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# NEAR NORTH TRAIL RIDERS

ATHELSTANE, WI

Meetings are held at Athelstane Town Hall County Rd AC, Athelstane, WI  
Meetings: April 18, 2020 May 9, 2020  
Spring Banquet April 18<sup>th</sup> @ The Woods

**THE ENTIRE MARINETTE COUNTY ATV-UTV & OTHER  
MOTORIZED VEHICLE TRAILS WILL CLOSE MONDAY MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup>  
FOR THE SPRING BREAK-UP PERIOD**

**NOTE: Due to the Easter Holiday the meeting is being moved to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of April**

### **Spring Banquet RSVPS:**

In your letter this month you are receiving an RSVP to attend the Spring Banquet to be held at the Woods on the evening of April 18<sup>th</sup>, please return it by April 8<sup>th</sup> with your check. We need them back by that date so that the Woods can be contacted with a count of how many people will be attending the banquet. Send them back to Sandy DuChateau W10708 Benson Lake Road Amberg, WI 54102

### **Ballots: Spring 2020 Election**

You will also find a ballot for the spring election for two officers and two board members in your letter this month. If you are not planning on attending the meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup> and you want to cast a ballot you must return the ballot to the club in a sealed envelope with your name written across the seal on the back of the envelope before the meeting. **DO NOT SEND YOUR BALLOT AND YOUR RSVP FOR THE BANQUET IN THE SAME ENVELOPE. YOUR BALLOT IS A LEGAL DOCUMENT AND THE ENVELOPE CAN NOT BE OPENED UNTIL THE APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup> MEETING.**

### **Member Attendance Drawing**

Two numbers were drawn from the red coffee can this month. The first number drawn was # 12 Andy Malecki, he was not in attendance for this month's meeting. The second number drawn was # 14 and that number belonged to Janice DuChateau. She received a check in the amount of \$21.00. Janice also won the drawing at last month's meeting. See how easy it is to win some money when you attend the meetings.

### **Marinette County Alliance Report**

Club rep Vice President Kelly Barnes attended the March 2<sup>nd</sup> alliance meeting. He reported that

there is a proposal to increase summer ATV funding. And the combination ATV & snowmobile winter funding. At this time there are more ATVs & UTV's registrations in the state than snowmobiles. The next alliance meeting scheduled for April 6th will be held at Hovers in Wausaukee rather than the town hall due to Election Day. The annual meeting of the parks department will be held after the April Election.

### **Shed & Equipment Report**

The tractor is back and working well. The blades have been installed on the Sure-Trac. The tracks will be taken off of the tractor on Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup>. If anyone is available to help with this job is asked to be at the club shed at 9:00 that morning.

### **Nominations**

Nominations were taken for President, Secretary, Trail Boss and one Director. Lonnie Swaney was nominated for President and he accepted his nomination. Sandy DuChateau was nominated for secretary and she accepted her nomination. Dennis Hermes and Todd Stadler were nominated for Trail Boss and they accepted their nominations. Melissa Opicka was nominated for the Director position and she accepted her nomination. Results of the voting will take place at the April meeting. Trail Boss Gary DuChateau is retiring from his position as the trail boss. Vice President Kelly Barnes acknowledged the many years that he put in and his dedication to the club.

### **Open House**

The open house is coming up on June 6<sup>th</sup> at the club shed. We are having a youth helmet fitting and give away this year. Club member Carl Springer has gotten a donation of \$250.00 from Thrivent Financial and the club will match that donation for the helmets. The club has now gotten approval to serve beer at the open house this year.

### **Club Apparel**

An order for club apparel will be placed soon. If anyone is interested in ordering something you can call Jill Hirschmann @ 920-366-8067 or you can also e-mail her @ [Jillrae01@gmail.com](mailto:Jillrae01@gmail.com).

Well that's it from me this month. The first signs of spring is the trail closure to protect the soft trail bed from erosion. As for me I can't wait for all the dirty snow banks to melt in the sunshine and go away until next winter. Don't forget about getting those ballots back to the club and your RSVP for the spring banquet. Going to have a DJ this year so you can come and kick-up your heels. And now from the Officers and the Board to the clubs land owners their families and all the snowmobile and ATV members and there families this Easter Wish.

*May you celebrate this Easter with a heart filled with peace joy, and cheer!*  
*Happy Easter*

