

## **TRAILS NORTH ATV CLUB APRIL 2010 MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jeanne Hultman, Rod Abbas, Sue Strohecker, Jim & Julie Bender, Todd & Lori Jenkins, Nancy & Mark Myhre, Paul Villwok, Gordy Falkofske, Jim & Cricket Crain, Gerry & Sherry Walthers, Randy Lehto, John Hoadley, Chuck Kotera, Wally Olson, Al Benson, Frank Brost, Diana Evenstad.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Diana Evenstad read the minutes. Gordy Falkofske moved the minutes be approved as read, 2<sup>nd</sup> Al Benson. The motion was carried unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Rod Abbas read the Treasurer's report. A copy of which will be filed for audit. Gordy Falkofske moved the Club approve the payment of the bills listed in his report, except for the Website bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> Paul Villwok. The Motion was carried unanimously.

A discussion followed regarding the Website billing and a possible change of Website provider. Rod Abbas asked that the discussion be suspended until New Business is discussed later in the meeting.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Rod Abbas read the thank you card received from Jeanne Hultman for our flowers and donation on the death of her husband, Harry. The Club approved 6 people going to the WATVA convention. Only two members will be going, Tyler Stubb and Paul Villwok. Rob asked Scott Williams to report on the sale of the Belarus Tractor. Scott reported \$1500.00 was received. \$750.00 was given to Johnny Hood. The picture and the article regarding the GPS donation to the Iron River EMT Service finally appeared in the paper. We received a thank-you from the Adaptive Sports Ride. The Largest ATV ride will be May 29<sup>th</sup> from Hurley to Mercer. Anyone interested in participating should meet at the Frontier Bar on US Hwy.2 east of Odanah. The By-law amendments will be voted on at the next meeting. The proposed amendments will be mailed to each member in good standing. We urge all members to attend the May meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup> at Green Top.

**TRAIL BOSS REPORT:** Scott Williams reported the trails are still closed. Mary Motiff would like to consider opening them early but the US Forest Service must sign-off on this and they will not approve opening them until May 1<sup>st</sup>. The general opinion of the Club is that we should not cause any problems with the Forest Service.

Scott Williams stated the UTV Bill must be approved by each Township before it can be implemented. The trail from here to Barnes is Forest Service trail. Scott will be beginning the grant work for this year. Also, there are issues with the Muskeg Trail flooding. If it floods again, there will be a new road. We need to go to the Town of Hughes and also Scott inspected the work done by the Town of Tripp on the trail reroute. Ken Botosh has done a great deal of work. The ATV and Snowmobile trail will stay the same for this year but next year will be changed. The landowners are satisfied with the resolution to this issue. Scott Williams suggested that the ATV Club send a monetary donation to the Town of Tripp for fuel, since most of the work on this reroute was done by them. Randy Leto moved we send \$200 to the Town of Trip, 2<sup>nd</sup> John Hoadley. The motion was carried unanimously. Diana Evenstad indicated that the Iron River

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Snowmobile Club would match the ATV Club donation. The Tri County Corridor Commission is responsible for replacing signs on the corridor. If signs are down, please contact Rod Abbas or Scott Williams. Issues were resolved for the trail south of west Pinke Lake Road and North Point Road, as well as Hwy. H and Wayside Road

**OLD BUSINESS:** The members of the PA System committee reported that a unit runs anywhere from \$50 to \$200. Al Benson asked if a karaoke machine would be sufficient. He offered to donate the one he owns. He will bring it to the next meeting and we will try it out. We thank Al Benson for his generous donation.

Scott Williams asked when the new tractor will arrive. Rod Abbas will talk to Pete Lulich and get this information.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The 2010 Rally and Fund Raiser were discussed. Jeanne Hultman has renewed our raffle license. A discussion followed regarding where to purchase the tickets and the number of tickets to purchase. Randy Leto moved we keep everything the same as last year, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jeanne Hultman. Motion was carried unanimously. Scott Williams reported that Eric Price at the Other Place is happy to have us on his property again for the fundraiser. We will purchase 1500 tickets from Printing Plus in Ashland. The Rally will be held September 11, 2010.

Rod Abbas showed the Club members the laminated cards that Tyler Stubb created to give to people to announce our fundraiser. A discussion followed regarding placing a statement on the back of the cards entitling the holder to a free beverage at the rally. Members agreed this would be a good idea. We will discuss the details later.

Lori Jenkins suggested that this year we go to plastic bottled beer instead of a beer wagon. There is less waste. We will continue to discuss this at a later date.

Rod Abbas talked to Cal Davies regarding the stage we used last year. Cal indicated that the Fair Board may be eliminating their use of this item. If this happens, the ATV Club could take it, make the repairs and have it available for our fundraiser, as well as for other organizations. We will find out about this after the April 28<sup>th</sup> Fair Board meeting.

A discussion followed our website and possibly changing our provider. Our current website provider is Scott Magaw. Scott Williams suggested Roger Peck of Superior. The price is a little higher but Scott indicated that there were more things available for our use and that we would be able to make changes to the site ourselves. It was decided to form a committee to talk to both providers and report to the Club members at the next meeting. The committee members are Paul Villwok, Scott Williams and Julie Bender. Todd Jenkins suggested that we make sure we are asking the Web Designers for the same things so that we have an apples to apples comparison. Our website bill is currently due, but Rod Abbas will tell Scott Magaw that we will pay after the next meeting. Should he require we pay now, we will prorate a payment.

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Lori Jenkins suggested the Club advertise on FACEBOOK. It is free and can be easily done. A discussion followed. Lori Jenkins will place the Trails North ATV Club on FACEBOOK.

A discussion followed regarding where the ride will go this Saturday, April 17, 2010. We will be leaving Parts City at 10:30 a.m. Several suggestions were made. The Club will be riding to Rapids Riverside and then to Lake Nebagamon.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** President Rod Abbas asked Todd Jenkins to be the proctor for the elections. Todd asked for nominations for each position. The following are the nominations made for the officers of the Club.

**TRAIL BOSS: SCOTT WILLIAMS** – nominated by Wally Olson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Hoadley.

**SECRETARY – DIANA EVENSTAD & PAUL VILLWOK** – Diana was nominated by Jim Bender 2<sup>nd</sup> Al Benson and Paul was nominated by himself and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wally Olson.

**TREASURER: ROB ABBAS** –Rod was nominated by Sue Strohecker 2<sup>nd</sup> Jeanne Hultman.

**VICE PRESIDENT: JIM BENDER** ó Jim was nominated by Diana Evenstad 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Crain.

**PRESIDENT: JEANNE HULTMAN** – Jeanne was nominated by Diana Evenstad, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Bender.

Prior to these final nominations as listed, Rod Abbas was nominated for President for a second term. Members felt that he could be Treasurer and President. However, Wisconsin State Statutes do not permit a non-profit organization to have the same person as their President and Treasurer. Therefore to comply with State regulations, Diana Evenstad nominated Jeanne Hultman.

Todd Jenkins asked Club members 3 times if there were any further nominations. None being made he proceed to ask the Club members to cast a unanimous ballot for the offices of President, Vice President ,Treasurer and Trail Boss.  
A paper ballot vote was held for the office of Secretary.

The new officers for the 2010-2011 year of the **TRAILS NORTH ATV CLUB** are:

**PRESIDENT – JEANNE HULTMAN  
VICE PRESIDENT – JIM BENDER  
TREASURER-ROD ABBAS**

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**SECRETARY-DIANA EVENSTAD  
TRAIL BOSS-SCOTT WILLIAMS**

Nancy Myhre mentioned that people are here from out of town and are unaware that the trails are closed until May 1<sup>st</sup>. It was suggested that signs be placed in the establishments around town to keep people informed.

Rod Abbas asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim Bender moved the meeting be adjourned, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Crain. The motion was carried unanimously.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MAY 12, 2010 AT 7:00 PM AT THE  
GREEN TOP. PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND. WE WILL BE VOTING ON THE  
CHANGES TO OUR CLUB BYLAWS.**