

Minutes of the Keweenaw ATV Club Meeting

October 2, 2023

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 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 September 11, 2023 meeting were read by Daryl St. John and a motion to approve was made by Jim Dube, seconded by John Laitinen, motion passed by a vote of the membership. Julie read the financial report – bank balance \$188.00 with 30 corporate sponsors and 254 voting members. Motion to approve was made by Ryan Laporte, seconded by Faye McMahon, motion passed by a vote of the membership.

Old Business:

- a) All our grant projects are complete and we are waiting on reimbursement of \$40,553.00 in funds. We had used almost all our grant money- all except \$12,000.00 we had other grant/donations that were used for projects on the trails.
- b) Trail maintenance was completed and submitted to the DNR. Thank you to all our volunteers.
- c) We will be having the annual Club fall ride this Saturday, October 7, 2023 leaving from the Drift Inn at 9:30 am. Please bring your own lunch to eat on the trail. Jimmer Dube will lead us.
- d) Trail BD- Lake Linden is 99% complete. There are a few small areas to take care of and it will be complete and open for the snowmobile season. The snowmobile club is seeking volunteers on October 21, for brushing/signing the trail. Details to follow.

New Business:

- a) The 2024 DNR grant has been approved for \$227,000.00 they did not approve the funding for the new Gay trail as more paperwork will be needed to designate it as a new Trail. The original paperwork was old and expired.
- b) The Club is hoping to get some new picnic tables at the Ruins site on Trail B near Delaware. It is a popular stopping area for riders and the tables there are in need of replacement. Kevin Store from Copper Shores Community Funding is looking for funds for the tables.
- c) Ryan Laporte reported that the money has been approved for repairs on the Freda trail which has been closed since the Father's Day flood. Ryan is also working on getting an emergency radio for use in the Grader as cell phones don't work well in remote areas of the trail system.

d) High Rock has been approved as a designated ATV trail. Work will begin next spring on the trail as it is a very high traffic area used by cars, trucks and motor homes.

e) The owner of Mt Bohemia Ski hill instructed his workers to remove the ATV Trail signs on the side of the road from Lac la belle marina up to where the trail enters the forest. The signs are on the road right of way and were installed following state guidelines. The Keweenaw county sheriff office was notified and followed up on the complaint and found the signs and the signs will be returned to the roadside. If the signs are removed again, he will be fined for each time they are removed. If you should see someone removing signs or dumping garbage on the trails, get a plate number so it can be reported to the local law enforcement office.

f) More News: Discovery came out again to do a feature on our trail system. They want to air a story about the Lake Linden trail repairs. We will let you know when it will be on the air.

The BH Trail has a bridge that is in danger of being washed out. The beaver have dammed up the area and the water is very close to the deck of the bridge. TNC will help us with funding to do some much needed repairs on the BH Trail.

The Club will be working on doing a new map for next summer. Map ad requests will be sent out just after the first of the year. The new price will increase for the two year ad.

Questions / Comments from the floor:

Next Meeting: Nov 6, VFW Hubbell 7pm

Adjourn