



## **VILAS COUNTY ATV/UTV ALLIANCE, Inc.**

### **BYLAWS**

#### **ARTICLE I**

Section 1: The name of the organization shall be the Vilas County **ATV** Alliance, hereafter referred to as the Alliance.

#### **ARTICLE II**

Section 1: The Alliance shall act as a liaison between member clubs and all bodies of local, county, state and federal government in the matters affecting the sport ATV/UTV.

Section 2: The Alliance shall encourage cooperation between the various clubs represented in all activities that will promote the activity of ATV/UTVing.

Section 3: The Alliance shall develop an understanding of the issues affecting the sport of **ATV/UTVing** and communicate information so the image of ATV/UTV usage will be enhanced. This support should include but not be limited to educational programs, landowner relations, legislative review, trail development and safety.

#### **ARTICLE III**

### **MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING**

Section 1: Membership in the Alliance shall be open to any organized ATV/UTV club operating in Vilas County, State of Wisconsin.

Section 2: Each club shall have two designated representatives. Each member club will cast only one vote in all Alliance matters. One representative from each club will be either the club President or designated by that club's President in his/her absence. A voting club is that organization which has a presence in Vilas County, State of Wisconsin, for the maintenance of ATV/UTV trails, routes, or routes in their responsible/designated area. Any other motorsports

organization from the same responsible/designated area is termed an Associate Member with NO voting rights. Dues for Associate Members shall be one-half of the current dues for full members. All clubs must have a minimum of ten members to be eligible to become a voting member of the Alliance. All Alliance member clubs must be in service for a period of one year prior to becoming a member of the Alliance.

Section 3: For transaction of business, a quorum shall consist of fifty-one percent of member clubs.

Section 4: Alliance membership dues will be set at \$200 due & payable at the April meeting which is normally the first meeting of the season.

#### **ARTICLE IV ELECTIONS**

Section 1: Officers shall serve for a term of one year.

Section 2: Officer Positions to be filled are: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 3: All Officer positions can be re-elected to consecutive terms or until they are voted out.

Section 4: Officer Elections will be by in person ballot. There must be a quorum of member clubs present to hold an election. The majority of votes cast at the election meeting will determine elected officers. Nominations for officer positions will be held at the regular meeting in September each year. Officer Elections will take place at the final meeting of the year usually held in October. The newly elected officers will assume their official officer positions at the first Alliance meeting in April.

Section 5: A vacancy in the office of President shall be filled for the remainder of the term by the current Vice-President. Vacancies in any other elected officer positions shall be filled by ballot and a majority vote cast, as long as there is a quorum present.

#### **ARTICLE V MEETINGS**

Section 1: Roberts Rules of Order will prevail at all meetings.

Section 2: An annual business meeting shall be held the third Tuesday of April. The purpose of this meeting shall be to review the past year's activities and outline the upcoming years' programs.

Section 3: The officers shall outline and plan the activities of the Alliance. The Alliance officers may call upon any assistance they feel necessary from the Vilas County Forestry Department, the University of Wisconsin Extension Services, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the Wisconsin ATV Association (WATVA), or others as required.

Section 4: Special meetings of the Alliance member clubs, for any purpose or purposes, may be called by the President, or shall be called by the President at the request of the majority of the members entitled to vote at the meeting.

Section 5: Where special problems or programs of a local nature exist, the President shall name a special committee to be appointed from the member clubs.

Section 6: Amending the bylaws may be done at any regular meeting, providing a quorum is present. The proposed amendment shall be presented at two consecutive meetings, before a final vote is taken.

## **ARTICLE VI DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Section 1: The President shall be the responsible head of the Alliance, and will act as the chairperson at all meetings. The President shall be approved to sign checks in the absence of the Treasurer.

Section 2: The Vice-President shall be in charge of publicity for all meetings and endeavors. The Vice-President will conduct all meetings in the absence of the President.

Section 3: The Secretary shall make and keep the minutes of all Alliance meetings and be custodian of the records of the Alliance. The Secretary shall keep records of the addresses and telephone numbers of each of the club representatives to the Alliance. The Secretary shall see that all notices are given to the members. The Secretary shall, in general, perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be delegated or assigned by the President.

Section 4: The Treasurer shall have charge and custody of, and be responsible for all funds of the Alliance. The Treasurer will give a summary of all bank balances and expenses incurred during the previous month. Written copies will be given to the Secretary for record keeping requirements. The Treasurer shall receive and give receipts for all monies due and payable to the Alliance. This includes monies from all sources, and deposit such monies in the name of the Alliance. The Treasurer shall sign and issue any checks on behalf of the Alliance. The Treasurer shall, in general, perform all the duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be delegated or assigned by the President.

Section 5: The position of Secretary and Treasurer or Vice President and Treasurer may be combined at the will of the majority of clubs represented at any meeting with a majority vote.

Section 6: Two (2) Board members from the same Club cannot be signatories on Alliance checks.

Section 7: Board of Director members cannot be Club representative for voting purposes.

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