

ABBOT EXPLORERS ATV CLUB MEETING, April 3rd, 2019

Meeting called to order- at 6:32 pm at the Abbot town hall. 9 members were present.

Secretary's report- Secretary Position is currently vacant; minutes from September 2018 meeting were read and accepted. Communications were read from over the winter. Memberships- Four Business and 38 families so far.

Treasurer's report – Report from September 2018 to March 2019 was read and accepted. Due to Key Bank closing the local branch, Nelson has moved our account to Bangor Savings, in Dover.

Old Business - Secretary Position is still open, and Vice-President's Position is now open as Mike Dexter has stepped down.

New Business –

Election of Officers, Motion made and seconded to fill three of the five Offices. Motion made to table election of Vice-President and position of Secretary to the May meeting. Three people have expressed interest in the two offices, but were unable to be present for the Elections. Our Club By-laws do not allow a person which is not present to be elected to an officer position. Elected Positions which were filled- Club President; Paul Zimmerman, Treasurer; Nelson Sylvain, Trailmaster; Larry Daggett, Jay Dustin, and new member Kevin Ronco elected as Board members at large.

Set 2019 Meeting schedule, Motion made, and seconded for the following dates;
May 1st, June 5th, July 10th, August 7th, and September 4th.

Please note: Meeting time is now 6:30, to allow time to eat prior to the meeting, and are expected to last one hour or less.

Insurance Policy from National Motorsports Services was presented, discussed, and motion made, seconded, to pay \$611.80 for one year coverage policy of Three million dollars, which will satisfy requirement from Weyerhaeuser Corp. to use their land for ATV trails. This will also now cover the Club for any special events we decide to hold. Two activity exclusions were added this year by National Motorsports, for camping activities, and water damage to property.

Dues for Club memberships were voted to remain the same as last year. Abbot Explorers Club Dues are; \$25.00 for a family, and \$35.00 for a Business.

Our Club now has an active Facebook page, and a Club website, thanks to the efforts of Steven Gomes and his family members. Please check these sites for Club info. www.facebook.com/Abbotexplorersatv and www.Abbotexplorers.com .

Trail master Report -

- a. 2018 Trail Grant details submitted, approved, and Reimbursement check received. The Trail Grant Paperwork has been received for the 2019 season.
- b. Arrangements made for a Porta-Potty to be placed in the parking area in Drummond gravel pit for six months. The cost is \$100 per month. Club members Jerry and Darlene Harrison have offered to pay \$300 to cover the first three months. During discussion of this, The Red Maple offered to pay \$150, and The Lakeshore House offered to pay the remaining \$150, which covers the remaining three months. THANK YOU!
- c. New trail constructed on the Monument road needs to have final grading after the frost.
- d. Remainder of our forestry mats were sold to the Greenville Snowmobile club to help them with a section of their trail which would not freeze up.
- e. Landowner permits which need to be updated in process of being sent out.
- f. New owners of "French & Curtis" building in Guilford are offering to provide a "park & ride" area for ATV's during the summer, as an alternative to the pit in Abbot.
- g. Working out the details for a "Fill the Helmet" type event to raise trail funds. Discussion on this, and on adding a donation box to the wooden outhouse at the trail junction.
- h. Several visits have been made to Augusta to provide testimony on Legislative bills which pertain to ATV funding. Senator Paul Davis, and Representative Paul Sterns both sit on the Inland Fisheries & Wildlife committee, and we have been working with them since they attended our meeting last fall. Please check our social media sites for information updates as these bills develop. This is the most ATV related bills since 2004.
- i. Trails to be closed, fences up as the snow melts, and **Trails will reopen with a tentative date of June 1st per Weyerhaeuser agreement with the State of Maine.**

ADJOURN MEETING

Meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm.

NEXT MEETING MAY 1st, AT 6:30 PM, Abbot Town Hall.

Larry Daggett submitted for

Secretary - Abbot Explorers ATV Club