

**BY-LAWS**  
**Of the**  
**Oswego County Atv Club, Inc.**

**ARTICLE I**  
**Name and Purpose**

**Section 1.01. Name:** The name of the organization is Oswego County Atv Club, Inc., and here in after, called “The Club”.

**Section 1.02. Purpose:** The Club is organized to promote the sport of recreational All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) riding through safety, public awareness, with respect to the community, and the environment. The Club is predominantly a family oriented group. It will be The Clubs mission to create recreational Atv riding that is safe. To create a public image of safe riding, and the benefits of recreational riding to the public. To develop good relationships with other atv organizations, businesses, landowners, and government agencies. To create atv trails, and riding areas within the county, and possibly the state.

**ARTICLE II**  
**Members**

**Section 2.01. Qualifications:** The membership of The Club shall be open to all people who enjoy the sport of Atv riding, and have a interest in Atv recreation. Members must be willing to develop cooperative and respectful relationships with landowners, sponsors, and other members. Members will obey all club rules along with all state and local laws pertaining to atv’s. All members shall have equal state in The Club, and its activities. Membership shall be on going, and must remain in good standing. Membership will run from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Section 2.02. Termination:** A member is subject to termination for violation of any club rules, state and local laws pertaining to Atv’s, or any actions that could be detrimental to The Clubs purpose. A Complaint Committee will notify such member of any complaint(s) made against them. The Complaint Committee will review the situation, and present all information along with a resolution to the Executive Board. A vote of two-thirds of all the members of the Executive Board may suspend or expel a member.

**Section 2.03. Resignation:** A member may resign by filing a written resignation with the Secretary. However such resignation shall not relieve the member so resigning of the obligation to pay any dues or charges owed to The Club

**Section 2.04. Dues:** Dues for members shall be established by the Executive Board. There shall be two classifications of membership, Family membership and Individual membership. Family membership shall include husband, wife, and children under the age of 18. Beginning 2011 family membership shall include husband, wife, and children up to age of 21 residing in household.

**Section 2.05. Meetings:** The annual membership meeting shall be held in month on the third Saturday of each year from March or April through September or October. Meeting dates, and

times can be subject to change upon determination of the Executive Board when it is in the best interest of The Club. All members must be notified one month in advance of any changes to the date and time of the annual meeting. Meeting places shall consist of different venues throughout Oswego County.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **Authority and Duties of the Officers**

**Section 3.01. Officers:** The elected officers of The Club shall be made up of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Officers shall be the Executive Board of the club. The Executive Board is the policy making body, and may exercise all powers and authorities granted.

**Section 3.02. Number, Selection, Tenure:** One President, one Vice President, one Secretary, and one Treasurer. All Officers shall be elected by vote of the membership present at the annual meeting. Members must be 18 years of age to vote. All nomination of Officers will be held at the annual meeting in April, with terms beginning in May. The election meeting will be held at the Altmar Hotel, unless another venue becomes necessary. Each Officer shall hold office for a term of one year. Vacancies existing by reason of resignation, termination, death, incapacity or removal before the expiration of his/her term shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Executive Board. In the event of a tie vote, the president shall choose the succeeding Officer.

**Section 3.03. Duties of the President:** The president shall have primary responsibility for the legal, financial, and general duties of The Clubs purpose. The president shall preside at meetings of The Club, and of the Executive Board. The president shall call meetings with the Executive Board when deemed necessary. The president shall appoint committees as deemed necessary. The president shall direct duties to any member of the Executive Board, and committee's. Duties of the president shall include assisting officers, directors, committee's, trail boss coordinators, and members to promote interest in club activities, and its purpose. The president shall vote only in the event the Executive Board shall need a tie breaker.

**Section 3.04. Duties of the Vice President:** The vice president shall perform all the duties of the president in his absence. It is the responsibility of the vice president to keep current on all affairs of The Club. It is the vice presidents responsibility to assist the president when needed to do so.

**Section 3.05. Duties of the Secretary:** The secretary shall keep a record of all meetings in a minute book. The secretary shall give a report at each annual meeting of the previous meetings minutes. The secretary shall be responsible for all legal records and documents of The Club, to collect, and disperse all club mailings with the exception of club memberships. Any other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Board.

**Section 3.06. Duties of the Treasurer:** The treasurer shall have the primary responsibility of all financial records of The Club. The treasurer shall oversee and record collection of dues and all other money due The Club. Duties shall also include the payment of lawful expenses authorized by the Executive Board, in a timely fashion. The treasurer shall provide a financial report to the Executive Board at each monthly meeting. The treasurer shall give a financial report at each annual meeting. At the discretion of the Executive Board the treasurer's records shall be subject

to an audit not less than annually by a committee appointed by the president. The committee will not consist of any Executive Board members.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **Authority and Duties of The Board of Directors**

**Section 4.01. Board of Directors:** The elected directors of The Club shall be made up of three (3) members. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Executive Board, and may exercise all powers and authorities granted.

**Section 4.02. Selection and Tenure:** Three (3) directors shall be elected by vote of the membership present at the annual meeting. Members must be 18 years of age to vote. All nomination of directors will be held at the annual meeting in April, with terms beginning in May. The election meeting will be held at the Altmar Hotel, unless another venue becomes necessary. Each director shall hold office for a term of one year. Vacancies existing by reason of resignation, termination, death, incapacity or removal before the expiration of his/her term shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Executive Board. In the event of a tie vote, the president shall choose the succeeding director.

**Section 4.03. Duties of The Board of Directors:** Each member of the Board of Directors shall have a voice on all matters concerning The Clubs purpose. Each member of the Board of Directors shall vote on matters concerning The Clubs purpose. Duties may also include, to identify and formulate other committee's necessary to further The Clubs purpose. To carry on such other business as may be needed by The Clubs membership.

**Section 4.04. Board Meetings:** A Board meeting shall be held in month on the Wednesday previous to the annual meeting of each year. Meeting dates, and times can be subject to change upon determination it is in the best interest of the Executive Board. The meeting will consist of the Officers and Board of Directors making up the Executive Board. Only those present or by telephone of the Executive Board may have a voice on club matters. Any other member(s) present may only have a voice on club matters if granted permission to be heard, by The Club President.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Committee's**

**Section 5.01. Complaint:** A Complaint Committee shall consist of not less than two(2) members, but not exceeding three(3) members. The complaint committee shall be appointed by the Executive Board, and will not consist of any members of the Executive Board. The duties of the complaint committee shall be to handle all written complaints concerning a member(s) of The Club, to inform the member(s) of a written complaint filed against them, to review all evidence, and persons related to the complaint. The complaint committee shall make a determination, and resolution to be presented to the Executive Board. If a complaint involves a

member(s) of the Executive Board, the member(s) of the Executive Board may not participate in any resolution or vote made by the remaining members of the Executive Board.

**Section 5.02. Membership:** A Membership Committee shall consist of not less than one member. The membership committee shall be appointed by the Executive Board. The duties of the membership committee shall be to handle all club memberships. All money received for dues are forwarded to the Treasurer in a timely fashion. To gather memberships from various locations, such as The Clubs post office box. The mailing of yearly membership cards, and atv membership stickers.

**Section 5.03. Newsletter:** A newsletter committee shall consist of not less than one member. The newsletter committee shall be appointed by the Executive Board. The duties of the newsletter committee shall be to construct a newsletter made available to the membership by mail and internet. A newsletter shall be made available monthly within the trail riding season, and annual meetings as deemed necessary by the Executive Board. The newsletter shall contain meeting dates, times, locations. As well as club events, activities, and any information deemed necessary to the membership.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Trail Boss Coordinator, Trail Boss, and Patrol**

**Section 6.01. Trail Boss Coordinator:** A Trail Boss Coordinator shall consist of not less than one member. The Trail Boss Coordinator shall be appointed by the Executive Board. The duties of the Trail Boss Coordinator shall be to appoint Trail Bosses. To oversee and coordinate all trail duty work details to insure the proper maintenance of trails, and the construction of new trails. The Trail Boss Coordinator shall assign Trail Bosses to the trail duty work details.

**Section 6.02. Trail Boss:** Trail Bosses shall consist of not less than three (3) members. Trail Bosses shall be appointed by the Trail Boss Coordinator. The duties of Trail Bosses shall be to assign members for trail duty work details. To organize and carry out trail duty work details assigned by the Trail Boss Coordinator.

**Section 6.03. Atv Patrol:** A Atv Patrol unit shall consist of not less than three (3) members, and as many as deemed necessary by the Executive Board. Meetings shall be held to train and coordinate Patrol duties. The duties of the Atv Patrol shall be to ride The Clubs trail system to insure members are obeying, and following club rules. The Atv Patrol shall gather as much information as possible on violations. All violations and violators shall be reported to the Complaint Committee.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **Trail System**

**Section 7.01. Dates:** Trails of the Club will be opened at the monthly meeting in April. The opening of trails will be at the discretion of the President based on trail conditions such as weather and safe riding conditions.

## **ARTICLE VIII Indemnification**

**Section 8.01:** All officer's, board of director's, committee member's, trail boss coordinator, and trail bosses may be indemnified by The Club against all expenses and liabilities, including counsel fee's reasonably incurred or imposed upon such member in connection with any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit or proceedings to which he/she may become involved by reason of his/her being or having been a officer, board of director, a committee, trail boss coordinator, or trail boss of The Club, or any settlement thereof. The foregoing right of indemnification shall be in addition and not exclusive of all other rights which such officer(s), board of director(s), committee member(s), trail boss coordinator, and trail bosses is entitled.

## **ARTICLE IX Dissolution**

**Section 9.01.** The Club may be disbanded and dissolved by a two thirds vote of the general membership upon determination that The Club is no longer viable or effective in achieving its purpose, mission, or future vision. Upon dissolution and after satisfying all legal and financial obligations, and liabilities, the Executive Board shall sell all remaining assets of The Club and the money shall be divided among The Club's members.

## **ARTICLE X By-Law Amendments**

**Section 10.01.** These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those members present at 3 consecutive annual monthly meetings.

## **ARTICLE XI Code of Ethics and Conduct**

**Section 11.01.** Members are required to have their atv's registered, insured, and equipped with the proper riding gear as directed by Federal, State, and Local Laws.

**Section 11.02.** Members shall ride their atv's at a reasonable and prudent speed on all trails and roads. Members shall obey all mph limits set on all roads and trails.

**Section 11.03.** Members shall stay on marked trails and roads open to atv's. Members shall not ride or venture onto unmarked areas.

**Section 11.04.** Members shall respect the rights and property of others.

**Section 11.05.** Members shall not leave trash or litter behind and work to promote and safeguard the environment.

**Section 11.06.** Members shall not interfere or harass other individuals or wildlife a field in areas where they are riding.

**Section 11.07.** There shall be no scheduled rides during Big Game Hunting season and no riding on private trails during hunting season without prior written permission.

**Section 11.08.** Members shall not endanger themselves or others by riding beyond their ability or impaired by drugs or alcohol.

**Section 11.09.** Members shall not ride after 10pm thru daylight.

**Section 11.10.** Members shall be responsible for reporting any individuals whom do not comply with the Code of Ethics, and rules of The Club.

**Section 11.11.** Members shall recognize that persons will judge all atv users by their actions.

These By-Laws were adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

