

Minutes of the Keweenaw ATV Club Meeting

August 1, 2022

The Keweenaw ATV Club meeting was held at the VFW Hall in Hubbell.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Club President Daryl St. John. Other officers present were Vice President Kitty Beleck, Secretary/Treasurer Julie Karvonen, Trustees Mike Panijan, Dave Moyle and Trails Maintenance Supervisor Mike McMahon.

The minutes of the July 11, 2022 meeting were read by Daryl St. John and a motion to approve was made by Joanne Hannula, seconded by Barb Bouwkamp, motion passed by a vote of the membership. Julie read the financial report – bank balance \$ 30179.14 with 30 corporate sponsors and 239 voting members. Motion to approve was made by Faye McMahon, seconded by Bob Boyce, motion passed by a vote of the membership.

Old Business:

a) Projects- there are 9 projects out for bids, some larger jobs are waiting for DNR approval. We have about \$110k in projects we are hoping to get done this year. Our Club spends more money, which is YOUR sticker money, than any other Club in the entire state.

b) Lake Linden Trail repair- There are still a couple property owners that are holding things up with permits. Greg Markkanen is trying to have a meeting with the property owners and get the issues settled. Matt Turino said the bids will go out as soon as the permits are all secured.

c) Line of Credit- the papers to get a \$25,000 line of credit will be signed tonight and sent to the bank in the morning.

New Business:

a) Trail Maintenance- Paperwork available for everyone that does trail maintenance, should be turned in by Labor Day. Thank you for everyone for all their hard work and dedication.

b) Trail cabinets- The cabinets that were ordered were weather resistant – not weather proof so we are sending them back. We will work on finding the correct ones over the winter.

c) Brush Hog- Took the Brush hog out for a test run. Needed a little welding and an oil change. Works great for the grader operator to see the edges of the trail better.

d) We are needed a few volunteers to help us sign the trail in LaclaBelle along the road to the trail entrance. Jim Dube & Steve Renn said they will help with the project. The trail needs to be signed correctly so we can have it inspected and get it designated.

e) Fall Ride- looking for ideas for date and destination. Jim Dube will lead the group on a ride.

Questions / Comments:

Houghton-Douglass falls- The DNR received a \$300,000.00 grant to developing access to the Falls.

The Club received a request from the Governor's office for our Club to be on the Citizens Advisory Committee. Ryan Laporte offered to represent the Club on the committee. Most of the representatives are from Lower Michigan so it will be good to have a voice from the UP.

The main trail going from Calumet to Copper Harbor, Trail B, across the Montreal Meadows has been sinking and in very poor condition for a few years now. The Club has tried to get repairs done but the DNR and DEQ have been reluctant to help. The Club is hiring Kristin Ojaniemi from Discovery to come up and film the area to give the DNR a visual of how bad the trail is.

Next Meeting: September 12, 7 pm VFW Hubbell

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