

Minutes of the Keweenaw ATV Club Meeting

Sept 11, 2023

The Keweenaw ATV Club meeting was held at the VFW Post 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, Ryan Laporte and Trails Maintenance Supervisor Mike McMahon.

The minutes of the August 7th meeting were read by Daryl and a motion to approve was made by Glenn Dupius, seconded by Faye McMahon, motion passed by a vote of the membership. Julie read the financial report – bank balance \$ 7016.05 with 29 corporate sponsors and 252 voting members. Motion to approve was made by Ryan Laporte, seconded by John Laitinen, motion passed by a vote of the membership.

Old Business:

- a) Grant Projects are coming along- These are all completed: **2301** BH,\$40k: **2305** B Sotala Rd \$31k: **2306** Del –LLB \$5000: **2307** S of Mandan \$5000: **2309** Delaware \$5000: **2310 &2314** Beaver control \$3500: **2311** BH Job share \$5000: **2313** B near Sotala \$1500: **2315** Mandan Grading \$20k **Total to date \$111,000**

b) Trail BD is 85% complete. It's scheduled to be completed and open by Nov 10th. Mason to Dollar Bay stated a little later than the rest of the areas and the trail from M-26 going north is still being worked on. Bonen had the biggest job area behind Lake Linden. The Club is hoping to get together with the Snowmobile club and get some signing done by riding season. We could always use more help.

New Business:

a) Donation – The Club received a donation of \$450 from the LaclaBelle Calumet-Keweenaw Sportsmen's Club. The club is pleased with the recognition and support that we have been receiving.

b) Fall Ride- The club will have our annual fall ride on Saturday Oct 7th. Jimmer Dube will lead us through the fall colors.

c) TNC meeting- Updates from meeting Mike had with Emily Cleggs and Julia Peterson –the TNC is working on getting permanent easements for the trails. The easements will carry through with any future property owners if the land should be sold. The Club is also trying to get permission to use the dirt piles on their land that we have used previously for trail work. They have also told us that they may have money available for our "wish list" for equipment and trail development, and maintenance. The Club had been working on a Trail through the Aetna Mine area but the project was halted with the Keweenaw land sale. To develop the trail, we need a 10 year land use permit

and \$65k for engineering. They see how hard we work on the trails and were pleased with the Mandan grading job.

d) Nathans ride for Suicide awareness will take place on Sept 16th starting at 11 am at the Maple Leaf in Lake Linden. ATV's, cars, trucks, motorcycles- come out and support a good cause.

e) BH Trail- there are 3 culverts and two steel bridges n this trail. The Club has worked on the culverts but the Bridge is in danger of being washed out. The water needs to be dredged and remove gravel. Some ditching was done when the culvert work was done.

f) More news ***The** club bid on, and won, some tires that are to be used for the Brush Hog that Keweenaw county had for sale. The snowmobile club also secured an emergency radio for use in the brush hog. There isn't great cell service in the Keweenaw and it was a much needed accessory for the groomers out there during late work hours. ***The** Keweenaw Convention and Visitors Bureau are hosting an Appreciation picnic at the Kestner Park on Sept 14th 4-7pm. There will be food, fun and music. ***TNC** installed vehicle counters on some of the trails to monitor car usage. They said it was averaged to be 155 cars per day on the trails; the larger vehicles are causing damage to the ATV Trails.

Questions / Comments from the floor:

Next Meeting: October 2 which is also the Annual meeting

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