

## Turf and Tundra ATV Club Meeting Minutes

**8/15/25 @ Club Barn - called to order @ 6:00 pm and adjourned at 7:07 pm, 28 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

**Service for Garry:** Garry Lynn Brooks, 71, passed away Sunday, July 13, 2025. A celebration of life service will take place on Friday, August 22, 2025. Visitation will be from 10am – 11am followed by the celebration of life service from 11am – 12pm at Eagle Brook Church – Woodbury, located 11125 Eastview Road, Woodbury, MN 55129.

**Secretary's Report:** 7/18/25: 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 8/15/25, was provided at the meeting and approved as submitted. The financial report overview is as follows:

July 18, 2025		
Opening Balance		\$24,952.09
Ending Balance		<b>\$23,338.24</b>
August 15, 2025		
Opening Balance		\$23,338.24
Income		\$32,802.53
Expenses		\$1,879.63
Ending Balance		<b>\$54,261.14</b>
CD		<b>\$50,000</b>
Copies of detailed financial reports are available upon request.		

### TRAIL AMBASSADORS REPORT:

- Discussion on funding and support for Trail Ambassadors.
- Ride Safe Foundation may provide safety helmets at low/no cost.
- No new state-level updates this month; legislation remains unchanged.
- New trail ambassador software is expected by end of the year; mapping software still in development.
- Trail ambassadors are not eligible for state compensation.
- Concerns raised about volunteer costs (fuel, vehicles, meals). The club may consider local support in the future, but consistency across all volunteer roles must be maintained.
- Club members discussed GPS mapping for grooming and trail accuracy; state mapping system updates limited to two state-employees who can approve.

### TRAILS:

- **Brushing & Mowing:** Ongoing. Volunteers encouraged to cut vegetation around signs.
- **Signage Issues:** Noted along Hwy 35 and 26 Lake Road; responsibility lies with the Highway Department.
- **Shared Trails:** Brushing should be prioritized before snowmobile season.
- **Webb Lake Township:** Criticism received regarding grooming across new asphalt aprons and culvert concerns. Club will adjust by lifting drag 50 ft before aprons.
- **Labor Day Grooming:** Grooming will continue the week after Labor Day (no skipped week).
- **Trail Conditions:** Reports of sand and boulders north of Hillside and Staples Lake approaches. Grant funding applications are underway to address these issues.
- **Trouble Spots:** Trail 45 water hole filled with gravel; still problematic

### EQUIPMENT:

- Minimal equipment breakdowns this month.
- Member Dan Coyle is fabricating a new heavy-duty tool rack for the club's UTVr.
- Replacement drag blades on order; awaiting rear blade delivery.
- Task pending: replace scraper edge on back blade before late September. Volunteers needed.
- Discussion on ordering spare parts, including a three-point hitch assembly and bushings to avoid future downtime.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- Emphasis on mowing and brushing around signs; over 200 signs already cleared.
- Suggestion to evaluate sign placement and possibly reduce excessive signage.
- Consideration of another club-wide workday.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- **Tractor Replacement:** Club exploring options to trade in current tractor; historically replaced every two years under warranty.
- **Nonprofit Status:** Board considering transition from 501(c)(4) to 501(c)(3) to allow tax-deductible donations. A potential donation in memory of Gary has prompted urgency in reviewing this.

#### EVENTS:

- **Annual Picnic:** Scheduled for Sunday, September 7, 12–3 p.m. at Salty Steer. Food and live band arranged. RSVP requested to Cheryl Gray text 715-348-6433 or cheryl53405@yahoo.com
- **Younger Member Involvement:** Lengthy discussion regarding meeting times and inclusivity of younger generations with full-time jobs. Concerns expressed that Friday night meetings limit participation.
  - After debate, decision made to vote on when we hold meeting at the September meeting.
  - Advertising ideas include Facebook, website updates, and physical postings at local businesses.
- **Jordan Buck Parade:** Scheduled for September 27. Club will participate.
- **Club Merchandise:** New embroidered sweatshirts, T-shirts, and hoodies available for pre-order.

#### ELECTIONS:

- **Treasurer:** Cheryl re-elected (unopposed).
- **Vice President:** Ron Sager elected (unopposed).
- **Board Members:**
- Lowell Seerson re-elected.
- NOTE: After heated discussion on various topics, Chris Keezer expressed interest in securing a position on the board of directors. Although not nominated, an impromptu vote was taken. Upon further review of the club Bylaws after the meeting, the existing board of directors determined that the vote taken was thus invalid. Chris was notified of the decision the day after the vote.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Reminder: Polk County's Stranding Loop reverting to one-way due to trail width.
- Members stressed importance of recruiting and welcoming younger volunteers.

#### REMINDERS: Upcoming events:

The next meeting will be on Saturday, September 20, 2025, at 10:00am at the Trail Blazer's Tavern in Webb Lake. 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 Barn Building located at 2616 Tundra Trail, Webb Lake, WI, with the exception of April & September which are at local establishments.

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