

## Over the Hills Gang ATV Club Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2025

**9:30 - Welcome | Pledge of Allegiance** Steve Beneke chaired meeting

**9:32 – Introductions** 26 people in attendance

**9:35 – Secretary Report** October meeting minutes read by Steve Beneke. John Raines 1<sup>st</sup>, Kent Korman 2<sup>nd</sup> approved.

**9:38 – Treasurer Report** read by Melissa Sink. Rod Wegner 1<sup>st</sup>, John Raines 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved. See handout. Steve Beneke commented that compared to last year at this time, our funds are about \$7,000 lower.

**9:40 - Grant Manager Report** read by Steve Beneke. See handout.

**9:43 - Safety** read by Steve Beneke. See agenda.

**9:45 - Trail Updates** no updates.

**9:50 – Events** Rod Wegner gave Getting Loose on the Moose summary, see agenda. Safety Training is scheduled for May 3 in Outing. Volunteers are needed to assist, please contact the club if interested. Perry May has volunteered to lead a ride for ATV Minnesota Ride and Roast on May 17 in Remer. He needs a volunteer to be his ride sweep. Please contact the Club if interested.

**10:00 – Marketing** Rod Wegner to work with Kelsey or other volunteer to revise and submit TREMELO ad. No cost to Club.

**10:02 – Winter Riding** Rod Wegner gave update, see agenda. Comment from member that we make sure we have sufficient funds for grooming in winters where we have a lot of snow.

**10:04 – Website** Rod Wegner gave update, see agenda.

**10:06 – Social Media** Rod Wegner gave update, see agenda.

**10:08 – Volunteering** Rod Wegner gave update, see agenda. Comment from member that the loss of these dues was minimal to our budget and worth it.

**10:10 – Bylaws** No update

**10:12 – Memberships** Steve Beneke asked if we should have a sticker with date printed to provide in the new member packets. There seemed to be interest in this. Question about providing this sticker to renewing members and how it would be disseminated (mail, pick up at meeting, etc). No decision was made.

Member recommended the annual renewal mailing be done by email this year. Others agreed.

Discussion of changing business membership to tiered rather than flat rate. Higher price membership could include ad in map, point of interest on Ride Command, priority position on website, etc.

**10:15 - Open forum**

**Maps.** We are out of printed maps. Discussion about printing more, how many, if we should ask businesses to pay for ads vs include them in business membership, print recommended donation price on maps, etc. Decided to form Map Team to make these decisions and move forward with designing and printing maps. Those volunteering to work on this are Steve Beneke, Tim Sink, Jim Remington, Jeff Hoff.

**Annual Raffle.** Steve will put this on the agenda for the next meeting. Attendees thought the fall drawing worked well and increased our earnings. Steve volunteered to lead the raffle again this year. Steve to ask Power Lodge and Polaris if we can get ATV for cost again.

**Meeting schedule.** Member asked to confirm meetings are First Saturday of the Month at 9:30 am. Steve confirmed, with exception of when meeting falls on a holiday weekend then the meeting will be the week before or after.

**Posting meeting minutes.** New member requested meeting minutes be posted on website for members who are unable to attend or live out of town. Reading minutes is a good way to stay updated on what is going on. Rod Wegner to work with website account manager to get put on website.

**10:30 – Adjourn** Dan Barrett 1<sup>st</sup>, Lynn Remington 2<sup>nd</sup>. Adjourned. Event Committee meeting following immediately.