

## Turf and Tundra ATV Club Meeting Minutes, May 20, 2022 @ Club Barn

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### Secretary's Report

The Secretary's Report (meeting minutes) are sent via email to members with valid email address and are also posted on the Turf and Tundra website. If you have an email address and ARE NOT receiving the minutes, please email the Club Secretary at [TandTATVClub@gmail.com](mailto:TandTATVClub@gmail.com).

### Financial Report

The financial report overview is as follows:

|                        |           |             |
|------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| <b>Opening Balance</b> |           | \$42,135.89 |
| <b>Income</b>          |           | \$ 240.00   |
| Memberships            | \$ 25.00  |             |
| Merchandise            | \$ 165.00 |             |
| Map Ads                | \$ 50.00  |             |
| <b>Expenses</b>        |           | \$12,456.23 |
| <b>Ending Balance</b>  |           | \$29,919.66 |

Copies of detailed financial reports available upon request.

### Trails & Equipment

The equipment is up and running for the season, except for the post-hole digger. The groomers have been working with the bush-hog and next they will put on the drag and will be out grooming every day leading up to the opening of the trails on Friday, May 27.

The forestry department changed a small portion of Trail 925 behind Hillside on the west side of the boardwalk bridge to straighten the corner before the bridge. Trail 925 east of Hillside between the two bridges by the dam had a washout. Ken Parent fixed the wash-out. Hopkins still needs to install some gravel to prevent additional washouts in the future.

Thank you, Dave Luka, for organizing trail clean up on Earth Day. Thank you to those who volunteered to clean up the trails, especially since the weather was less than cooperative!

Last month we reported that the Club bought a new tool for removing gravel off the pavement and trail crossings. Duane worked with the new paddle broom and said it works great. We will look at purchasing a second one during this season.

Dan Bullis suggested that we ask for volunteers to have a road sweeping 'crew/couple' to adopt a road/trail crossing. We will pull together list of locations and discuss it at the June meeting. If you have interest, please contact Dan Bullis at [dan.bullis58@gmail.com](mailto:dan.bullis58@gmail.com).

Thank you to those that have stepped forward to 'adopt a trail.' If interested in adopting a trail, contact Ron Gray for more information.

The club is still looking for groomers, mowers, trail workers, mechanics, and welders. If you have the time, we would appreciate you stepping forward to volunteer. Contact Dan Bullis our Trail Boss at [dan.bullis58@gmail.com](mailto:dan.bullis58@gmail.com) or Ron Gray our President, at 715-259-3405 if you are interested. Necessary training will be provided. Dan Bullis will be contacting past groomers for their availability this season.

### **New Business**

Garry Brooks reported that we had 17 individuals that participated in the Trail Ambassador training on May 14<sup>th</sup> at Voyager Village. Field training will be during Memorial weekend. That brings the Club to a total of 19 ambassadors! We went from having the smallest group of ambassadors to the largest group in one season! Thank you, volunteers!

If anyone in the club would like to be CPR training, please contact Garry Brooks. This is NOT a card carrying/certified CPR trained. The cost would be \$30-\$35.

Sue Smedegard asked Garry if they could participate in the Jordan Buck event in Danbury in the fall. Garry asked if the club was able to purchase a flag/banner for ambassador events. Approximate price is \$350. It was decided that the club will purchase the flag/banner.

If you are interested - Trail Ambassador training consists of on-line computer training and a background check and of course hands on training. The time commitment is only 8 hours per season. However, you can patrol more hours than that in a season, should you choose to. Basically, you are out there informing the riders, you are not the 'police'. Ambassadors are all about safety, awareness, and education. This is NOT an enforcement position.

Turf & Tundra will be hosting the regional meeting at the Club Barn on August 20. We will report more information as it becomes available. It will start out with a short meeting, a ride, led by the trail ambassadors, and then the Club will provide lunch. Garry will be checking on food prices should we decide to have the event catered. More information will be provided in the coming weeks.

The Club officers and Board members recently met to discuss changes to the By-laws for the Club. The current by-laws have not been updated since 2011. The updated by-laws will be sent out for comment and vote at a future meeting. One of the proposed changes to the by-laws is the staggering of elections for both officers and board members. By doing this we do not have all officers and or board members changing at the same time. This will allow for smoother transition of new officers/board members coming into the fold.

Elections will take place this year. Three of the four positions will be open (President, Vice President, and Secretary). Nominations for officers will take place at the June meeting with the election taking place at the August meeting. The term for officer positions is two years. If you are interested in one of the positions and have questions, do not hesitate to reach out to the current officer if you have questions about the duties of the position.

Ginny Luca and Sue Weiss, our merchandise volunteers had shirts, hats, dust masks, and heat transfers available for sale. Shirts and hats are only \$15.00 each, and dust masks and heat transfers are only

\$5.00. Apparel will be available at future club meetings but if you are unable to get to a meeting, contact either Ginny or Sue directly at [ginluka26@gmail.com](mailto:ginluka26@gmail.com) or [susanweiss51@yahoo.com](mailto:susanweiss51@yahoo.com) on how you can purchase a shirt (or two).

Membership renewals were sent out early May. Thank you to those that have renewed your membership. Renewals will be processed in bulk so don't be nervous if your check doesn't clear immediately. Memberships expire June 30<sup>th</sup>. Darcy will send out email reminders in early July to those that have not renewed.

New maps are available. Maps have been delivered to all the businesses. Dave Luca has posted trail maps and membership cards at the 'chalet.'

The port-a-potty will be cleaned every other week. If we find that it needs it more frequently, we will schedule accordingly.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

The Club email has been hacked. DO NOT open ANY emails 'suspect emails' from Darcy Long. ONLY club minutes are sent via email.

There was a question about the fire lanes in Burnett County. Fire lanes are closed to ATV until after September 15. There are a few fire lanes that are part of our trail system - they are clearly marked. The county is working toward rerouting trails to get us off fire lanes and roads.

A question was raised about July 4<sup>th</sup> events in Danbury this year. As information becomes available, we will share it.

A member reported that around South Bass Lake Road and West Bass Lake Road toward the Sand Bar, there has been lots of ATV traffic. The roads are getting damaged - people are doing donuts and such and tearing things up. Word needs to get out that we may lose these roads if abuse continues to happen. Ron will be contacting the owners of the Voyager Village campground as well as the Sand Bar.

Another question came up about club rides during the weekends. As a reminder – anyone can sponsor a ride. If you are interested, please contact Ron Gray at 715-259-3405.

#### **REMINDERS:**

Several officer positions (President, Vice President, and Secretary) will all be vacant this Fall. Nominations for these positions will be held at the June meeting with elections at the August meeting. If you are interested in ANY of these volunteer opportunities – please talk to the individual holding the position to get more information as to time commitment, duties, etc.

Dirt bikes are NOT authorized on the trails. If you see dirt bikes on the trails, report it to the Burnett County Recreational Officer, at the Burnett County Sheriff's office.

#### **Upcoming events:**

Monthly meetings will take place at the Club Barn on FRIDAY evenings at 6:00 p.m. at the Club barn located on Namekagon Trail, on the following dates unless otherwise noted

June 17

July 15

August 27 (annual picnic) SATURDAY, Lumberjack Saloon

September 16

Club ride – Friday, June 3. Bruce & Denise Peyton will be leading the ride. Leaving club barn at 10:00 a.m., returning NLT 5:00 p.m.

WATVA Regional Meeting, Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, Club Barn

Annual Club Picnic, Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup>, at the Lumberjack Saloon in Webb Lake.

**Miscellaneous:**

There were 33 people in attendance for this meeting.

The next Turf and Tundra ATV Club Meeting will be on Friday, June 17, at 6:00 p.m. at the Club Barn located at 2616 Namekagon Trail.