, Everett & Barb Muhlhausen, Kurt, Cindy & Kyle Sundquist, Ken Majeski, Ron Wilkens, Betty Humphrey, Sheldon Huppert, Jerry Johnson, Jerry Punches, Steve and Jo Raechke

The meeting was called to order at 5:50 p.m. by President Larry Johnson.

Secretary's Report was read by Barb Fritz-Muhlhausen. Motion to approve the Secretary's Report by Tina Huppert, second by Ron Wilkens. Motion passed.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

The Pierce County Fair Tractor and Truck Pull was cancelled due to wet conditions.

President Johnson reported he signed the trail/waterway to Bendilly's Bar & Grill, Town of Isabelle 170th Avenue, and replaced signs missing by Shopko.

County Board will vote on Cty VV & EE on August 23rd – Ordinance No. 16-01 Amend Chapter 172, Section 172-15(B) of the Pierce County Code Parks & Recreation. Members were encouraged to call or write their County Board Supervisor to pass the ordinance. Barb will email members to remind them. Discussion took place, and it is advantageous to spread the traffic out. Esdaile is isolated and with the passing of the ordinance, they can get out.

Vice-President Darren Place reported on the ATV/UTV Pull in conjunction with the Tractor Pull at Bendilly's Bar and Grill, which will be Saturday, September 10th. Darren presented information on a pull he found on the internet which was very helpful. Discussion took place. We will need 6 people to help the entire day and we had 4 volunteers, Darren, Sheldon, Tina and Ron, and we assume Scott will help. Registration is from 8 to 10:00 a.m. and volunteers should be there at 9:00 a.m. Motion by Ron Wilkens, second by Tina Huppert, to go ahead and charge \$10 per hook up, and prizes will be dependent on registration. Motion passed.

The IRS accepted our change in date for the tax year. Thanks to Barb McLaughlin for helping to fill out the application!

NEW BUSINESS:

President Johnson reported that he needs more signs. Motion by Tina Huppert, second by Betty Humphrey, to purchase 6 more route signs and 40 arrows. Motion passed.

Town of Hartland discussed closing 620th to avoid going past a resident's home who had a complaint. President Johnson signed arrows to divert some traffic around a residence, but the Town of Hartland decided to keep 620th open.

President Larry and Sharolyn Johnson attended the WATVA Northwest Regional Meeting. Legislation states winter ATV/UTV use on snowmobile trails must have summer use also to be reimbursed \$250 per mile for UTV's and \$100 for ATV's. WATVA is trying to get funding back that they lost last year. Members are encouraged to contact their state representatives to change the law so they don't have to have summer and winter use on snowmobile trails to obtain funding.

Member Comments:

Sheldon Huppert said we should have the waterway mowed ahead of time and given a little chance to grow before the ATV/UTV pull. Darren will talk to Tom to see if he will mow it. Sheldon also volunteered to keep the trail in the ditch along Cty V mowed. Thanks Sheldon!

Jeremy Brookshaw, Pierce County Recreation Officer, informed the group about an AMA sanctioned event held in Pierce County recently. It was hosted by Valley Springs Hill Climb Club and went across 130 miles of private land for off road use with less than 30% on road. They had a conditional use permit.

President Johnson mentioned that Birchwood has 70 easements so they can ride private trail all summer. Pierce County requires a minimum of 7 miles of trail to receive funding.

The next meeting will be Monday, September 19 at Subway at Team Oil Travel Center in Spring Valley. Motion by Tina Huppert, second by Jerry Johnson, to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Barb Fritz-Muhlhausen