

Pierce County ATV/UTV Association Minutes  
Ellsworth Country Club, Ellsworth WI  
April 17, 2023

Members Present: Roger & Delores Fritz, Yvonne Blodgett, Hank & Marge Lazarz, Kevin & Diane Johnson, Scott & Joanne Gulbranson, John & Jean Marko, Linda Townsend, Barbara LaCroix, Denise & Dan Hager, Steve & Judy Sampson, Gary Huppert, Butch Kinneman, David Deiss, Scott Ryden, Brian Stein, Tina Ryden, Greg & Marcy Reid, Dwight & Leslie Smith, Sheldon Huppert, Darren Place, Daryl Fay, Gaylen Langer, Bill Bakalich, Mark Denzer, Lisa Brown, Craig Dressel, Mark & Tammy Blodgett, Mike Johnson, Dick Nelson, Greg DesLauriers, Jason Marks, Brian Kemmerer, Jetta Olson, Mark Kinneman, Jack O'Neil, Barb Fritz-Muhlhausen, Dennis Swanson, Tina Huppert, Pierce County Recreation Officer Jeremy Brookshaw

Vice-President Darren Place called the annual meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Vice-President Darren Place opened nominations for President. John Marko nominated Jack O'Neil for President, second by Kevin Johnson. Motion by Jack O'Neil nominated Dave Deiss, second by Sheldon Huppert. Motion by Gary Huppert to close nominations, second by Daryl Fay. Voting was taken by show of hands – Jack O'Neil 38, Dave Deiss 6. Motion passed unanimously for Jack O'Neil for President.

Vice-President Darren Place opened nominations for Vice President. Jack O'Neil nominated Dave Deiss for Vice-President, second by Dan Hager. Motion by Daryl Fay to close nominations, second by Hank Lazarz. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice-President Darren Place opened nominations for Secretary. Barb Fritz-Muhlhausen nominated Denise Hager for Secretary, second by Darren Place. Motion by Dwight Smith to close nominations, second by Daryl Fay. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice-President Darren Place opened nominations for Treasurer. Sheldon Huppert nominated Tina Huppert for Treasurer, second by Kevin Johnson. Motion by Daryl Fay to close nominations, second by Hank Lazarz. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice-President Darren Place opened nominations for 3 openings for the Board of Directors. Sheldon Huppert, Mark Kinneman and Gary Huppert were nominated for Board of Directors. Motion by Dan Hager to close nominations, second by Mark Blodgett. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mark Kinneman, second by Hank Lazarz, to adjourn the annual meeting at 6:11 p.m. Motion passed.

The monthly meeting was called to order at 6:11 p.m. by Vice-President Darren Place.

Secretary's Report was distributed & emailed by Barb Fritz-Muhlhausen. Motion to approve the Secretary's Report by Daryl Fay, second by Mike Johnson. Motion passed.

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

#### Old Business:

Update on Visits to Towns to Update Ordinances to WI State Statute 23.33 – Sheldon Huppert reported they have been attending several town meetings and making progress. Hope to have ordinances completed by fall so committee can meet during the winter with Highway Commissioner Chad Johnson, Neil Gulbranson and Highway Traffic Safety Committee to collect traffic count numbers and come up with a list of county roads to open. The ATV/UTV Association will not make the decision on which roads will be open but will have input.

Pepin County President Evan Mercer will get on the agenda with the Town of Union for Pepin County and will be glad to help Pierce County with securing ordinances.

Fair Booth – Tina Huppert reported the cost of the booth originally was \$165 but the paperwork came, and it is \$172. Motion by Dwight Smith, second by Roger Fritz, to pay \$172 for the Fair Booth. Motion passed. Vice-President Darren Place talked to the Fair Coordinator about moving our booth and was advised to keep the booth on Row A as we would never get it back. Darren made the decision to keep our booth on Row A.

Clothing Fundraiser – Tina Huppert explained there is a \$100 start-up fee for jackets purchased from Designs by Jill. Motion by Mark Kinneman, second by Dwight Smith, to pay the \$100. Motion passed. Jill can embroider the ATV/UTV applique on the back for an additional cost of \$25 per jacket, plus \$5 if you want your name added. Tina had samples of jackets to look at and members were advised to stop in and try clothing on for correct sizes at Designs by Jill, W6054 410<sup>th</sup> Ave, Ellsworth. Online ordering for all clothing will start Tuesday, April 18 immediately after receiving your email with the online link and continue for one week until 11:59 am (almost noon) on Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. Sorry, no late orders will be accepted. Mark Kinneman asked about large stickers for ATV/UTV's and he will check with Jill.

#### Any Other Old Business:

Vice-President Darren Place read and passed around the thank you card from the Ellsworth Fire Department for our donation.

New Business:

Sheldon Huppert reported the Village of Bay City is open to ATV/UTV traffic and we need to sign the Village of Bay City. Only one sign is needed, and Dave Deiss volunteered to make up a sign to post that all streets are open. We need to get a copy of the ordinance from the Village of Bay City.

Member Comments:

Town of Rock Elm wants extra signs taken down.

Pierce County Recreation Officer Jeremy Brookshaw confirmed that three-wheelers are allowed on town roads as long as they are registered and have lights.

Pepin County President Evan Mercer commented Pepin County spent over \$20,000 putting up signage in Pepin County and now have to remove much of the signage per DOT.

Vice-President Darren Place thanked Randy Bayer for providing the meal.

Jack O'Neil would like to have the special needs kids ride again on his property and the Lions Club offered to insure the event but there could be no alcohol on the premises.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 15th at 6:00 pm at Gaylen & Sue Langer's Garage, N6385 750<sup>th</sup> St, Beldenville, WI.

Motion by Daryl Fay, second by Roger Fritz, to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Barb Fritz-Muhlhausen  
Secretary