

## Turf and Tundra ATV Club Meeting Minutes

**4/20/24 @ Webb Lake Tavern - called to order @ 11:00 am and adjourned at 11:34 am, 73 members in attendance.**

**Officers:** Dan Bullis: President 605.212.9926; Ron Sager: Vice President 763.331.5646; Cheryl Gray: Treasurer 715.259.3405; Donna Richardson: Secretary 763.443.1124

**Secretary's Report:** 9/16/23: Meeting minutes were submitted to membership by email and posted on the website. The minutes were approved as submitted.

**Treasurer's Report:** The financial report as of 4/20/24, was provided at the meeting and approved as submitted. The financial report overview is as follows:

September 16, 2023		
<b>Opening Balance</b>		\$68,194.02
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b>\$66,817.43</b>
April 20, 2023		
<b>Opening Balance</b>		\$66,817.43
<b>Income</b>		\$9,966.12
<b>Expenses</b>		\$20,884.23
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b>\$55,899.32</b>
Copies of detailed financial reports are available upon request.		

**Trail Ambassador's Report:** Eric & Garry attended the WAFTA annual meeting, where they learned of the 9.8 billion domestic income report that was provided to the state tourism association, which is income from ATVs/UTVs in WI. This includes all aspects, including manufacturing and business supporting ATV/UTV use, emphasizing the importance of supporting our sport in the legislature. Total trails in WI are 22,330 miles and 62,500 miles of road routes. Top citations in WI 1) riding on state highways, 2) no helmet under 17, 3) no registration or trail pass, 4) youth no safety certificate. There were 32 fatalities in 2023; of those, one was wearing a helmet, most due to head injuries, and 57% were UTVs not wearing seatbelts and ejected. Trail funding increased from \$200 a trail mile to \$400, and increased DNR officer and county recreation officer funding. Our club will be adding 2 more trail ambassadors, plus we have a new trail cadet program for ages 16-18, with 2 to 3 kids recruited. All should be certified Memorial weekend. We have about 20 trail patrols. Law enforcement said speed & incidents were down due to this. If under 18, you must have a helmet on when riding an ATV/UTV. The maximum machine weight on the trails is 3,000 lbs. Some are trying to raise to 3,500 lbs. Most groups are against this as it is hard on trails. If it is approved, there will be an extra fee for those vehicles.

Turf and Tundra have been asked to help certify young drivers. Don Hamilton, from Wonderland Snowmobile Club, can help to certify some of our members to be certified ATV safety instructors. This will be incorporated into our ambassador program. If you are interested there will be more to come on this subject.

**TRAILS:** Reroutes on trail #7 going towards the Casey Loop will take ATVs off Frog Lake Road, up by Namekagon- Barrens trail #41 rerouted to Washburn county line, Blaine township has not but maybe signing no ATV traffic on roads in their area, reroute on trail #8 by Swiss Firelane that was completed last year and another by Carters Bridge Road. Be aware trails may look a little different this year.

Because of the mild winter, snowmobile clubs focused on brushing, signing, and trimming. The trails were never opened for snowmobile use but were open to ATV/UTV use and have gone all season with no grooming. The season-opening maintenance will be mostly focused on surface improvements like potholes and berms. If you get out on trails for maintenance, there won't be a lot to do, but encourage those who typically take care of a section of trail to get out and check. The county is doing gravel on trail #8 and other spots. If you get out and do maintenance on trails, be sure to record your time and submit it to Ron Sager. That is how we get paid.

**EQUIPMENT:** The club purchased 2 rechargeable line trimmers with heavy-duty cutting heads which are ready to go. They use the same batteries as our pole saws and the chains are sharpened and ready to go on them. Feel free to get out on the trails with them. Repairs have been made to the drag addressed the blades and skids, the hitch was rebuilt and pental put on the back of a tractor, and the lift cylinder for the hydraulic wheel system was replaced. The tractor is ready to go if the Groomers want to get out and knock down berms. The mowing tractor has a dead battery, and we couldn't find the charger. If someone has a charger, please charge the battery.

The trails are open to street-legal cars, trucks, and SUVs, but ATVs only if you are legitimately doing trail work and are a Turf & Tundra member, have tools with you to prove you are doing work, or a club license plate or sticker.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Last year we talked about updating the club logo. We had planned to work with students from UWS Graphic Design program, but it didn't work out. We formed our own committee (Candy Witzig, Dan Bullis, Donna Richardson, & Clyde, and Ryan Waller) and created a nice logo. Donna went through a slide show of the process which included: creating criteria to guide the project for the logo, reviewing old club logos (9 of them), looking at 36 other club logos across the country, coming up with 20 concepts to start, based on the criteria narrowed down to the logo art and colors. The project isn't complete yet, but the art is decided with a few more refinements to come after meeting with our printer. The colors for the art are close to finalized. Next month we will be able to provide another update.

We are not ordering any new apparel until after the logo is ready. We will have our current inventory at the next meeting with drawings for what we have left and lowered prices.

**NEW BUSINESS:** We have a core group of people who work on the trails and welcome newcomers. Ron Sager will be conducting 2 mowing trainings this summer, one on a Sunday afternoon and one during the week; this is an opportunity to volunteer. More to come.

There are a lot of other areas where members can volunteer to help the club function and promote our efforts. We will be sending out a survey to see if you would have an interest in volunteering around EVENTS such as parades, picnics, fundraisers supporting a cause like a poker run, etc.; CLUB RIDES such as helping organize trail rides, being a ride leader or back of the pack; SOCIAL MEDIA such as posting on Facebook page or group regularly, help with website, being an administrator.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Restrooms on trails #8 & #41 need to be taken care of; Cheryl usually takes care of them, Dan will check into this to make sure everything is covered.

Groomers would appreciate volunteers who would be willing to come in and hose off the tractor and drag. After being out grooming for 10-12 hours a day it would be nice to have someone take over when they get back and hose down the equipment. This would be at the club building. For more information reach out to Dan Bullis.

**REMINDERS: Upcoming events:** Our meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend from April through September; April, May, and September Saturday mornings at 10:00 am and June, July, and August Fridays at 6:00 pm. Most meetings will be at the Club Building located at 2616 Tundra Trail, Webb Lake, WI, with the exception of April & September locations TBD.

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