

St. Croix County Trail Riders ATV Club Regular Meeting March 25, 2026

Meeting called to order by President Greg Olson at 7:06 PM. Secretary Brenda LaValley and Treasurer Steve Mael were present, along with 16 members.

Secretary's Report:

The October 29, 2025 meeting minutes were read by Secretary LaValley. Motion to accept the minutes: Steven/Kerry. All Ok.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Mael presented the financial report. Motion to accept the report and to approve payment of the bill for the Club website for Jerry H.: Tim/Bob. All ok.

Trail Captains Report:

Nothing since it is still early in the season.

Wisconsin ATV/UTV Association Report:

Olson reported on the Annual Meeting held the past weekend. It was set up to allow online participation, also. Some bills were signed or put into effect: one would allow machines up to 3,500 lb., 65" still the width; another allows machines to cross the bridge at Pepin in order to get across the river and another bridge by Ladysmith; triple the damages in cost if machines damage roads; and the reciprocity registration in Montana and the Dakotas fixed so being registered as a cycle is not legal. There are over 65,000 miles of Road Routes and over 1,000 different ordinances. Some places require functional headlights and turn signals, or they could give out tickets. There were 41 fatalities this past year, up from 39 the previous year. There were 29 UTV and 12 ATV, 8 were under 8. There were 277 injuries, 93% with no helmet and a large percent were not wearing seatbelts. Some of the injuries were not necessarily the fault of the drivers/machines' actions.

On April 18 there will be a kickoff: Rolling Hills with the North Country Riders.

Information was provided about the Let's Ride Expo to be held on May 1st and 2nd, 2026. A \$20,000 GEM grant from Tourism was awarded to help pay for the event.

In May, Olson will also be helping provide Ride Safe to a large group of young people in Dodgeville, WI.

Old Business:

Maps: Glenwood City and Somerset said they weren't interested in creating maps to hand out since change can happen often and the routes can be found using apps on cell phones: TheNextRide, RideCommand, etc. The group agreed that would be more efficient and cheaper, so information will be on the Club website and in the various Ride apps.

Hudson and Troy Routes: A group met with these entities and it looks like "no dice." Other Routes were discussed.

Swap Meet: It was decided to postpone the Swap Meet that had been discussed to possibly take place during Syttende Mai.

Raffle: Darren Lee provided information for the Raffle; the process for getting tickets and signs out to businesses in the area; a list of the Raffle items; prices of \$10 for one and \$20 for three tickets. It was decided to order 1,000 tickets at a cost of about \$70 and to order the acrylic stands to put the signs in at about \$70. All of this will probably be ready to pick up for Club members at the April meeting for distribution, probably in early May. The drawing will be held at the August 26, 2026 meeting as an online, live drawing of the 10 winners. Motion made and seconded to approve spending up to \$250 for the expenses necessary for the tickets, the stands, copying, and incidental costs: Tim/Bob. All Ok.

New Business:

Annual Meeting The next meeting will be the Club's Annual Meeting on April 29, 2026. This will include elections and a pizza party. Offices up for election will be the Vice President and the Treasurer positions. Motion made and seconded to approve the expense of the pizza: Tim/Ken. All Ok.

Syttende Mai Parade: The parade is on May 16, 2026 and starts at noon. This is also the Club's 20th year. Greg is checking on some nice banners to have and would like to know how many people/units might be able to participate.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 29, 2026

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn and seconded at 7:56 p.m.: Bob/John. All Ok.

Submitted: Brenda LaValley