

HIGHMARKET WHEELERS ATV CLUB

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August 2017 Newsletter

There were 19 members in attendance at the August meeting at Highmarket Inn. Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2017 at 10:00 am at The Tug Hill Hideaway. Nominations for Officers and Directors will also be held.

Memberships:

Last year we had a total of 402 members. This year we have 415 members paid to date.

Club Trail News:

A special thank you goes out to:

- Dan Okusko, our Trail Boss, and his son Matt. They spent many Saturdays installing directional trail signs on the roads.
- Rod Runnels & Rob Snyder for using their equipment to brush hog sections of the trails.
- Palmer Morgan, Rob Snyder, Ted Walter, John Furness and Dan Okusko for weed wacking the trails.

Lewis County Trail Coordinator, Jackie Mahoney, offered to have the County haul stone for us to maintain our trails. We need to have an account at Barrett's. A motion was presented by Terry Rounds to obtain an account from Barrett's and seconded by Michele Gammel. All ayes; motion passed.

Mike Gille reported that in the past the membership brought up that there is a need to number each trail. The total number of trails is 16. Pricing was obtained for 6x6 trail number signs. Voss signs had a cost of \$4.95 each and Ray Diers of Digital Crayon Printshop LLC had a cost of \$3.95 each. Dan Okusko and Mike Gille suggested that the club purchase 10 to 15 signs per trail. The membership suggested purchasing much less, 3 to 4 signs per trail. Board Member, Palmer Morgan stated he knew a company from Pennsylvania that may have a lower price. It was suggested that we hold off on ordering the signs until we look into the Pennsylvania company. It was agreed to start numbering the trails for next year's map and make the purchase decision at a later meeting.

County Trail News:

The New County Trail in the Town of Leyden is not open yet. There is a hold up on bridge crossings at the State level. Hopefully the State will get to us soon.

2017 Club Events:

September 2nd Poker Run - Co-Hosted by The Tug Hill Hideaway. Poker Run Pre-registration: Friday, September 1st, 5:00 - 8:00 pm @ Kovach's Repair and The Tug Hill Hideaway. Saturday, September 2 Poker Run Registration (\$10 donation for trail maintenance): 9:00 - 11:00 am @ The Tug Hill Hideaway. Poker Run: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. Riders must be back at The Tug Hill Hideaway by 5:00 pm sharp (or before) to draw cards. The prizes are: First \$300, Second \$200, Third \$100. Join us for the fun and support local businesses!

The **Cash Raffle Ticket** drawing will be held on September 2nd at the Tug Hill Hideaway right after the poker run. There will be three prizes: 1st/\$500, 2nd/\$300 and 3rd/\$200. There is a \$5 per ticket cost.

New/Old Business

Neil Smithling and Mike Gille are looking into tractors and implements, with the possibility of trading our 2015 Yamaha Grizzly 700, trailer and pull-behind Swisher 52 inch cutter. Our past Yamaha grant has been completed/closed out. We now qualify for another grant when it is time to apply.

Nominations/ Elections:

According to our By-Laws, Nominations take place at our September meeting (9-9-2017) and Elections are held in October (10-14-2017). This is a very important process to the club and the Officers and Directors hope for a good turnout at these meetings. Requirements for these positions are as follows: ARTICLE V OFFICERS, #1 Election, Qualifications and terms Sub Section A: All members nominated for an officer must be a member in good standing for a minimum of one year and 21 years of age. ARTICLE IV DIRECTORS, #1 Election and Terms, Sub Section E.: Directors must be a member in good standing for a minimum of one year to qualify for nomination.

By-Law Change:

President Gille announced at our August meeting that the By-Laws were updated from the March 2017 meeting. The Membership/Officers and Board of Directors voted on having open meetings, changing the meeting start time to 10 am and membership dues \$15.00 single and family. The vote was unanimous.

By-Law Revisions:

The Officers and Board of Directors are asking for volunteers to help revise our current By-Laws. This process will take place during the off season. Hopefully, by March of 2018, the By-Law committee can submit purposed changes to the membership for ratification in May.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

After our August meeting announcement of a By-Law change a couple of members contacted me about why the by-law change was not posted for two months and voted on by the membership. I responded that we **do not agree with the By-Laws as written** and we exceeded the requirements by including the membership. The Officers and Board of Director's overwhelmingly wanted the By-Laws changed by now. However, even though we have asked for volunteers no one has volunteered and we have not had the time to address the needed changes. PLEASE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP REVISE THE BY-LAWS, LET ONE OF THE OFFICERS OR BOARD MEMBERS KNOW. WE NEED YOUR HELP IN THIS VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE. Our current By-Law on AMENDMENTS is listed as follows:

ARTICLE VIII- AMENDMENTS

1. These bylaws may be adopted, amended or repealed by a vote of the board of directors and the officers.
2. A copy of these bylaws will be made available to any member who requests it.

A complete copy of the un-amended Clubs By-Laws (2012) is located at: http://www.highmarketatvclub.com/post/_docs/bylaws_-_Copy.pdf

A complete copy of the amended (March 2017) Clubs By-Laws is located at: http://www.highmarketatvclub.com/post/_docs/bylaws_amended_3-11-17_in_word.pdf

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