

# Pierce County ATV Association, Inc. Bylaws

## Article I - Name and Purposes

### Section I - Name

The name of this association shall be "Pierce County ATV Association, Inc."

### Section II - Purpose

This non-profit, membership association is established in order to support All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) enthusiasts, as well as to promote the sport in Pierce County of Wisconsin. The association's principle goals are:

- To promote the practice of safe and responsible riding habits, being respectful to landowners, the environment, other trail users, local residents, and other ATV riders.
- To work with Local, State, and Federal Government agencies as well as other associations, clubs, and organizations to preserve and expand ATV riding privileges through involvement in the designation, establishment, and maintenance of trail systems in Pierce County.
- To aid as a communication link for local ATV enthusiasts and to act as an organized voice providing representation for the concerns of ATV riders in our area. The Association also provides a forum for riders to contact one another concerning organized rides, expressing opinions and concerns, etc.

### Section III - Code for ATV Riding

We strive to lead by example by being good and responsible ATV operators. We recognize that people will judge all ATV owners by our own actions - every rider does make a difference. We will use our influence with other ATV riders to promote sportsman-like conduct.

We strive to stay on trails and not tear up sides of trails and hills, to not litter trails or pollute streams, rivers, and lakes, and to be respectful to the environment, i.e., "treading lightly" in our travels.

We strive to respect property owner's rights and to not be an annoyance to local residents.

We strive to not interfere with or harass hikers, mountain bikers, horseback riders, fishermen, hunters, skiers, etc.

We strive to ride only in authorized areas when traveling cross-country.

We strive to not harass or harm wildlife or livestock in our travels.

### Section IV - Form of Entity

This Association shall be organized as a non-profit membership corporation for legal and tax reporting purposes.

## **Article II - Membership, Initiation Fees, and Dues**

### **Section I - Composition**

Membership in this Association shall be determined on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to race, color, or national origin.

### **Section II - Number**

There shall be at least twelve (12) people comprising the total Association membership for it to continue.

### **Section III - Term of Membership**

The term of membership shall be annual ending at the April monthly meeting.

### **Section IV - Initiation Fees and Dues**

The initiation fee and/or dues shall be \$20.00 (twenty dollars) per person, and \$40.00 (forty dollars) for businesses. Business memberships shall not be pro-rated.

### **Section V - Distribution of Funds**

All funds acquired by initiation fees, dues, or Association-sponsored events shall be used for Association expenses and such educational, recreational, or charitable activities within Association purposes as the Officers shall designate. All expenditures shall be approved by a majority of the members present at a monthly meeting. Treasurer is authorized to spend up to \$200.00 (two-hundred dollars) per year for office supplies.

## **Article III - Officers**

### **Section I - Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee of the Association shall consist of the four (4) Officers and the three (3) members of the Board of Directors.

The Officers of the Association shall be President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

The Board of Directors of the Association shall consist of three (3) members elected at large from the current members of the Association.

### **Section II - Terms of Office**

The Executive Committee members, the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and three Board of Directors shall be elected for a term of one (1) year at the annual meeting.

To maintain status as a member of the Board of Directors, two-thirds (2/3) of the monthly meetings (i.e. 8 out of any 12 consecutive meetings) must be attended.

### **Section III - Method of Election**

1. Nominations for Executive Committee members shall be made from the floor at the annual meeting.
2. A voice vote will be taken by Association members for each nominee.
3. All Executive Committee members shall take office immediately upon election and hold office for one term and until their successors have been elected and duly installed.
4. If a majority of members feel an Officer or Board of Director member is not following through with their job they may be removed from office by a majority vote of the members. A new Officer or Board Member shall then be elected.

### **Section IV - Duties**

**President** - The President shall be the chief officer of the Association and shall preside at all meetings of the membership. The President shall appoint all standing committees and be an ex-officio member thereof. The President shall have general powers and duties of supervision and management usually vested in the office of a president of an organization.

**Vice-President** - The Vice-President shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President during the absence or disability of the President.

**Secretary** - The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the members and shall take and preserve a copy of the minutes of all proceedings. The Secretary shall give all notices required by these By-laws and perform other duties as may be delegated by the President.

**Treasurer** - The Treasurer shall have custody of all of the Association's funds and shall keep books reflecting a full and accurate accounting of all receipts and disbursements made by the Association. The Treasurer shall disburse the funds of the Association as ordered and shall render a Treasurer's report at all meetings of the Association.

## **Article IV - Fiscal Year**

The fiscal year of the Association shall commence from July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **Article V - Meetings**

### **Section I - Annual Meetings**

The annual meeting of the membership shall be each year before the regular monthly meeting in April.

### **Section II - Monthly Meetings**

Monthly meetings of the Association shall be held on a monthly basis unless the majority of members present determine that monthly meetings are not necessary for a period of time. A fifteen (15) day notice shall be given to all members prior to changing the regular day and/or time of the monthly meeting.

### **Section III - Special Meetings**

Special meetings of the Association may be called by the President or upon the request of the Officers.

## **Section IV - General**

The members present at a regular or special meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Each Individual Membership shall be entitled to one (1) vote.

## **Article VI - Committees**

The President shall appoint committees deemed necessary by the Officers for situations or events.

## **Article VII – Bylaws Amendments**

Amendments may be made at an annual, regular, or special meeting by a majority vote of those members present.

## **Article VIII - Chapters**

### **Section I - Chapter Bylaws**

All Chapters of the Pierce County ATV Association, Inc. ("PCAA") agree to accept and abide by the PCAA Bylaws.

### **Section II - Chapter Membership Dues**

All Membership Dues will be paid to the PCAA and not to the Chapter of the PCAA.

### **Section III - Chapter Fundraisers**

Any assets generated by fundraisers put on by a PCAA Chapter will stay with the Chapter.

### **Section IV - Chapter Meetings**

At least 2 members from the PCAA must be in attendance at all PCAA Chapter meetings.

### **Section V - Chapter Trails and Routes**

Any ATV trails or routes being proposed by a PCAA Chapter must be brought up at a monthly or annual meeting of the PCAA.

### **Section VI - Chapter Bylaw Violations**

All PCAA Chapters must abide by the PCAA Bylaws. Any violation of the Bylaws by a Chapter will be given 30 days to be corrected or the Chapter will be subject to termination by the PCAA.