

Hodag 4-Wheelers ATV / UTV Club
Meeting Agenda - Tuesday, April 8, 2025,
Fireside Supper Club, Rhinelander – 6:00 PM

1. Call to Order

2. Attendance

3. Presentation of new members

Discussion: New members here - Deb and Ken – Welcome! And the Hodag Mascot was introduced!

4. Secretary Report – *see website for last meeting minutes*

5. Treasurer Report

Discussion: Bills for March included: tractor payment, generator & trail supplies, apparel, 50% payment on garage door repair and the Hodag suit. Income came from memberships, merchandise sales and the meat raffle.

6. President Report

Discussion: Thanks to the Executive Committee and Fundraising Committees for their work during the off months. On-line memberships are working well. Plans are to go to Expo in May, senior ride in June and more events coming up. Hodag cash raffle is happening - \$20/ticket. Cash prizes - \$1,000, \$750, \$500, \$250 and \$100. Drawing will be on October 11th after the Poker Run. Oneida County Council map – boundaries of all the clubs were developed back in 2002. The County Council is asking if we would be interested in taking over two other territories. Pine Lake and Crescent. Do we want to absorb the two areas? No trails in either area. Signage on roads are done by the township, not us. Not sure what the up-side or down sides are? Reg will try to get more information for next meeting.

Reg put together an eight-minute video for the group to look at and critique. This would be used at the Expo in May.

7. Unfinished Club Business (*from 2024*)

Discussion: None!

8. Reports of Committees

○ Grant Application / Status

Rhinelander Tourism and Marketing Committee – requested grant of \$1200 for generator and other trail items. We received a \$700 grant!

Rhinelander Community Foundation – Nancy put together a nice application for a brush cutter for the tractor and other tools for \$3,200. We were awarded \$1,000 for trail maintenance. A report needs to be done by year end with our results.

Kwik Trip awarded us \$200 in a gas card for trail work.

○ Trail Maintenance – Scott

Trail Patrol – Scott would like two people every week to ride the trails between Monday and Thursday and ride the 12.6 miles of trails and report back what needs attention. The route takes about 5 hours. This would recoup approximately \$2,200 in reimbursement from the County. Scott will have a calendar for signups.

Scott has been in contact with Lincoln County Highway Department – would like a bigger sign added by Bowman Road entrance so it can be seen better from both sides. More answers by next meeting.

Arrival date for tractor is April 23rd in the morning. They will walk us through training on the tractor for approximately 2 hours. Tractor will be all set to go when it arrives. Still waiting on the contract from the County for us to sign - \$12,600/year reimbursement for the trails.

Garage door at building – quote from original installer was \$2,150 for new parts and labor. County insurance is \$5,000 deductible. Our insurance company doesn't cover it. Roger came up with a plan for us to purchase the panels and reinstall them ourselves. Buying parts is \$1,232. Once the parts arrive, we will set up a plan to install. We also found out that when the building was built there were no letters of agreement put into place between the Mud Nutz, Hodag 4-Wheelers and the County. The County is going to have a letter drawn up for our review. Security cameras are on the building now. A gas grill was donated for the garage by Nancy and Roger Watry. Thanks!

○ Membership – Karen

Map sponsors are just that, they only sponsor the map, they need to join the club with either a single or family membership. Same as Associate sponsors.

Current Memberships

8 singles

33 families

3 associates

5 lifetime

The Club needs help in approaching businesses that could be new associates. Karen has information on this. Looking at a Chili Cookoff Fundraiser in downtown Rhinelander. The second idea is a scavenger hunt with pictures that participants need to find.

○ Website / Facebook / Newsletter

Thanks to all for their work – Karen, Christie and Maria, we appreciate you all.

○ Maps & Map Sales

Map box distribution plan - Map boxes will be ready by May 1st for distribution. Some locations have changed from last year particularly if sales were low or non-existent. Other businesses will be added that haven't had map boxes in the past. If you would like to take boxes to businesses and check on them throughout the year, please contact Nancy Watry. This is the last year of our two-year map, so map sponsors ads will take place this fall again for renewals. The maps were a major fundraiser for the club.

○ Merchandise

We have new merchandise – new hats and long and short sleeve shirts. Sweatshirts can be embroidered and ordered individually either through the club or directly at Vidal Industries in Rhinelander. Thanks to all of those on the Merchandise Committee.

○ Club Rides

- 3rd Wednesday of the Month Rides
- Overnight Ride – September 19-21 -- rooms in Mercer, Iron County

Discussion: Anyone in the club is welcome to plan a ride. The first ride on 3rd Wednesday of May will be to Fisher's on South 17. It was noted that we should plan a weekend ride so those still working can participate, perhaps a potluck at the building.

The lunches during the winter were so much fun and our map sponsors appreciated us coming in.

○ Events / Fundraising – see calendar of events on website for updates

- Meat Raffle Results

Great job by all! It was a fun time. Maria will send out thank you's to Buckethead and Trigs.

- Cash Raffle

We need to sell 130 tickets to breakeven. We have 500 to sell. Members are welcome to sell.

- Pizza Ranch Community Impact Night – April 21 - *Volunteer Sign-up Sheet*

4 to 8 PM. Two shifts 4-6 and 6-8. We get 20% of sales and all tips. Chris Kott has a signup sheet. Donation bucket and map box will be there along with a club fold out. John has volunteered to be the Hodag mascot for this event.

- Let's Ride Expo – May 2-4 – in Oshkosh - *Volunteer Sign-up Sheet*

Booth C26 – indoor exhibition hall. We hope to sell maps, raffle tickets, merchandise, etc. to help promote our community as much as we can. Our mascot will also be there

Set up is Friday with Friday only being for club members. Public is welcome Saturday all day and Sunday morning. We need some volunteers to help man the booth.

- Hodag Heritage Festival – May 17 – *Volunteer Sign-up Sheet*

\$60 to participate. We can't have our mascot there as the Chamber uses there's that day. Club will need help that day to man the booth from 9am to 6pm.

- Art Fair on the Courthouse Lawn – June 14 - sell baked goods, merchandise & raffle tickets - yes/no?

No - Will table until next year!

- Trailside Cookout & Scavenger Hunt – June 21 - *Need planning help*

Jay and Patty will take the lead on this. More to come.

- Fun for Seniors Ride – June 25 – *Sue Dartsch*

Ride with ADRC folks from Rhinelander. We need help with UTV's. Meet at Bowman Road at 10:30 with a ride to the shelter and then bring back to Bowman, should be done about 3PM. We should also contact Channel 12 to get some advertising.

9. Anything Else / New Business

Brig's Bar – now known as AA's in Monico has a new owner who spoke with Reg at the Meat Raffle. Looking at a ride in that direction this summer.

A suggestion was made to get some ideas on where the club could donate this year to spread donations around instead of donating to the same organizations. More on this to come.

Name for Mascot – suggestions - Henreitta, Ryder, Huey, Muddy Buddy, and Wheeler

WHEELER WINS!

10. Upcoming Events

11. Adjournment