# MADAWASKA VALLEY ATVENTURE CLUB BY-LAWS

MADAWASKAATVGLUR

ENJOY DON'T DESTR

REVISED: April 14, 2015

PO Box 265 Madawaska, ME 04756

# Madawaska Valley ATVenture Club Established 1984 Proposed Bylaws (Revised April 14, 2015)

## Article I. Name & Purpose:

**Section 1.** The Name of the corporation is Madawaska Valley ATVenture Club with a mailing address of P.O. Box 265, Madawaska, Maine 04756.

Section 2. The purpose of the Madawaska Valley ATVenture club is:

- To stimulate and advance the general welfare and safety of ATV recreation.
- To serve in the interests of and defend ATV owners against displinary legislation, regulations and burdensome taxation.
- To develop a fraternal spirt among ATV clubs and other outdoor enthusiasts.
- To perform all desirable and lawful function for the successful operation of the Club and in the general public interest.
- To promote goodwill between ATV operators, landowners, law enforcement office and agencies.

Section 3. The corporation motto shall be "Enjoy Don't Destroy."

Section 4. Dissolution of Untity

• In the event of the Club dissolving, the Executive Board at their discretion will dispose of all Club assets as deemed appropriate and with the approval of members present at the meeting.

### Article II. Membership:

Section 1. Membership in the Club shall consist of:

- a) Primary Member
- b) Associate Member Member whose primary membership is with another club.
- c) A single / family membership is a household with dependent children under the age of eighteen.

**Section 2.** Application for membership in the Club will be available at any time to any individual/s interested in the All-Terrain Vehicle recreational sport.

**Section 3.** Each member, 18 and older, shall be entitled to one vote.

Section 4. The Executive Board may establish the qualifications and right of Associate Member.

**Section 5.** Application for membership shall be made in writing addressed to the Club for the Secretary or Membership Chairman on the appropriate form containing an agreement by the applicant to abide by the Bylaws of the Club.

**Section 6.** A member may resign from the Club at any time upon written notice to the Secretary.

**Section 7.** Member(s) can be terminated for violating the Club Bylaws or the State Of Maine All-Terrain Vehicle Laws & Rules.

**Section 8.** Membership in the Club is May 1" of the current year to April 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year and will consist of members listed on the yearly member roster.

**Section 9.** At event Club functions (i.c.: BBQ's, parades, club rides, etc.) all children under the age of 16 (sixteen) shall be under the direct supervisions of a parent or guardian. The Club takes no liability at Club functions.

**Section 10.** The dues for membership will be set annually in February by the Executive Board.

### Article III. Management:

**Section 1.** The Management of the Club will be entrusted to the:

- Members
- Offices
- Exceutive Board
- Board of Directors
- Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised as applicable guidelines for the Club

**Section 2.** The Executive Board will not seize, nor hold by force or without right, the power of the Club members at a member meeting.

**Section 3.** A minimum of 5 members present at any member meeting is needed to conduct business for the Club.

Section 4. A majority vote is a number more than half of the total of the members present.

- Any formal action taken at a member meeting will be require a majority vote.
- A majority vote will have the final say of all function taking place or to take place within the Club.

**Section 5.** Officers, Board of Director members, and committee chair members will have five (5) days to return a response, and / or answer to any email and / or call pertaining to business of the Club or its function(s).

# Article IV. Officers:

**Section 1.** The Officers of the Club shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Trail Master. *The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person.* 

**Section 2.** The officers shall be elected from the membership by the majority vote of the members. Any officer may be remove from office by the affirmative vote of two-third (2/3) of the whole Executive Board. All officers must be 18 years old or older at the time of election.

**Section 3.** All officers shall take office immediately upon election and hold office for one(1) year or until <u>a</u> successor shall have been elected and qualified. The President term will be for two (2) year or until a successor is elected

### Article V. Directors:

**Section 1.** The Board of Directors shall consist of (6) Directors, each of whom shall be a member of the Club. Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting of membership and shall take office at the close of the annual

meeting for a term of (3) years. No Director shall be elected to serve more than two successive term, or until a successor has been elected.

# Article VI. Executive Board:

**Section 1.** The Executive Board will be made up of the Officers and Directors.

**Section 2.** This Board shall powess the authority to hold executive session meeting and may require any officer, official, or contractor to attend any meeting deemed necessary.

**Section 3.** These meeting can be called by the President or any three members of the executive Board of Directors.

**Section 4.** Vacancies in the Executive Board shall be fill by 2/3 vote of the Executive Board to complete existing term.

**Section 5.** All issues brought to the Executive Board within the month, will be brought up at the next monthly meeting before the Membership for a vote.

**Section 6.** A majority of the members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of club business.

**Section 7.** The Executive Board may appoint Club committees, fill any vacancies or change the membership in Club committee. The Executive Board may, by resolution, delegate such authority to the Club President.

**Section 8.** The Executive Board may employ whatever personal they deem necessary, and for which funds are available, to aid in the management and programs of the Club and may authorize the expenditure of Club fund in any other manner provided such action are in the proper furtherance of the purpose of the Club.

**Section 9.** The Executive Board will not abolish any committee without the majority vote of the members present at a member meeting.

**Section 10.** In the event a Board member is unable to attend a meeting, every attempt will be made to notify any other Board member of the absenteeism.

**Section 11.** If a member of the Board does not attend three (3) consecutive unexcused meeting, the member can be removed from the Board by a majority vote of the Executive Board member's percent at an Executive Board meeting.

### Article VII. Meeting:

**Section 1.** The annual meeting of the members of the Club shall be held at the time and place designated by the Executive Board.

**Section 2.** Regular meeting of the members of the Club shall be held monthly or as often as needed, at the time and place fixed by resolution at the previous meeting or designated by the President or Executive Board.

**Section 3.** Special meeting of the Club may be called by the Board of Directors or by the President or by any group of 10 members by giving at least seven (7) days, written notice of the time, place, and purpose of each special meeting.

**Section 4.** A majority of the present members shall constitute a quorum. Any formal action taken at any meeting of the membership shall require a majority vote of those members present.

**Section 5.** The President will conduct all meeting according to the Agenda and when an agenda topic is discussed the President will acknowledge that person wishing to speak by the showing of a hand. This person will have up to ten (10) minutes to discuss the topic at hand and at the end of the ten minutes, the floor will be given to the next person wishing to discuss the topic at hand. It will be the President's decision to call for a vote on the topic or to table the topic for later discussion.

**Section 6.** Written notice of the date, day, time, and location of the Annual Meeting will be prepared and distributed by the Secretary, or the President, to members listed on the current member roster.

# Article VIII. Fiscal Year:

**Section 1**. The fiscal year of the Club shall commence on the first (1) day f May and shall end on the thirtieth (30) day of April.

# **Article IX. Election Procedures:**

**Section 1.** A Nominating Committee of at least 3 person shall be appointed by the Board of Directors from the members.

**Section 2.** The Nominating Committee shall place in nomination candidates for election to the members for each prospective vacancy from among the names of the Club's members. Nominating will also be accepted from the floor.

- The nominating Committee has been appointed and acknowledges the instruction of the committee.
- The candidate's names will be listed on the official ballot, if ballot are needed.
- Additional space will be provided to write in any other possible candidates as well as the specific year (s) of term for all position.
- Official ballots will be provided at the Annual Election of Officers & Board of Directors and Member Meeting in the absence of a lost or forgotten ballot(s). The official ballot will only be accepted on the Honor System.

**Section 3.** The tally Committee <u>that</u> has been appointed and acknowledges the instruction of the committee.

• Majority votes are declared by the President; therefore the candidates are elected to the position.

# Article X. Amendments:

**Section 1.** The amended or revised Bylaws will be approved by a majority vote of members present at the Club meeting by the members present.

**Section 2.** These By-Laws may be amended, altered or repealed, by 2/3 vote of the membership present at any regular or special meeting providing that notification was made and posted at least (30) days prior to the date of such meeting.

Was Revised By: Angel Deschaine, Levite "June" Hebert, & Joel Morin (2011)

### Revised April 14, 2015