

Pierce County ATV Association Minutes
Broz Bar & Grill, Ellsworth WI
May 17, 2021

Members Present: Larry & Sharolyn Johnson, Everett & Barb Muhlhausen, Sheldon Huppert, Tina Huppert, Hank & Marge Lazarz, Jack & Mary O'Neil, Kevin & Diane Johnson, John & Jean Marko, Joanne Ottman, Scott & Joanne Gulbranson, Dwight Smith, Scott Henrich, Greg Reid, Gaylen Langer, Caleb Beebe, Gary Huppert, Paul & Leah Frandsen, Jerry & Maggie Sprick, Ron Gutting, Randy Bayer, Brian Stein, Ryan Warner, Donnie Sabby, Pat Gutting, Guests Joe & Sue Strong

The monthly 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 Tina Huppert, second by Sharolyn Johnson. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report was given by Tina Huppert. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Pat Gutting, second by Hank Lazarz. Motion passed.

Old Business:

New Logo:

Mary O'Neil had several examples of new updated logos and a copy was passed around and members voted and one logo was picked. Mary will contact Jill Sears to set up a website to order merchandise and orders will be bagged and can be picked up at Jill Sears. Mary will contact Barb who will send out a mass email when the ordering online is ready. After discussion a fee of \$3.00 will be added to each item purchased to go to the ATV Association for fundraising. The ATV/UTV Map will still have the old logo on it this year due to time restraints.

Plum City had 12 riders come into the village and did not follow signs but didn't stay long.

Town of Stockholm was voting tonight on ATV road routes.

Mark Helmer reported several more revisions were made and he had a sample for members to look at. The Map Committee will look over the map after the meeting and maps can be ready in two weeks if the sample is approved tonight.

Jack O'Neil mentioned St. Croix County is doing new maps and will be ready shortly.

New Business:

President Johnson asked about having a person in charge of fundraising for the association and Mark Kinneman and Donnie Sabby volunteered. Motion by Tina Huppert, seconded by Gaylen Langer, to accept Mark Kinneman and Donnie Sabby to be on the Fundraising Committee. Motion passed.

Status of ATV/UTV Association will remain as is – members did not want a tax exempt organization.

President Johnson and Sheldon Huppert asked for requests for new county road routes so they can start working on requests earlier as traffic counts have to be done by Pierce County. Doing 5 routes per year costs approximately \$2,000 for signage. Sheldon reminded members route requests need to have a destination, low traffic count, which is under 700 per day, connecting to other routes and several people to benefit to ask the county for approval to open. Several road opening possibilities were discussed. Contact Sheldon Huppert with a map marked with requests.

Member Comments:

Riding issues:

- Sheldon Huppert encouraged members to keep speeds down and keep the peace.
- Jack O'Neil reminded riders to use hand signals to oncoming vehicles depicting the number of people behind you.
- Pat Gutting mentioned if you are leading a group use the "slow down" hand signal to oncoming traffic.
- Mark Kinneman was approached regarding ATV's putting ruts crosswise in the road in the gravel.
- Sheldon Huppert remarked if you see kids abusing riding privileges follow them home and talk to parents.
- President Johnson mentioned if the kids are under 16 years of age, Mom & Dad may get a ticket.

Discussion took place regarding placing signs in locations with issues and remove them and move to other locations as problems arise. Motion by Pat Gutting, seconded by Ron Gutting, to table purchasing warning signs. Motion passed.

Mark Kinneman mentioned Showdown in Curdtown on June 12th needed volunteers to donate their time to help.

Motion by Mark Kinneman, seconded by Jack O'Neil, that the club purchase a round of drinks. Motion passed.

The next meeting will be held at Beav's Restaurant & Tavern on June 21st, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Pat Gutting, seconded by Hank Lazarz, to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by,
Barb Fritz-Muhlhausen
Secretary