

Minutes of the Keweenaw ATV Club Meeting

Nov 6, 2023

The meeting was held at the FW Hall 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, and Ryan Laporte and Trails Maintenance Supervisor Mike McMahon.

The minutes of the 2023 Annual meeting were read and a motion to approve was made by Jimmer Dube, seconded by Ryan Laporte, motion passed by a vote of the membership. The minutes of the October 2, 2023 meeting were read and a motion to approve was made by Jimmer Dube and Gordy Wetelainen. Julie read the financial report – bank balance \$36,775.43 with 30 corporate sponsors and 257 voting members. Motion to approve was made by Steve Renn, seconded by Faye McMahon, motion passed by a vote of the membership.

Old Business:

a) Lake Linden Trail work is completed and the trail has been signed. The crews tried to get a head start on Friday night and rode the trail and set out signs posts along the trail where needed. When they arrived Saturday, all the signs posts were gone. Chad and Ryan did a great job organizing the group of workers and provided lunch afterward. Thanks for all the hard work to all the volunteers that helped. There will be some cosmetic work needed in the spring but it will be ready for the snowmobile season.

b)

New Business:

a) There will be a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony dedicating the completed trail on November 30 in Dollar Bay. The DNR will be there along with the local news. This is a big accomplishment, members are encouraged to attend.

b) The Keweenaw Atv Club has been picked to be a recipient on Giving Tuesday through the Copper Shores Foundation. All donations received through the fundraiser will be matched by a percentage.

c) The Trail to Gay from Phoenix has been delayed. It had been a trail a number of years ago but it ended up being rerouted, then the use permit was delayed, and the DNR said our paperwork had expired and we will start working on new paperwork for the trail. The DNR also needs to approve the new trailhead on trail BH- Eagle Harbor.

d) The main trail, B, to Copper Harbor is being overrun by the use of cars & trucks on the trail. "Counters" were placed on the trail and there were about 200-300 cars DAILY on the trail from Copper Harbor to Mandan. The overuse of these vehicles have taken a toll on the trails. There are

many culverts, and basic work to be done on the trail to keep it in riding condition. Emily from the TNC is looking for some Federal money to help fix the trails. The Club is also looking at developing a new trail – Aetna Mine Trail. The new trail goes over the Montreal River so there is lots of engineering for a bridge, and again, TNC has been supportive in trying to help us find funding. TNC is also helping us to find a new grader to use on the trails.

e) High Rock Trail – The five mile trail development will be handled mainly by XXXXXX. TNC wants to keep the tree canopy over the trail and it is beyond our scale of work to do it.

Other notes: Signs have been mounted on the gates telling riders to go around the gates, where allowed. **Gina's gates on Smith Fisheries were cut down. The sheriff has been contacted. We have to remember we are guests on all trails as its private property and have to respect the landowners wishes.

Questions / Comments from the floor:

Next Meeting: In the spring

Adjourn