

Turf and Tundra ATV Club Meeting Minutes

9/19/26 @ Pour House- called to order @ 10:00am and adjourned at 10:22pm, 36 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 8/16/26: 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 9/19/26 was provided at the meeting and approved as submitted.

The financial report overview is as follows:

August 16, 2026		
Opening Balance		\$31,747.79
Ending Balance		\$56,816.48
September 19, 2026		
Opening Balance		\$56,816.48
Income		\$33,628.06
Expenses		-\$8,230.58
Ending Balance		\$82,313.96
CD (approximately)		\$53,397.02
Safety Account		\$1,676.25
Copies of detailed financial reports are available upon request.		

TRAIL AMBASSADORS REPORT:

- State officials are reviewing options to increase ATV registration fees by approximately \$6 to \$15. Registration fees reportedly have not increased since 2006.
- Approximately \$3 million was available statewide for trail needs, while bridge-repair requests alone totaled about \$2.9 million. Most available funds went toward bridge work, particularly in southwestern Wisconsin; limited funding remained for maintenance and new trails.
- Proposed legislation may extend to ATV clubs the sales-tax exemption that snowmobile organizations receive when purchasing grooming equipment.
- Reduced grant funding has affected Burnett County directly. County Trail Coordinator Susan Tolander was unable to secure the customary level of funding for several trail-improvement requests despite repeat submissions.

TRAILS REPORT:

The Trail Boss thanked the volunteers who maintained the system during her work-related absence. Summer ATV grooming officially ended September 15. Between September 15 and October 31, the club must complete and document three full grading passes across the trail network.

- The Burnett County Snow Trails Association also has fall maintenance obligations and related state funding. Work will be coordinated to avoid duplication.
- The trail stewardship program will be revised over the winter to make participation simpler and clearer. An updated program is planned for the first spring meeting.
- Members riding in the fall should pick up trash when practical and report significant maintenance concerns to the Trail Boss.

Members were reminded that the county ATV trail season is closed, but the trails are open for multiple uses. Street-legal vehicles and hunters may be present, creating additional hazards. ATV riders may also use Burnett County forest trails

and logging roads where riding is otherwise permitted. State funding ends for summer grooming after September 15, although eligible grading work continues.

Mowing and Sign Maintenance: The mowing season went well, with approximately 142 hours recorded. Most areas were completed; a few sections remained or did not require mowing because conditions were already satisfactory. The Bent Road bridge is expected to be replaced between the end of the ATV riding season and winter freeze-up. The affected trail will close during construction. Volunteers discussed brushing around obscured signs in the Hillside and State Line Road area. Some sign work had already been completed, and the remaining location or trail number will be confirmed.

EQUIPMENT REPORT:

- Steve Olsen, Bruce Payton, and Kurt Paddock were thanked for coordinating the donation, installation, wiring, and plumbing of a five-horsepower Ingersoll Rand industrial air compressor in the club shop. A mobile grease cart for drag maintenance was also donated.
- The recently purchased Case IH tractor experienced repeated crankshaft-seal failures within roughly 140 hours, including another failure shortly after its second repair. The air conditioning also did not function properly. The dealership, Baribeau Implement in Rice Lake, was recognized as a helpful service partner.
- Because of the recurring problems and prolonged downtime, the Board approved trading the tractor for a new tractor for next season. The club will pay \$8,000 out of pocket for the replacement. Cheryl was thanked for negotiating the transaction.

NEW BUSINESS

Bruce Payton is coordinating the installation of a concrete apron inside the club barn. The apron will extend approximately 20 to 30 feet from the rear door into the gravel side of the building, allowing the drag to be parked and serviced on concrete. Work is expected to begin before the start of next season, subject to the contractor's availability.

EVENTS: Parade: Danbury Jordan Buck Day Parade on Saturday, September 26. To participate line up is at 11am at the Log Cabin Store parking lot.

PUBLIC COMMENT: A member asked whether the replacement tractor would be the same model. It was explained that the club has had good experience with other tractors of that model and that the failures appear to have been specific to this individual machine.

Next meeting will be next riding season, Saturday, April 17, @ 10:00am, location to be determined

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