

Hodag 4-Wheelers ATV / UTV Club

Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, November 11, 2025

Fireside Supper Club, Rhinelander – 6:00 PM

1. **Call to Order** – *Sergeant at Arms*
2. **Attendance**
3. **Presentation of new members**
4. **Secretary Report** – *see website for last meeting minutes*
5. **Treasurer Report** – *Sue*

Discussion: Receipts and expenses were reviewed and approved as read.

6. President Report – Reg

- October 29 EC meeting summary

Discussion: Four veterans were present, thank you for your service!

Exec Committee discussed some suggested by law changes and a couple of other items..

7. Unfinished Club Business

- Bowman Parking Signs - *status*
- Discussion and vote to approve By-law Changes
- Nominations for president, treasurer and directors - paper ballot

Discussion: Bowman signs are in place and look good – thanks Scott for your diligence in planning these and to Harrison Hills UTV Club for helping us with the cost.

By-law changes – The main focus of the current changes was to add three people to the Exec. Committee along with a few changes to memberships and sponsorship wording.

A member expressed some additional changes they would like to see – highlighted below along with EC's decision at their October 29th meeting.

PURPOSE, MISSION AND VISION:

1. To provide a volunteer resource for the community at large.
2. To provide an educational resource for the sport of ATV/UTV riding
3. To explore, expand and participate in off road riding opportunities
4. To maintain and expand existing trail systems in Oneida County.

EC Decision: This will be tabled for now until new Directors come on board as the EC feels the current wording reflects the same message.

MEMBERSHIP

I believe Businesses that support our club through a map ad should be allowed to vote at any meeting. Mary Thompson, Eric (Fireside), Ben Parson are business ad sponsors that should not have to purchase an Associate membership in order to vote. Also replacing the word sponsorship instead of Membership is confusing - maybe identifying difference intended at next meeting.

EC Decision:

Definition of Sponsorship

MAP SPONSOR (they sponsor the club with the cost of the map ad only, are advertised on map, Facebook & website). No voting rights.

ASSOCIATE SPONSOR (they sponsor the club with their dues and are advertised on Facebook & website only). No voting rights.

Definition of Membership

CLUB MEMBERS pay either their single or family dues. Club members over 18 years of age can vote at club meetings.

DISBURSING OF FUNDS:

Holders of the club debit card are limited to spending \$500 unless prior authorization by the board is approved and must provide receipts for all purchases made the club debit card.

EC Decision: Currently we don't have debit or credit cards available for anyone to use. Scott had a Kwik Trip gas card that was granted to us. He now has a \$200 limited gas card with Shell for purchasing trail equipment fuel. Currently, all major expenditures are approved by the EC. Receipts are currently required and provided.

The President and or Executive Committee are authorized to spend up to \$500 without club approval. This would include any committee that is formed.

EC Decision: Currently, the president is allowed to spend up to \$200 without EC approval. A cap on how many \$200 expenditures is permitted is not specified. The EC does not want to deliberate with the entire club on matters of \$500. This is why we are adding three directors to the EC. The EC is not in favor of capping what the EC is authorized to spend on behalf of the club.

The President and or Executive Committee are authorized to sell an item worth no more than \$500 without club approval. Any item to be sold, should be made notice to club members before sold to an outside party.

EC Decision: If time permits, and as a courtesy, the membership at a club meeting will be informed of a potential sale of club equipment as a courtesy. The EC does not want the club sale of equipment to be held up because a member may be interested in buying the equipment. The EC is also not interested in bartering with a club member over price. The EC has sole authority to sell a piece of equipment.

The club membership has elected the EC to have ultimate authority for the direction and activities of the club, per the current bylaws. That is what each officer accepted responsibility to do, in the best interest of the club. Oversight of the EC by the membership is welcomed. But the membership does not have any rule. The EC is transparent in all matters and will bring decision making to the membership at its own discretion.

Donations made by the club are limited to a maximum of \$1,000 per year, \$300 per entity. Club will use its discretion as to what organizations to support, however focus should be towards ATV/UTV awareness and events.

EC Discussion: Tabled for now until new Directors are on board.

Quorum for the EC will be changed from three to five considering we will have 9 members.

EC Voting – will be changed so each officer or director will have one vote.

Motion by Rich Quade to approve the bylaws as presented.

2nd by Karen Videgar

Motion passed

New Directors – Slips were passed around for the nomination of additional directors, President or Treasurer. Archie will call all nominees to see if they will accept.

8. Reports of Committees

- Grants

Discussion: A grant will be presented to the Rhinelander Tourism and Marketing Committee for \$600 for a Husqvarna chainsaw and string trimmer. Value for the two items is \$795. Application is due on 11/4/2026.

- Trail Maintenance

Discussion: Trail work is done for the balance of the year. Tractor is washed and in position to plow snow at the building if needed. There was a Facebook post asking people what type of trails they preferred/wanted – with 500 votes 95% wanted more natural, rustic trails. Only 5% wanted flat, smooth trails.

- Membership

Discussion: Poker run produced four new memberships. Total YTD we have 72 memberships. Memberships that were done in September through December of this year will continue for the 2026 season. Memberships can be paid now for 2026 to Karen. Membership online is handled through Stripe. If you register online there is a small fee for the club. Memberships can also be mailed to: PO Box 922, Rhinelander, WI 54501

- Website / Facebook / Newsletter / Publicity

Discussion: Reg created a YouTube channel to post videos of the Club. Files are too large to email or put on our website, so this is another way to get more exposure for the Club. Our Facebook has 1,600 followers.

- Maps & Map Sales

- New map considerations

Discussion: Map sales are coming along, but we still need some help. As of today we have 32 map sponsors considered (24 renewals and 8 new). Map meeting at Nancy's on Nov. 17th at 10AM.

- Merchandise

- Club Rides

- 3rd Wednesday of the Month Ride – November 19

Discussion: November 19th is the last ride of the year. Meet at Bowman Road, with departure at 10 AM. Decision will be made that day as to where the ride will go.

- Events / Fundraising

- Past Events

- YMCA Not-So-Scary Halloween - October 18
- Hwy K Clean-up – Monday, October 20
- ADRC Senior Ride - Thursday, October 23
- Pizza Ranch Community Impact Night – October 27

Discussion: YMCA Halloween was well appreciated by the Y and attendees.

- Upcoming Events

- Christmas Party – *Last Cast Bar & Grill - December 6 – Start at 3PM*
- Annual Meeting – December 9
 - Election of Officers
 - 2025 in review - things gone right/things gone wrong
 - Kindness for Kids donations
- Off-season Sponsor Gatherings

Discussion: Christmas Party – November 22nd is the due date for reservations, pay Christi either before or at the party - \$17/person. Off season lunches at our sponsors will continue in 2026. Please volunteer to organize one of the lunches so that one person doesn't have all the work. We will have a signup at the next meeting.

9. New Business

- 2026 Ride Planning Committee Invite - 1st meeting

Discussion: Please sign up to be on the committee. Hopefully, by the April meeting all rides for 2026 will be planned.

10. Adjournment