**FOREST COUNTY ATV ASSOCIATION**

**March 11 , 2023 9:00am**

**Laona Senior Center  Laona, WI**

**Present: Scott Siebers, Jim Kallis,Brent Stamper, Beth Stamper, Chris Shafer,Michelle Shafer, Steve Plamann, Tani Plamann, Mike Smith, Mark Benotch, Mike Boney,Wayne Swanson, Teri Swanson, Barb May, Bob May, Lyle Brunett, Scott St Louis, Heide St Louis, Sue Schultz, Deborah Schlimman, John Schlimman, Mark Pendergast, Tom Wonurash, Vickie Senolin Henkle, Niell Henkle , Mary Thornton, Mike Biese , Jake Pozorski**

**1.Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**   Pledge was said.

**II. Additions to Agenda:** None

**III. Adoption of November minutes**  Mike Biese reviewed November meeting minutes. Scott S. made motion to accept November minutes, seconded by Steve**. Motion carried.**

**IV. Treasurer’s Report**

Tani gave treasurer report. Mark P. made a motion to accept treasurer report, seconded by Scott. **Motion carried.**

**V. Business**

**a. Budget**

Tani discussed doing 3 yr budget sheet and has updated spending categories for improved accounting and easy to read access.

**b. Membership updates**

Current Membership: 86 Businesses, 394 Families, 51 Singles,- Total is 531. Mikes new goal is 600 members for 2023. Tani adjusting membership dates to get all members on monthly billing cycle of membership fee’s due in April. Tani has updated membership forms with correct mail address. Discussion held about easiest format to get members to sign up with card processing or QR Codes, Mike and Tani to explore options.

**c.Tax exempt status**

Tani gave updated report about confusion regarding the Tax-Exempt status expiring and the club is not listed under a charitable non-profit. Tax Exempt status needs to get fixed ASAP because of outstanding loans and clubs’ credibility. Club members agreed to maintaining volunteer status, no paid positions. Motion made by Wayne to pay up to $1000.00 for a professional CPA to rectify tax exempt status, seconded by Mike B. **Motion carried.**

**d.Equipment updates**

Jake discussed the John Deere lease a tractor program which club will be participating in and club will sell their 1720 John Deere tractor. The club purchased a new drag, the old one has been cleaned up and painted but is in bad condition. Jake will be working with Job Corp students to help repair. Brush head/mower deck on brusher in needed repair and replacement also.

LMT snowmobile club offering to sell 300Galloon fuel tank and store near their garage. Jake and Mike to continue discussion. New magnet purchased and arrival time will be set up. Jake and Mike approached if club would rent magnet to other clubs, members agreed to use on our trails first and then write up guidelines/stipulations if we would lend to other clubs. \* Reminder of health concerns for heart pacemakers regarding magnets, Mike to follow up with insurance company and posting where and when is use.

**e.Trail work needed**

Jake contacting members who are offering to assist with trail maintenance, setting up meeting and equipment training dates. Wolf River trail needs work done and Wabeno trail needs gravel laid down. Potawatomi Trail and 8 Mile loop will need brushing and clearing. Bushafer road needs work, signage, and road maintenance groups to meet and plan future maintenance needs. Jake will plan a trail cleanup date and put up new maps on kiosk locations. Mike gave reminder that FCATV season starts when snowmobile club says they have closed their trails and our seasons ends Nov 1st of each year.

**f.Map updates**

Deadlines are past due to get business map advertisements in, awaiting payment on about 6 businesses. 10 Businesses waiting to get on map, club makes good revenue from map sales. Volunteers needed to put maps out. Chamber will laminate big posters to put on outdoor kiosk. Mike and Kim to review map list for distribution.

**g.Ride updates**

May 13th Spring Kick off Ride at Brush Run Grounds – 9:00 meeting: Ride at 11:00

May 20th WATVA New Riders ride

June 10th Special Needs Ride – Nolans Northwoods Expedition – Hiles Campground 11:00

July 8th Women of the Outdoors Ride – Padus Gun Club -Wabeno 9:00

Sept 16th Poker Run Party – Crandon Saloon

**h.Stickers for rides**

Mike proposed creating stickers to the annual events for every participant to commemorate involvement. Club agreed the spring ride or poker run party would be the best. Mike to design and Chris Schafer volunteered to print them.

**Add item:**

Mark B. made a motion to send Mike and Jake to WATVAnnual Conference in May, seconded by Chris S. **Motion carried.**

Trail Ambassador training coming up in April – contact Mike B. if interested.

**Adjourn;**

Brett S. made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Chris S. **Motion carried.**

**Next Meeting- Due to Easter Sunday , we will meet April 15th at 9:00 Laona Senior Center**