

Pierce County ATV Association Minutes

May 20, 2013

T-Bar – Ellsworth, WI

Members Present: Larry Johnson, Sharolyn Johnson, Tina Huppert, Ken Majeski, Barb Fritz-Muhlhausen, Jerry PUNCHES, Barb McLaughlin, Jerry Johnson, Ken Books, June Books, Dan & Barb Ellefson

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

Treasurer's Report was given by Tina Huppert. Motion by Jerry PUNCHES, second by Jerry Johnson, to approve Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report was distributed by Barb Fritz-Muhlhausen. Motion to accept the Secretary's Report by Tina Huppert, second by Jerry PUNCHES. Motion passed.

Member's Comments:

Tina Huppert brought forward the T-shirt supply on hand. Discussion took place on how to disperse them. It was decided we need to get an inventory of sizes and colors we have.

Old Business:

Still waiting for the signed letter from the Town of Spring Lake on County B.

Thanks were given to Ken Majeski, Larry Johnson, and Jerry Johnson for putting up posts & signs in the Town of Rock Elm.

Jerry PUNCHES reminded members of the upcoming trail rides:

- Iron River – Memorial Day Weekend
- Jackson County – 4th of July
- Birchwood – Labor Day Weekend

Discussion took place on printing new maps. Jerry PUNCHES will check with UPS in Hudson, Barb Fritz-Muhlhausen will check with snowmobile map printer and report back at the next meeting. Motion by Jerry PUNCHES, second by Jerry Johnson, to print 30 more maps through Jill Sears to fill current requests.

New Business:

President Larry Johnson informed the group that the free public registration weekend is June 1 & 2, 2013 – anyone can ride on trails in WI as long as their machines are registered. Only public registration needs license plate – farmers do not need plates. DNR signing guide is only a guide, not law.

Land Management Director Andy Pichotta informed President Larry Johnson that the Outdoor Recreation Plan needs to be developed by this summer. The Pierce County ATV Association would like to include developing trails to connect to other counties for one item. This is an opportunity to include items that we can foresee for the future. Andy Pichotta informed Johnson he will write the ordinance.

ORV Trail maintenance has been increased from \$450 to \$600 per mile. No more money will be used for campgrounds according to Diane Conklin with DNR Grant Program.

Vice-President Darren Place attended the Town of Trenton Board meeting and the Town would like to go with a public hearing next month to allow ATV/UTV traffic on Town roads. A sample ordinance was mailed to Trenton Town Board members. Discussion took place as to cost of signing Trenton if the ordinance passes. Motion by Barb Fritz-Muhlhausen,

second by Tina Huppert, that if Trenton passes the ATV/UTV Ordinance, the Pierce County ATV Association should make a recommendation to the Trenton Town Board regarding signage and recommend less than minimum signage such as routes that connect to travel through the Town of Trenton and roads entering Trenton. At a later date more signs could be added upon request and per funding.

President Larry Johnson requested members try to increase our member and business memberships to raise funds for future signage.

Dick Wall was not present so tabled discussion on off-road trail.

Attendance application will be mailed in for the Cheese Curd Parade which is June 30th and members are encouraged to participate in the parade.

The next meeting will be on June 17 at 6:00 p.m. at Sneakers Pub & Eatery in Spring Valley.

Motion by Jerry Punches, second by Jerry Johnson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by,
Barb Fritz-Muhlhausen, Secretary