

### **Evergreen P.A.C. ATV Club Meeting – November 7, 2019**

In attendance: Gary Allison, Roger Bernhardt, Stephen Diehl, Jim and Maureen Gassert, Greg Jones, Jerry Juutilainen and Barbara Perron, Dawn and Phil Lippo, Dennis Peterson, Ed Raisanen, Al and Carmen Rinta, Jerry Stone, Frank Turnock, Kevin Turnock, Debbie and Roger Yotter

President Gassert called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Stephen Diehl moved to approve the October minutes as read; second by Roger Bernhardt, the motion carried.

Motion by Roger Yotter, second by Ed Raisanen to accept the October Treasurer's Report, with a beginning balance of \$35,3481.54 ending with \$34,991.00 including \$4.46 interest as of October 31, 2019.

All raffle tickets have been accounted for.

Frank Turnock noted the next Alliance Meeting will be in January. All Aitkin ATV and Snowmobile Clubs will meet with Chris Johnson and the DNR individually to discuss funding and what will be needed for next year so there will not be an actual Alliance Meeting in November.

Nothing has been done on the Coffee Lake Bridge. We are still looking for a steel frame or a thirty-six-foot I-beam to use for the bridge. Frank Turnock and Gary Allison looked at a trailer frame that was not strong enough to use. Kevin Turnock said to look at the online auction for the state: they have a large quantity of I-beams listed.

For the Emergency Services ATV Betterment Grant Gary Allison has the name of the person to contact at Kettle River to see if they have any needs for their fire department. Jim Gassert said that Moose Lake is a fire district so they can usually purchase what they need.

The State of Minnesota has started a program called the General Andrews Rural Fire Program. They buy surplus military equipment, get it ready and sell it to fire departments. The items are free from the military. What they charge is the cost to get it shipped back to Willow River from wherever it comes from in the United States and their cost to make sure it works. The fire departments can get equipment at a reasonable rate. This includes generators, ATV's, side by sides, road graders, tractors, and mowers. Gary Allison feels that helping with rescue equipment for fire departments to help with ATV accident victims would be something to investigate. Discuss further at the December Meeting.

The trail has been graded; hoping to have it graded more often next year. There is a new grader operator for Kangas Enterprise. Jerry Stone discussed other trails that might need attention.

Roger Bernhardt brought up that where we have the most amount of maintenance is any place past an intersection. Jim Gassert said that was a big problem this year about a mile or two any direction from Moose Lake. Roger talked about the club purchasing something to pull behind an ATV to level trails; Jim Gassert suggested pulling the item with a tractor. There would be a concern how it would affect the club's liability and where to keep it. Roger Bernhardt will bring

plans and a cost for something to help smooth the trails in between trail maintenance. The washout by the Soo Pits has been repaired.

There is nothing new on the simulator. Our banner has not been returned. ATVAM sent a thank you for our donation to the convention. There are three sponsorship levels for next year, \$1,000.00, \$500.00, and \$250.00.

Off Road Magazine had a nice mention about the signs that Gary and Luann Allison designed. The Alliance is purchasing five signs for each club. Our sign cost is \$21.00 from Isle, the signs are not reflective. Is the club giving signs to our business sponsors? Gary Allison, do we want to have a sign made up to go above or below the club sign listing who sponsored the sign?

The Brown Road has a lot of water on it; it still needs to settle down before it can be graded. Frank Turnock noted we still do not have the OK to go across the state land in Aitkin County. The county is working hard on the new Mille Lacs ATV Trail.

Jim Gassert suggested that members contact other businesses to join as club sponsors. Frank said that the Federated Co-op out of Moose Lake will be joining in 2020.

Eric Senarighi suggested doing a joint raffle ticket sale on a large item with Carlton County Riders. We will discuss it next month.

Christmas party date is reserved at the Tamarack Sno-Flyers Clubhouse for January 18, 2020. Darlene will check with the caterer, more information at the December meeting. (Social 5:00 Dinner 6:00 PM)

The 2020 meeting schedule was tabled until the December meeting. Since most of the club business is completed by the end of October should we skip the November 2020 meeting; will need to check the by-laws.

A thank you to Jerry Stone, Jerry Juutilainen, Barbara Perron, Roger and Yvonne Bernhardt, Greg Jones and any other helpers for the time they put in brushing trails.

Jim Gassert will check with Greg Berneau at Carlton County about replacing some of the ATV trail mile markers; Roger Bernhardt said that some of them need replacing.

Jerry Juutilainen suggested putting signs on the trail telling how far to a certain location such as a town, road or could even be a business. Jerry will bring a list of suggested location to the next meeting.

Mark Jacobs is working with the Dovetail Partners for a riding park like the Soo Pits or AXTEL at Sandstone near Banning Junction.

Jerry Juutilainen was wondering on posting the raffle winners at our sponsors that sell tickets; to be discussed at the December meeting.

Motion by Gary Allison to adjourn, second by Roger Yotter, motion carried.

December 5, 2019 meeting will be at Doc's in Sturgeon Lake.