

Pierce County ATV Association Minutes
Common Man Brewing, Ellsworth WI
June 28, 2016

Members Present: Larry and Sharolyn Johnson, Sheldon Huppert, Darren Place, Tina Huppert, Everett & Barb Muhlhausen, Kurt, Cindy & Kyle Sundquist, Ken Majeski, Will McRoberts, Ron Wilkens, Betty Humphrey, Mike Johnson, Adam Johnson, Gaylen Langer, Jeremy Brookshaw, Scott Jones, Ruth & Jeff Esanbock, Beth & Tom Gotzman

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 Sharolyn Johnson, second by Sheldon Huppert. Motion passed.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

President Johnson attended the Highway Committee meeting and they turned down the route on Cty EE but a motion was made by Bill Schroeder to open Cty VV from Hwy 35 to Hwy 63. Motion was passed by the Highway Committee and will go on to Finance and Personnel Committee next.

Truck and tractor pull volunteers for security at the Pierce County Fair are still needed.

Highway Commissioner Chad Johnson was going to do a traffic count on Cty N in June. Discussion took place regarding options for access to Lawton. Bar owner Kenny is in favor of erecting a fence on private property and would bring in equipment to help, but we need approval from another landowner yet. Discussion took place. Motion by Gaylen Langer, second by Darren Place, to pursue both the county route and private trail options to gain access to Lawton. Motion passed.

President Johnson distributed the new Pierce County ATV maps and has ordered 50 more maps that are still coming from Jill Sears. More maps were ordered because Everett Muhlhausen donated \$200 toward maps. Thank you Everett!

President Johnson asked Jeremy Brookshaw if there have been any ATV problems. Jeremy said there has been some activity such as enforcement of riding after dark. The Sheriff Dept. has no authority for enforcement only the town chairman. Some residents feel like they were misled regarding this issue. Discussion took place; options may be to take time out of ordinances, make all ordinances the same, and specify how ordinance is enforced. Also suggested writing a letter to be sent out to town chairmen.

NEW BUSINESS:

Vice-President Darren Place requested a release form to give to the landowner to allow ATV's/UTV's to use the waterway from 750th Street to Bendilly's by the way of the Bartlett water run. Thank you to Darren for securing Bendilly's as a business sponsor. Motion by Everett Muhlhausen, second by Ron Wilkens, to proceed with procuring permission and necessary release form. Motion passed.

Darren talked with Ricky Jensen, owner/operator of the pulling sled for the Antique Tractor Pull on September 10th sponsored by Bendillys. Darren asked if we want to pursue an ATV pull there and have a couple classes between tractor classes as the sled would be rented by Bendilly's for both events. The ATV association would need 6 or 7 people to help with the event and we would get a \$10 hook-up fee to the sled for each ATV pulling. Darren will get more information. No action taken.

Spring Valley Railroad washed out again and county has not finished the repairs and now will have to start over. Pierce County does not have a permit to clean out debris in the creek. The trail is passable but needs fill on the approach. President Johnson asked if we want to pursue Cty B to 250th Street down into Spring Valley by the storage units. Motion by Tina Huppert, second by Ron Wilkens, to pursue Cty B to 250th Street down into Spring Valley. Motion passed. The process will start in September.

President Johnson asked for member's help on the Richardson property as it needs some repair to trim out the trail and divert water. President Johnson will talk to Richardsons.

T-Shirts and hats were available for sale for \$10.00 each.

Thank you to Andy Schaffner for putting up post on the Richardson property.

Member Comments:

Vice-President Darren Place asked about mowing the trail on the Westfield Property. Thank you to Sheldon Huppert for volunteering to mow it.

Jeff Esanbock asked about washout on Arnesons Railroad Bed. Asked about using a skid steer to ramp it up for side by sides.

Jeremy Brookshaw said a lot of ATV activity – some complaints, non-registration, underage riders – it has been busy and a lot of education is needed.

Vice-President Darren Place asked about changing meeting locations so members would have more daylight in summer months to ride to locations such as Elmwood. Motion by Darren Place, second by Betty Humphrey, to change locations as follows:

July 18 – Sandbar in Elmwood

August 15 – Exile

September 19 – Subway at Team Oil Travel Center, Spring Valley

October 17 – Sneakers Pub & Eatery in Spring Valley
November 21 – Bendilly's, Ellsworth
January 16, 2017 – El Paso Bar and Grill

Motion passed.

Thank you to Ken Majeski, our webmaster, for making all these changes!!!

Sheldon Huppert asked about securing more volunteers for the Pierce County Fair Truck and Tractor pull. Gaylen Langer volunteered. More volunteers are still needed.

The next meeting will be Monday, July 18th at the Sandbar in Elmwood. Motion by Everett Muhlhausen, second by Sharolyn Johnson, to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Fritz-Muhlhausen