

**Hodag 4-Wheelers ATV / UTV Club**  
**Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, September 9, 2025,**  
**Fireside Supper Club, Rhinelander – 6:00 PM**

1. **Call to Order** – *Sergeant at Arms*

2. **Attendance**

3. **Presentation of new members**

- **Discussion:** Welcome Nick & Rachel from Merrill

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

5. **Treasurer Report** – *Sue*

**Discussion:** Income and expenses were reviewed and approved as noted.

6. **President Report** - *Reg*

- Lost & Found Post
- Executive Committee meeting highlights
- Oneida County ATV-UTV Council News

**Discussion:** Thanks to all that worked at the Community event at Pizza Ranch. Some items were found on the trail while a member was riding, we made a post on Facebook and turned it in to the Sheriff's Department.

**Executive Meeting** - Club members will be reimbursed for trailering the tractor and/or the trailer back and forth from the shop to the job site. Volunteer waiver forms were given to all members to sign off on. Our insurance company recommended this. Purchases for shoes for the plow and also for parts to install the beacon lights that we donated were approved.

Reg attended the ATV-UTV Council meeting on Sept. 8 at the Court House. Rates for the work on the trail and work items will go up, however, the yearly threshold will not change. The Council is looking for help to get these yearly amounts changed. Legislation must be passed to increase it. Registrations for ATV/UTV are increasing rapidly. No new news on the club taking on Crescent and Pine Lake trails. No one could tell us what the responsibilities would be for our Club. Next Council meeting isn't until March of 2026.

7. **Unfinished Club Business**

- Bowman Parking Signs - status - *Scott*
- Delivery of Agrishield ProCUT Sickle Bar for tractor - status - *Scott*
- Officer nomination committee. Looking for members interested in assuming the president and treasurer officer positions. Election is during December 9 meeting (3 meetings from tonight).

**Discussion:** Bowman parking signs are in the works and in the hands of Lincoln County. Sickle bar is planned for end of September arrival. Tractor is in for its 50-hour service, shoes are being put on the blade and hook added for a drag.

8. **Reports of Committees**

- Grants - *No new grant applications are currently in process or being considered at this time.*
- Trail Maintenance – *Scott*
- Membership – *Karen*

**Discussion:** One new membership tonight – 65 total memberships for the year.

- Website / Facebook / Newsletter / Publicity
- Maps & Map Sales - *Nancy*

- New map considerations - *August 28th committee meeting review*

**Discussion:** Meeting at Watry's on Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> if anyone is interested in helping.

- Merchandise – Archie / Sue

- Club Rides

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month Ride – September 17

- Choice 1 – Little Rice/Willow Flowage Area – same ride as last year – Bucksnot lunch
- Choice 2 – Pelican Lake area or Elcho

**Discussion:** Will go to Pelican Lake with lunch at Boiling Springs on Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Depart Bowman Road at 10AM.

- Overnight Ride – September 19-21

- If your name was not listed in the August newsletter as going on the overnight ride, please let us know. It is important for us to account for everyone who is going so we don't leave anyone behind. If you don't let us know, you are at risk of being left behind.
- Dennis Thums will be our primary fearless leader.
- Friday ride departs from Great Northern Hotel at 10:30 AM. Ensure your machine is ready to go (fluids maintained, tire pressure good, fuel filled, etc.). A Shell station is next door.
- It is 55 miles from the Rhinelander round-about to the Great Northern Hotel in Mercer. Plan your arrival accordingly.
- A Sunday ride (after check-out) is also planned.
- Brush up on all our group ride skills (lights on, always keep rider behind in site and aware of any turns at intersections, keep safe distance from rider in front, try to keep up with the group but drive only drive at speed you are comfortable going, etc).
- More info at meeting.

**Discussion:** Friday ride will depart at 10:30 AM from the Great Northern Hotel. Saturday we will go to Saxon Harbor to see a couple sites and back to Mercer. Sunday will be determined.

- October 4 - Harrison Hills 2025 Fall Ride

- This will be a guided ride with the intent to visit each of the stops identified on the Harrison Hills event poster. Leave from the Bowman Road parking lot at 10:00 AM. Arrive at Nut-zees by 4:00 PM. Check out Harrison Hills UTV website to check for details.

- Trail Ambassador News – John

**Discussion:** John and Roylene will be retiring officially in three years as Trail Ambassadors. There is a web site you can go to check out the process. Please talk to John if you are interested.

- Events / Fundraising

- Cash Raffle – *Drawing October 11 - status*

- **Those who were given tickets - turn in the ticket stubs, respective cash, and any unsold tickets. If possible, put in envelope with your name and amount of cash on the envelope. Give to Reg at tonight's meeting.**

- Chili Feed & Night Ride – good turnout – we had five chilis and a nice two hour ride. We did get \$50 in donations too. Jay and Patty have volunteered to head up the Chili Feed next year.

- **Dairy Queen Share Night – TOMORROW, September 10, 4-8 pm** Volunteers spots are filled.

- Hwy K Clean-up – Saturday, September 13, 9:00 AM Afterwards the group could go for breakfast at the VFW Club, free breakfast with donations appreciated.
- Culver's Share Night - Monday, September 22 – there are a couple spots available to help. Please contact Chris Kott if you can volunteer.
- **Poker Run – Saturday, October 11**
  - **Member donations for raffle baskets will be accepted at this meeting.**
  - **Posters are available if you want to put one up.**
  - **Raffle baskets are needed.**
  - **We have a spot on Up North at 4 on September 30<sup>th</sup>.**
- Club Meeting - October 14
- Hwy K Clean-up – Saturday, October 18, 9:00 AM
- Community Impact Night – Pizza Ranch – Monday, October 27 – also have a couple open spots for volunteer help available, contact Chris if interested.
- Club Meeting - November 11
- Annual Meeting – December 9
  - Election of Officers
  - 2025 in review - things gone right/things gone wrong
  - 2026 planning
- **Christmas Party** – set date and venue. Party would be the first or second weekend in December, the committee will work on this and advise next month.
- 2026 Let's Ride Expo – May 1, 2026 - Oshkosh - *save the date*

#### 10. Anything Else / New Business

- Newbold Fire Department Dog Training - Saturday, 8:00 AM, 330 Squash Lake Road, Town of Lincoln – need one volunteer. Archie volunteered.
- Consideration of adding three directors to Executive Committee. We would like to have the Executive Committee along with the three directors decide things for the club and bring the decisions to the Club at the meetings. Raise of hands decided to look for three directors, nominations in October, voting on in November.
- Implement volunteer waiver forms.
- Another ADRC Senior Ride - Thursday, October 23, 10:30 - lunch at Winding Trails \$10
- Holiday Inn access??
- Sound system purchase - We will purchase a sound system that we trialed tonight – cost of approximately \$160. Raise of hands agreed.

#### 11. Adjournment