

## **ATV CLUB OF EASTERN ONTARIO INC.**

### **2016 ANNUAL REPORT**

#### **History and Background**

The ATV Club of Eastern Ontario Inc. (the "Club") was incorporated in January 2005. It is a non-profit organization and is currently exempt from income taxes.

The Club mainly serves the interests of ATV enthusiasts in Eastern Ontario and its main objective is to promote the safe operation of ATV's. In that regard, the Club has established and maintains several trails which are mainly located in the county of Prescott and Russell. The Club also offers ATV riding courses, focussing on safety.

The Club had 622 members as at December 31, 2016 (2015: 537), an increase of 85 members or 16% over 2015. The Club is part of the *Ontario Federation of All Terrain Vehicle Clubs* (OFATV). All of the Club's activities are carried out by volunteers.

#### **Financial Performance**

*Revenues.* The revenues for 2016 totalled \$49,493 (2015: \$49,112). The Club's share from membership fees includes a proportional share of OFATV's levelling fund. This amount is determined using the number of kilometres of trails the Club maintains; the amount received in the year totalled \$8,422 (2015: \$8,223). The Club's share of a member's \$150 annual membership fee is \$65 since August 2014, (previously \$70).

*Expenditures.* Expenditures totalled \$46,395 in 2016 (2015: \$46,086). The vast majority of the Club's expenditures are for trail maintenance and for the opening new trails. Trail maintenance includes winter trail grooming.

The net result for the year is an excess of revenue over expenditures of \$3,098 (2015: \$3,026).

At the end of the year, assets totalled \$97,279 (2015: \$87,284) which were mainly made up of cash and inventories while the liabilities totalled \$33,050 (2015: \$26,153) leaving then a net asset of \$64,229 at the end of the year.

#### **Activities**

The Club's main activities are the opening and maintenance of trails and the wardening (enforcement of regulations and laws) of these trails. The Club also carries out occasional activities, such as rallies. On an ongoing basis, the Club spends a lot of efforts in order to get and to maintain municipal or other government approvals for the opening of new trails and for maintaining existing ones.

In most cases, it is not easy because there are often concerted efforts by opposing parties. ATVr who do not comply with laws, irrelevant whether they are club members or not, paints a bad picture of the ATVr community. Such events provide hard to refute arguments to those that are opposed to the opening of new trails or for the continuing use of existing trails.

## **Looking Forward**

The Club's long term view remains the expansion of its trail system further east and south in Eastern Ontario. The expansion of the trail system is very dependant upon obtaining proper authorization from the concerned municipal governments and the availability of volunteers to help out. Indeed, the more volunteers who get involved, the faster the Club will be able to open new trails and repair existing ones. We note, however, that on-going volunteer support is very difficult to receive.

Currently, the leaders of the OFATV are working with other Ontario's interested parties with a view to create one ATV organization for all Ontario.

## **Web Site**

The Club maintains a Web Site (<http://www.atv-vtteo.org/>), which was recently updated. It provides up to date information on trail conditions, events and activities and more other useful information. We encourage you to visit the site on a regular basis. The Club is also on Facebook.



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