

Minutes of the Keweenaw ATV Club Meeting

April 3, 2023

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Club President Daryl St. John. Other officers present were Vice President Kitty Beleck, Secretary/Treasurer Julie Karvonen, Trustees Mike Panijan, Ryan Laporte and Trails Maintenance Supervisor Mike McMahon.

The minutes of the October 3, 2022 Annual meeting were read by Daryl St. John and a motion to approve was made by Ryan Laporte, seconded by John Laitinen, motion passed by vote of the membership. The minutes of the October 3, 2022 regular meeting were read by Daryl St. John. A motion to approve was made by Faye McMahon and seconded by Jim Dube. Julie read the financial report – bank balance \$ 42,660.19 with 22 corporate sponsors and 227 voting members. Motion to approve was made by Bob Boyce, seconded by Faye McMahon, motion passed by a vote of the membership.

Old Business:

a) Lake Linden trail- Progress is being made toward the repairs being started. Bids have been received, most of the jobs have been awarded and the money has been appropriated, about \$8.5 million. The work will start as soon as allowed per road restrictions.

b) The Keweenaw land purchase- The land in the Keweenaw that was for sale by the land company has been purchased by The Nature Conservancy. TNC wants to keep the land self-sustaining and are holding community meetings to form groups on how to manage the land. The County Commissioners will oversee the land use groups. They have conveyed to the Club that we will not lose our trails.

New Business:

a) Summer Picnic- The Club is working with Ahmeek FD to secure a date for our summer “Ride-In picnic” to be held in Ahmeek Park. We will be looking for volunteers to help collect prizes for the picnic and for set up on the day of the picnic.

b) 2023 projects- The grant amount for this summer is about \$147k. We are going to get the bid packages out and get work started as soon as possible.

c) Kitty has worked on securing another grant for the Club for \$10,000 for work on the Eagle Harbor trail. And another \$7,500 from the Right Rider group to develop trails.

d) other news- * M-26 tressel in Lake Linden, the guide signs keep being removed by vandals from the trail. The removal of the signs creates great hazards for riders that are unable to see the concrete walls of the the tressel. The Club will work on permanent post to try to keep riders safe. *There isn't any documentation of how much money ATV and snowmobile riders bring into our area. Kevin Store is going to be conducting a study of how ATV/snowmobile riders generate money

into the area communities. Our trails are very important to our local economy. *The Club is looking into purchasing Road signs to put at intersections from Dollar Bay to Mandan. There are 23 spots that signs will be added

Questions / Comments from the floor:

Next Meeting:

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