

Turf and Tundra ATV Club Meeting Minutes

4/18/26 @ Salty Steer- called to order @ 10:00am and adjourned at 11:03 am, 53 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: 9/20/25: 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 4/18/26 was provided at the meeting and approved as submitted. The financial report overview is as follows:

September 20, 2025		
Opening Balance		\$54,261.14
Ending Balance		\$83,913.77
April 18, 2026		
Opening Balance		\$83,913.77
Income		\$9,193.12
Expenses		\$20,718.57
Ending Balance		\$72,388.32
CD		\$53,285.34
Savings		\$6,909.86
Copies of detailed financial reports are available upon request.		

OPENING REMARKS

Dan gave a reminder that Turf & Tundra's primarily serves as a maintenance contractor for Burnett County ATV and shared snowmobile trails. The club's work includes: Trail grooming * Mowing, when allowed * Brushing and cleanup * Sign maintenance * Intersection upkeep * Volunteer trail work

Members are encouraged to actively participate in trail maintenance and submit volunteer hours, as those hours support the club's county funding. Appreciation was expressed to the Salty Steer staff for hosting the meeting.

TRAIL AMBASSADORS REPORT:

Following Gary's passing, Chris Keezer volunteered to step up and lead the Trail Ambassador program. Members interested in serving as ambassadors are asked to connect with him at kc9nvv@gmail.com or (715) 497-2691

TRAILS:

- Trails are currently closed, but members may be on them for legitimate trail maintenance. Members were encouraged to help with brushing, clearing debris, sign visibility, and intersection cleanup.
- We would like to create a dedicated trail crossing cleanup group to maintain blacktop road crossings by removing loose gravel from approaches and road surfaces. This will help with good relationships with townships and other trail users. Please volunteer to clean the crossroads near you. Contact the Trail Boss, Kathryn Merrifield.
- Kathryn shared that her work schedule now limits her availability as Trail Boss, and anyone interested in taking over or assisting should let her know.
- Two spring cleanup days were announced, **Saturday, May 2 & May 9**, planned hours will be approximately 9:00am – 5:00 pm. The Club Barn will open at 9:00am with coffee, juice and donuts and reopen at 5:00pm if you need to return tools. Members can stop and pick up tools or go directly to their trail areas. Notify the trail boss what trails sections you are doing and when they are completed.

- Volunteer hours should be submitted to Ron Sager, forms are on the website. Due to oak wilt restrictions, mowing cannot begin until **July 15**, though nuisance brush and branches may still be trimmed.
- **Trail Stewardship:** A trail stewardship plan was introduced, dividing trails into zones. Members were asked to volunteer to monitor and maintain one or more zones (zone = 1-2 miles of trail) throughout the season. This would include monitoring conditions, removing minor obstructions, reporting larger issues, and helping ensure signs are visible and trails remain passable. Contact the Trail Boss at: 763-706-7559 turfandtundrastrailboss@gmail.com

EQUIPMENT:

- The club expects delivery of a new tractor by the end of the month. The mower tractor that suffered major damage last fall has been repaired. The club is also researching options for a replacement dirt drag and gathering more information before making a decision.
- Steve Olson will ensure handheld trail equipment is operational and ready for cleanup weekends.

OLD BUSINESS:

The board reported that, after further review, the club will remain a **501(c)(4)** for now and will table any move toward a **501(c)(3)**.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A groomer's meeting will be scheduled once the new tractor arrives. Current groomers returning, and additional backup groomers are welcome. The entire trail network will be groomed prior to the Memorial Day weekend.
- The board also reviewed and updated the club bylaws to modernize language, add flexibility around elections, and include provisions related to misconduct. The revised bylaws will be shared for member review. Bylaws will be voted on during the May meeting.

EVENTS:

- The club is looking for a volunteer historian to help preserve club records and record milestones. Please let the secretary know if you are interested in learning more.
- Barbecues are planned after the **June, July, and August** meetings.
- The **Stampede** event will return this year in a revised five-stop format, with proceeds supporting the Humane Society. Volunteers will be needed. Please respond to the secretary if interested in helping.
- New club apparel is available, and members can now pay by credit card. Pre-orders should be ready for pickup at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Members discussed the opening of West Marshland Township roads to ATV travel and concerns about possible misuse in the Crex Meadows area. Reroute of Trail 8, Burnett County preferred navigation app Avenza, and Facebook/social media support were also discussed.
- Ron & Cheryl Gray have worked on preparing the trail maps with sponsors for many years and would like someone to take over starting next year. Contact Cheryl at 715-348-6433 if you would like more information.

Next meeting will be at Archie & Arthur's, Saturday, May 16, 2026, at 10:00 am

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