

December Newsletter 2015

Meeting attendance was 23 - All officers minus Bob Hood 16 members and 2 applicants

John Gepford gave the treasurer's report: \$5,715 in the maintenance fund, \$4,434 in the general fund.

A \$300 gift to land owner Gene Timmerman and a \$200 gift to the A/O firehouse was verbally approved.

Tom Robinson reported on the club grounds: The clubhouse needs the leaves removed from the base to keep it dry and eliminate rotting. Old chain link fence is needed to be used in areas of club grounds with erosion.

The club has several new members and they are welcomed.

The club president, Steve Arteman, conveyed to those at the Dec. meeting, that an adjoining landowner called him complaining about loud exhausts. One incident involved a quad transported by a dark blue truck during the week of Thanksgiving.

The club has a noise limit of 99 decibels. If you think your ride is loud - IT PROBABLY IS! If someone else thinks your exhaust is too loud - IT PROBABLY IS! We have a sound meter and will test without notice. If your exhaust tests above the 99 decibel limit, you will not be allowed to use the club's ground until you have corrected your exhaust (either repack, repair or replace). To get your ride certified as compliant is at your expense. You may have to transport it to a location for testing before you will be allowed to use the club again.

Also, it is evident quads have been doing donuts, drifting and burn-outs in the parking lot. Anyone caught doing this may be expelled from the Club.

Jay Hall will be attending AMA District 17 meeting this Saturday 12/5.

The motion to eliminate the April cut-off and impose a fine for missing meetings and/or not recording 6 hours of work time was defeated with 1 in favor and 19 opposed. The president and 2 applicants did not vote.

Discussions continued on the motions pertaining to membership options. Some thoughts brought up at the meeting included: eliminate the April cutoff, enforce existing rules on members not meeting requirements, and an option to pay a dollar amount in place of work hours or meeting requirements. Jay Hall made a proposal as follows:

"Good Standing Member with all their work hours and meetings may renew at the Feb. meeting or any time after that until the end of Oct. Unless membership is full at the time he or she tries to renew. New member application may be taken at the April meeting or any time after unless membership is full or until the end of Oct. They must be at the meeting and must understand they are joining a club not a riding park and have duty's that must be met to retain their membership.

New Members applicants must have the work time in and must be documented by a current member within 90 days of their application date and have three of their meetings in by their 90 days grace period. If not then they will be expelled from the club unless being an unforeseen problem and at this time the board will make a ruling. There will be no refund of money."

The motion (if passed) would take effect in 2017. We will continue this topic at our February meeting.

Steve Arteman brought up items for business for the upcoming year: repairing the boundary fences (high priority), the club house either being repaired or replaced moderate priority), and Steve found a camera option for the club grounds for \$150. A trail camera is slated to be donated at the next meeting for trial use.

When parking at the Argenta Firehouse for the winter meetings, please park in the back and north sides. This way, if there is an emergency the firemen will not have our vehicles in the way.

For new members – a note on the gate lock. The lock must be locked in order to remove the key.

The next meeting will be Tuesday night February 2nd, 7:00pm at the Argenta firehouse, (no meeting in January).

Merry Christmas and Happy 2016!

