Turf and Tundra ATV Club Meeting Minutes

7/21/23 @ Club Barn 216 Tundra Trail, Webb Lake, WI - called to order @ 6:00 pm and adjourned at 6:32 pm

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

June 16, 2023, Meeting minutes were submitted to membership by email and posted on website. Minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

The financial report as of July 21, 2023, was provided at the meeting and approved as submitted.

The financial report overview is as follows:

June 16, 2023		
Opening Balance	\$59,249.13	
Ending Balance	\$54,516.57	
July 21, 2023		
Opening Balance	\$54,516.57	
Income	\$ 1,525.76	
Expenses	\$ 3,657.37	
Ending Balance	\$52,384.96	
Copies of detailed financial reports available upon request.		

Trail Ambassador's Report

- The state passed legislation to increase money to law enforcement for trails from \$700,000 \$1,300,000. But until Burnett County can staff up their deputies, we probably won't see more patrol on the trails. They did approve 3-4 more conservation officers for the trails. They also increased maintenance payments for the trail by \$200 per mile.
- Ride Safe Program will be done in some WI schools. This program is promoting helmets at all times on trails for kids. Ambassadors have been asked to help teach classes which will be September 11th-15th for around 1,800 students at select school districts.
- Jordon Buck days we will have a booth in a prime location and we would like those available Ambassadors to ride in the parade and if we have the new tractor we could have that in the parade too.

Trails & Equipment

- Thank you to the Groomers who accommodated grooming schedules for the 4th of July falling during the week.
- Need help with overhanging trees on the trails which are considered a hazard by the county and are approved to be trimmed or cut. If you are planning a ride, consider bringing some equipment to cut these back if you run across any.
- We also have a lot of mowing that needs to be done and only 3 or 4 people who can do it. The whole trail network needs to be mowed. Because we are so shorthanded, Ron Sager scheduled a training for a mower/brushing training on July 24th at 4:30 pm at the Turf & Tundra Building. No one had signed up at

the time of our meeting. If you couldn't make the meeting time but would like to get trained reach out and let Ron know at 763.331.5646 or ronsager@comcat.net

- The new pole saws cannot be stored standing upright, the oil is displaced. We will need to make a rack or something to store them on.
- We had a volunteer at the meeting who will weld a reinforcement or wear pad at the bottom of the bucket on the tractor.
- No update on our new tractor, we are still waiting for a delivery date.

Old Business

- The meeting that was held with Rolling Hills, Lakes & Pines and Turf & Tundra clubs took place to discuss what Rolling Hills does, as a year-round club doing ATV & snowmobiling grooming and maintenance on the same trails. Dan Bullis attended and said that Lakes & Pines no longer wants to merge with our club. We had some discussion at the meeting about why we currently are not interested as it doesn't provide a benefit to our club and would be a financial disadvantage for us to combine with the snowmobile club at this time.
- Reminder that RSVPs are due by August 9th to Donna Richardson for the Club Picnic which will be on Sunday, August 27th at What the Heck Eatery & Spirits, 27790 County Road A, Spooner.

NEW BUSINESS:

- August 2nd Burnett County will host a state audit from Forest Management. Dan will join the group on the trail. Susan, from the county, had asked that we have groomed trail 45 SW of Danbury & the Monday & Tuesday grooming routes completed prior to the audit. A member asked to ask them if the state would consider putting in a permanent bathroom where we have our porta potty like those that are down by the river at the parks.
- Some members asked about our meeting time, not able to be in Webb Lake by 6:00pm on Fridays and had we considered different meeting days or times. In the past we did rotate between Friday nights and Saturday mornings. The Board will take this up at the next Board meeting. Please provide feedback, so the Board will have some understanding of whether it would make a difference for members to attend meetings if there was an adjustment to the date or time.
- It was asked if anyone would like to head up a Club Ride, Bruce Peyton usually does this but has had an unusually busy season. If anyone is interested in leading a club ride, contact Donna Richardson and she will help with communication and logistics.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- It would be helpful to have sandwich boards out when grooming to let riders know that they are in the area. We do have one sign currently.
- There were comments about Dirt bikes (off road motorcycles) on the trail, they are not legal to have on the trails in Burnett County. Other counties have other rules allowing them. Where they sell the permit stickers they don't always communicate where they can be used. It would be good to have more signs near trail heads.
- The county does allow the club to mow after September 16^{th.}
- Someone communicated that the Polaris Ride Command App. Is updated by ATV clubs not by any Polaris employee or contractor. A member was going to check into this and report back.

REMINDERS:

Upcoming events: Club meetings 3rd Friday 6:00 pm April – September at Club barn located 2616 Tundra Trail, Webb Lake WI. 2023: August 18, September 15; Mowing & Brushing Training July 24, Club Picnic Sunday, August 27 at What the Heck Eatery.

Miscellaneous:

- Attendance 26
- Website: <u>www.turfandtundra.org</u>
- Like our Facebook Page
- Join our Facebook Group "Turf & Tundra Riders"

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