

Hodag 4-Wheelers ATV / UTV Club

Tuesday, May 12, 2026, Club Meeting MINUTES

Fireside Supper Club, Rhinelander – 6:00 PM

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

2. **Attendance**

- Attendance sheet
- Volunteer sign-up for Senior Ride
- \$2 - 50/50 raffle opportunity

3. **Presentation of new members** – Brian & Judy and Haylee & Jeff

4. **Secretary Report** – *review last month's meeting minutes on club website*

5. **Treasurer Report**

Discussion: Income and expenses were discussed and approved as read.

6. **President Report**

➤ UTV Accident

May 2, 5:30 pm, a 70-year-old male from Salem, Wisconsin and a 70-year-old male passenger from Antioch, Illinois were riding south on our trail when the operator failed to negotiate the sharp left turn approximately ½ mile from intersection 266 (Bowman Road Trailhead). He rolled his UTV and then struck a tree on the right side of the trail. The operator was pronounced dead at the scene. The passenger was treated and released. The operator was wearing his seatbelt but was not wearing a helmet. The victims were riding with others in a group. The accident is still under investigation.

The Crescent Fire Department, Fire District Alpha, Oneida County Medical Examiner and Oneida County Ambulance assisted at the scene.

Investigators found no issues with the trail condition and all required traffic signs were correctly in place.

➤ Monday's City Council meeting notes – Amendment to current ordinance to allow UTV's ONLY on Lincoln Street was discussed.

Discussion: Scott and Reg went to the meeting; through discussion it was decided that half were for and half were against. This will be discussed further after more research is done. If it would be approved in the future it wouldn't be until 2027 or after.

➤ Blind Pig ATV-UTV Access – Started talking to Steve Heddon, owner of the Blind Pig regarding legal access to his business. I hooked him up with the Town supervisor for Newbold and with the WDNR. He has been talking with them and is setting up next step.

7. **Unfinished Business**

➤ Fall ride – October 3, partnering with Harrison Hills ATV-UTV Club. Volunteers to help coordinate, our input is needed.

Discussion: Venue is at Winding Trails at the end of the day, food and music along with basket raffles. Harrison Hills will give their portion to the Russell Fire Department, we are considering giving our portion to the Crescent and Pelican Volunteer Departments as this is who would respond to our trails. Next meeting is at Maple Bear Campground on May 18th at 1PM.

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- Ride to Lake Nokomis for farm tour, wine-tasting, listen to music, shop and have lunch – Kathy

Discussion: Saturday, June 27th is the date. This would be a club event going to Lake Nokomis for lunch of pork sliders, beans, chips, cookie and beverage for \$12-14/plate. Club will let us know further planning at the next meeting.

8. Reports of Committees

- Trails

Discussion: Using the new drag worked well for leveling out the trails. We do need gravel on our trails, Scott is arranging for an estimate from Musson's, most likely 4 loads will be needed. Gravel is cheaper than crushed asphalt. Next week Scott will work on cutting the blackberry bushes down. Everything that was purchased with grants has been done and received.

- Grants

Discussion: \$200 in gas cards was received from Kwik Trip.

- Membership

Discussion: Thirteen new memberships and four new sponsors since our last meeting. YTD 59 total memberships and 63 sponsors.

- Publicity - Website / Facebook / Newsletter / You Tube / Other

- Our monthly newsletters are emailed to members. If you are not receiving them, check your spam folder or confirm with Christi your correct email address. The newsletter is also available for reading on our website.

- Maps & Map Sales

Discussion: We could put up posters with our QR code at places of businesses that don't have map boxes. Reg has a poster already made up that can be used.

- Merchandise

Discussion: Gordy at FNB Embroidery can embroider our logo on anything. He's open Monday – Wednesday and Thursday mornings. He is who originally developed our logo.

- Club Rides

- May 20th 3rd Wednesday Ride – **Pelican Lake area with lunch at Boiling Springs. Leave at Bowman Road at 10 AM – watch Facebook and email for more details.**
- June 17th 3rd Wednesday Ride - Waterfall Tour – Watersmeet, MI
 - *Ride with a picnic lunch will start 9:00 AM and leave from casino parking lot.*
 - *Watersmeet is 50 miles and 1-hour drive from Rhinelander courthouse.*
- June 22 – Monday – Late afternoon/evening ride to Lake Tomahawk - snowshoe softball game
 - *Leave from Fern Ridge trailhead in St. Germain*

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- October 3rd – Saturday - Fall Ride hosted by Harrison Hills and Hodag Clubs
- Pop-up Rides – anyone can plan a ride / invite your fellow club members

➤ Event Planning

- Cash Raffle Fundraiser – *Currently we have passed the breakeven status!*
- Let's Ride Expo – May 2nd – *One seminar talked about raising the license fees for UTV's from \$15 to \$30/for two years. There are 500 bridges that need to be replaced on the trails and the extra funds would be used for this. Expo was great, we had a lot of contact. Wheeler was well received. Two new memberships, numerous maps and cash raffle tickets were sold.*
- Pizza Ranch Community Impact Night – *We made great tips (\$144) and \$169 in sales, total of \$313 - Pizza Ranch has cut their donation from 20% to 10%.*
- Rhinelander Heritage Day Festival – May 16 – **NEED VOLUNTEERS**
- Highway K Clean-up – May 21 at 10AM, meet by Woodpecker
- Pre-Ride to Overnight Trip – June 2-3 – **FINAL PLAN DISCUSSION**
- Newbold Fire Department and Law Enforcement K9 Training – June 5th, 6th & 7th – **NEED VOLUNTEERS**
- Senior Fun Ride – ADRC to Boondock's - June 24 – **NEED VOLUNTEERS**
- Summer "Member Appreciation" Picnic – July 25 - Shelter #3 at Pioneer Park
- Chili Feed and Night Ride – September 26
- Trek the Mighty Mack - September 25-26
- Harrison Hills / Hodag 4-Wheelers Fall Ride – October 3
- Poker Run – October 10
- YMCA Not So Scary Halloween Trail – October 17
- Christmas Party – *date & venue TBD*

9. Anything Else / New Business

10. Adjournment