Minutes of the Keweenaw ATV Club Meeting

Aug 5, 2024

The Keweenaw ATV Club meeting was held at the VFW 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 June 29th meeting were read by Daryl St John and a motion to approve was made by John Laitinen, seconded by Faye McMahon, motion passed by a vote of the membership. Julie read the financial report — bank balance \$ 46,366.60 with 19 corporate sponsors and 224 voting members. Motion to approve was made by Ryan Laporte, seconded by Gil Ewan, motion passed by a vote of the membership.

Old Business:

- a) The Club picnic was held on June 29th at the Ahmeek Park. It was a little cold but we had a great turnout and everyone seemed to have a good time.
- b) Grant trail work denial- The Club had put out bid requests for a 3 ½ mile section of trail to be worked on this season. Culvert, a bridge and gravel & grading. The DNR denied the job due to the lack of having the correct land use permit. We will work with the DNR to come up with another solution to that project and Mike will be attending a meeting with TNC to discuss land use permits. TNC is also setting up an outing for the investors up to Copper Harbor to see the property.
- c) Copper Shores Community Health Foundation held a picnic at the Ahmeek park with a great attendance of over 300 people. Kitty worked with the snowmobile Club serving up cotton candy and giving our information for both Clubs. The event was a great way to get our names out there to the public.

New Business:

- a) Kitty secured another grant in the amount of \$1188 for the Club through Miracle Millions. The grant money will pay for two new gas-powered augers, some trail work and grader operation costs.
- b) Fall trail maintenance packets are ready and need to be completed and turned in at our next meeting in September. Thank you to all our volunteers.
- c) The Club will have our Fall Ride on Sept 28th. More details to follow at our next meeting.
- d) other notes: *The gas station in Copper Harbor has been closed so check before you bead

Questions / Comments from the floor:

Next Meeting: Sept 9 7 pm Hubbell VFW

^{**}Signs are being pulled up behind Hubbell again. If you see signs down, please let one of the Club officers know. It is very dangerous if a rider misses a stop sign and gets in an accident.

^{**}The Club ordered a large 32" x 48" stencil to paint up signs to install on the trails warning riders they must pullover for logging trucks. **Our grader is out on the trail from Norman Rd to Mohawk. Simula is also out on the Mandan trail doing our annual grading. **Mike went with Emily from TNC to look at the proposed Aetna Trail. TNC agreed to cover the cost of getting the trail open to the river so that engineering can be discussed for the needed bridge over the river.