

## Turf and Tundra ATV Club Meeting Minutes

**9/20/25 @ Archie & Arthurs - called to order @ 10:00am and adjourned at 10:42 am, 45 members in attendance.**

**Officers:** Dan Bullis: President 608.212.9926; Ron Sager: Vice President 763.331.5646; Cheryl Gray: Treasurer 715.259.3405; Donna Richardson: Secretary 763.443.1124

**Secretary's Report:** 8/15/25: 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 9/20/25, was provided at the meeting and approved as submitted. The financial report overview is as follows:

| August 15, 2025  |  |                    |
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| Opening Balance  |  | \$23,338.24        |
| Ending Balance   |  | <b>\$54,261.14</b> |
| September 20, 2025   |  |                    |
| Opening Balance  |  | \$54,261.14        |
| Income   |  | \$35,020.45        |
| Expenses   |  | \$5,367.82         |
| Ending Balance   |  | <b>\$83,913.77</b> |
| CD   |  | <b>\$50,000</b>    |
| Copies of detailed financial reports are available upon request. |  |                    |

### TRAIL AMBASSADORS REPORT:

- Will work with the Secretary to get updated Trail Ambassador list.
- Jordan Buck Day parade a tribute to Garry Brooks will be read when the Turf & Tundra approaches the parade announcer at corner of Wild Waters by Kathryn Merrifield.

### TRAILS:

- **Spring & Fall Work Day:** Spring work-day very well attended, Fall only had 4 groups of volunteers.
- **Current Needs:** Brushing/visibility around signs is a priority; some signage is obstructed, Several segments completed (e.g., Trails 925, 118, 121, 8/41). Volunteers needed to complete additional segments contact our Trail Boss Katheryn text 763-706-7559 or turfandtundratrailboss@gmail.com If you see sign/trail issues take a photo and text it to Katheryn, smartphone photos include geolocation to speed repairs.
- **Summer grooming ended Sept 15..** Autum maintenance continues through end of October. Club will coordinate the handoff to Burnett County Snow Trails Association for winter.

### EQUIPMENT:

- **Groomer Tractor:** Dealer has assessed the current unit; negotiations underway for trade-in/replacement.
- **Drag Blades:** Replacement blades arrived **incorrect**; supplier committed to correct set by **October**. Not urgent for current season.
- **Boom Mower Failure:**
  - Major failure on **Trail 6**; boom separated at lower pivot and was dangling by hydraulic hoses in heavy rain.
  - Thanks to **Greg M.(operator), Bruce P., and Lowell S.** for field disassembly/recovery with the loader tractor.
  - **Hydraulic spill** occurred; County Trails Coordinator **Suzy** and county staff remediated soil and placed absorbent booms to county standards.
  - **Repair path:** **Carl (Webster Township Garage)** to inspect and may quote a repair when able. Resolution TBD over winter.

## OLD BUSINESS:

- Meeting Locations & Times (2026 pattern)
- Reviewed 2017–2025 attendance history: venues (restaurants/bars) tend to draw higher turnout; barn meetings draw the core group. Discussion and Motion/Vote (show of hands): Keep the current mix — 3 meetings at the Club Barn (Fridays 6:00 PM June, July, August) and 3 meetings at venues (Saturdays 10:00 AM April, May, September). Result: Approved (majority show of hands). Times remain 6:00 PM Fridays and 10:00 AM Saturdays.
- Engaging Younger Members
  - Open discussion; the club welcomes younger members but outreach hasn't been reaching them.
  - Ideas discussed:
  - Increase visibility: QR codes, signage at local venues/bars, Facebook posts, consider TikTok content.
  - Explore school connections (after-school clubs); note: online safety courses are preferred by many; in-person classes have low turnout.
  - Volunteer stepped up to look into; Volunteer to support outreach content; volunteer to spearhead signage effort and report back. Secretary will assist as needed.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- 501(c)(3) vs 501(c)(4); Board previously voted to pursue 501(c)(3); further research identified nuances.
- Options under consideration:
  - Amend current (c)(4) to (c)(3)
  - Dissolve the (c)(4) and operate solely as a (c)(3).
  - Create a separate (c)(3) foundation alongside the current (c)(4) (separate board/finances).
- Goal: enable tax-deductible donations while preserving the ability to lobby on access/safety issues.
- Board will continue analysis

## EVENTS:

- **Fall Rides:** No current rides scheduled. Anyone can volunteer to organize a ride, reach out to the secretary if you need help getting things communicated.
- **Jordan Buck Day Parade:** Come out and ride in the parade and be part of honoring Garry Brooks. September 27 line up at 11am Log Cabin parking lot in Danbury
- **Volunteer Banquet: Thursday, October 16, 2025:** to recognize groomers, mowers, and high hour volunteers. Details forthcoming
- **Club Merchandise:** New embroidered sweatshirts, T-shirts, and hoodies available for pre-order. Hoping to have on website next year.

## PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Trail safety reminder:** Expect trucks, cars, ATVs/UTVs, hunters on trails this Fall; ride defensively.
- **Appreciation:** Applause for Dan Coyle who fabricated the **equipment rack** for the Club UTV (for saws, trimmers, posts). Professional result with club branding.
- **Community stewardship:** Comment encouraging **mutual support** across outdoor groups (ATV, snowmobile, fishing, boating) and vigilance against incremental restrictions.
- **Trails:** Coordinate issues and sign needs with Kathryn our Trail Boss.

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