Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Secretary’s Report, Pam Morse: Motion was made to accept minutes as written in the newsletter, 2nd, all in favor, passed.

Treasurer’s Report, Bob Cossette: Motion was made, 2nd, to accept the Treasurer’s Report as given. All in favor passed. Insurance invoice from National Motor Sports: $611.80, Nova’s $50.00. Building and Site Insurance will be a little higher this year. Motion made, 2nd, to accept insurance and Bob will pay on 05/16/19.

Vice President’s Report, Jack Donaghy: Jack had nothing to report.

Trail Master’s Report, Russell Smith: Trails are still closed. The first ride is Sunday, May 19. The Macomber Mill Road trail culvert washed out. Dean Young will have someone reset the culvert. Trail will be passable but still needs a little work and we have gravel ready to use. Weaver Wind is hoping to get their permits from DEP. Motion made, 2nd, to accept trail master report and motion passed.

ATV Safety Course and Yard Sale, Pat Hamor: Great turn out for the safety course and Pat thanked those that helped and made food for the class. We had an older gentleman (75 years old) who took the class. A motion was made, 2nd, and passed to send this person an Acadia Area ATV’ers hat. Pat indicated that a lot of folks have indicated bringing a lot of things for the yard sale. See below on information regarding the sale.

Charlie Corliss: The Sunrise Trail still needs repairs as there are a lot of wet and soft spots. Grading is being done on the trail from Jonesboro to Ayers Junction. AFM wants any trails with standing water filled in and taken care of. The definition of an ATV is now 65” with a weight of 2000 lbs. That doesn’t mean that land owners will let ATV’s of that size access to trails on their land. Trail grants have gone up $500 and the new labor rate for trail work is $12 per hour.

Personal Membership, Tom Johnston: 153 members, 91 memberships.

Business Membership, Stuart Burr: 15 New members
Merchandise Report: Jack Donaghy: Still have all merchandise available for purchase.

Jamie Moore: Jamie Moore indicated that he was again planning to walk in the Relay for Life and a motion was made, 2nd, to donate $300 for Jamie’s walk in the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life. Motion carried. This is the American Cancer Society’s signature fundraiser dedicated to fight cancer.

Building Committee: The plumbing inspector gave us his blessing on all of the plumbing. A big thanks to Bill Howard for donating all of his work, thanks Bill. After we have the yard sale, Tim Carney will be installing all the sheet rock on the ceiling and walls, again free time and labor, this includes all the taping and mudding. F W Webb has given us a real cozy deal on a new Rinnai Energy Saver Direct Vent Furnace; Adam Foster and Steve Sullivan are willing to donate their time to install this unit, again a big thank you. As soon as the ceiling is installed, Bo and Jack are jumping at the chance to paint it. A big thank you to Mike and Brenda Wood for donating kitchen cupboards. Doug and Jack drove many miles to bring them to their new home, Thank you Doug and Jack. Doug says when he gets ready, he will call a work session to sand and paint the cupboards. Russell brought up the idea to relocate all of the big rocks in front of the club house to make way for a larger picnic area, great idea. A big thank you to Joan, Lloyd, Marcia, Julie, Bill, Bob, David, and Joyce for installing all the nasty insulation. The building of the club house has been amazing. All the donations of work, material, and labor just keep pouring in. We send a big THANK YOU to all, and then you’re thinking we can't get any more donations, Julie shows up with hot coffee and donuts for the crew. It never ends. Again, thank you.

Fundraising Committee: Next year is Acadia Area ATV’ers 25th year. Wouldn’t it be nice to have an open house in our new club house to celebrate (thought for 2020).

Open Discussion: 60-70 miles round trip Sept 15 Leaving Dysart's (Truck Stop) Sat 7:30.

Motion made, 2nd, to make a donation of $200.00 to the Sullivan Masonic Lodge for the use of their building for our meetings.

Huge yard sale June 8th 9-3 and June 9th 9-3 at the club house
We need to rent a porta potty for our yard sale. Motion made, 2nd, and motion passed for Pat to contact Ray’s Plumbing to get one.

Presidents Report: Bo didn’t have anything to report.

50/50 winner: Stuart B, Congratulations.

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:15

First Ride of 2019

There were 12 machines; four side by sides and eight four wheelers. We started at the Clubhouse Lot on the Washington Junction Road, at 8 a.m. Riders were Bill, Bo, Bob C., Bob W., Chris, Chris Lee, Doug, Eenie, Gail, Harold, Jack, Julie, Raelene, Russell, Tom, Trisha, and Wally. We started out at 8:00 a.m., and at 8:30, one side by side had a flat tire, got it fixed and back on the trail. At 9:30, a second side by side had carburetor trouble, got that fixed and back on the trail again. I hope all the bugs have been worked out. LOL!!!! Everyone was dressed in their rain gear, and warm clothes. The trails were in very good shape, and it was nice to see that the winter was good to the Downeast Sunrise Trail. We met up with more members at the Bluebird – Pat,
Theresa, and Jason. We had a wonderful lunch, with a lot of laughs and conversation. The service was amazing, and the food was delicious. We started back, it rained very hard, so glad some of us were in side by sides, LOL!!!! Theresa saw a rabbit, I guess the rest of the wildlife was sleeping. Nice ride with nice people. Next ride is June 16, LaGrange to Millinocket, meet at Sylvia's Cafe at 7:00 a.m. Come out, ride with us, and join your local ATV Club. It will be a lot of fun. 50/50 raffle was won by Chris Lee. Congrats on your million...LOL!!!!

Welcome New Members

We would like to send a big Acadia Area ATV’ers shout out and welcome to our newest members and hope to see them again at meetings and on our upcoming trail rides:

Stephen and Martha Beathem  
Neil, Amy, Austin, and Kate Chandler  
Robert Anderson  
Dave and Holly Burr

Membership

Membership renewal began in March. If you have a new email address or you have one NOW, please write it down for us. We are trying to save money on postage. If you don’t have an email address but have access to read the newsletter online, please let us know that too. If you need a new application and can access it online please do so. If not, call Tom Johnston at 207-422-3557 and he will be happy to send you either a Personal or Business Membership Form.

If you have online access and are receiving this electronically either copy the link below or hit your control button and the click on the link and you will be automatically directed to the web site and can print off a form.

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Memorial Raffle

Gail Johnston thank everyone for selling the tickets for the Maurice Sargent Memorial Fund. There were many people who stepped up and volunteered to sell these tickets. Drawing of the tickets had everyone on the edge of their seat because that fire pit with the smores kit and hot dogs was an incredible prize. The second and third prizes were awesome as well. Rick Nielsen won the First Place Prize of a fire pit, smores kit, and hot dogs. I understand that there was quite a time around that pit when they used it. The Second Place Prize of a $100 gift card to Pat’s Pizza was won by Ray MacDonald. The Third Place Prize of a $75 gift certificate to Friend and Friend was won by Betty Noonon from New Hampshire.

Prizes were given out to the top three sellers of tickets. First place went to Carol Davis, second place went to Beverly Sargent, and third place went to (it was a tie) Sandy Guptill and Pat Hamor. Gail thanked them all so
much for all their hard work in selling tickets. Special “thanks” to Gail Johnston for keeping track of the sales and we appreciate all of her hard work too.

Yard Sale

You read about the upcoming yard sale in the last newsletter, or, if you are a new member you might not have. It has been on Facebook too!

This next weekend we will be having a yard sale at our lot on Washington Junction Road. Please call Pat Hamor, 276-3094, or Beverly Sargent, 667-4079, if you can volunteer some time or have something you plan to bring for the sale.

Spare stuff: Do you have something in your garage that you haven’t used in a long time that someone else might be able to use? Take it to the club house next Friday, June 7th between 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Both Pat and Beverly will be there with some helping hands to put your extra goodies out for the yard sale. If you have a need for any “EXTRA” special furniture, games, clothes, etc., just stop by and get a bargain. If you haven’t rejoined, you can then as well.

Questions

Can I go 4-wheeling now? Maybe! A lot of trails opened this past weekend or their web page indicates they will open this coming weekend. There are notices for most ATV club trails on their web page or for sure you can contact someone in that particular club and ask. Going on a closed trail can cause not only problems for you if you get caught, but also, for the club that takes care of that particular trail. It could cause a trail to be shut down. Landowners are not happy about folks riding on their land before they indicate it is okay. We actually saw a trail that was closed when we headed in one direction and on our way back it was open, so PLEASE be very cautious.
**When does my 4-wheeler registration expire?** You can ride your 4-wheeler until the end of June each year. Registrations expire June 30th.

**How old do I have to be to drive an ATV?** [www.maine.gov/ifw/atv-snowmobile/atv/laws-rules.html](http://www.maine.gov/ifw/atv-snowmobile/atv/laws-rules.html) states, “A person under 10 years of age may not operate an ATV. A person 10 years of age or older but under 16 years of age may not operate an ATV unless that person has successfully completed a training course approved by the department and is accompanied by an adult.”

**My ATV/UTV is more than 60 inches, can I ride on all trails?** Not necessarily. Acadia Area ATV Club Trails have posted size allowances. MOST trails have signage indicating how wide ATV/UTV’s can be on a particular trail. If the sign says no ATV/UTV’s over 60 inches then DO NOT ride on that trail. That means that either a bridge is not wide enough to accommodate your machine, OR, the landowner has requested that no machine greater than 60 inches are allowed. This is another one of those reasons a trail could be shut down. A number of bridges are only 60 inches wide. Stay tuned for updates as you heard about in the Secretary’s Report on the definition of an ATV regarding size and weight.

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**MAKE SURE TO SUPPORT ALL OF OUR BUSINESS MEMBERS WHEN POSSIBLE. A COMPLETE LIST IS ON OUR WEB SITE.**

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