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## Minutes of the Keweenaw ATV Club Meeting

Sept. 9 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, Dave Moyle and Ryan Laporte.

The minutes of the August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting were read by Daryl and a motion to approve was made by Ryan Laporte, seconded by Gil Ewan, motion passed by a vote of the membership. Julie read the financial report – bank balance \$ 38,291.89 with 19 corporate sponsors and 230 voting members. Motion to approve was made by John Laitinen, seconded by Jim Dube, motion passed by a vote of the membership.

### Old Business:

- a) Our fall ride will take place on Saturday Oct 5<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at 9am and Jim Dube will lead the ride.
- b) Trail maintenance paperwork is due. Thank you to all of our hard working volunteers
- c) Our 2024 Grant has been extended to 9-30-25. We applied for the extension after we encountered some issues with a large project. The extension will be used along with our next grant. The Union Creek culvert engineering as about \$35,000 and the culvert installation will be about \$176,000.

### New Business:

- a) "TNC Slow Ride" will take place on Oct 12<sup>th</sup> leaving from Copper Harbor at 10 am. Riders are encouraged to sign up for the ride. A luncheon will be served after the ride.
- b) Because of the increased paperwork, dwindling memberships for both the ATV and Snowmobile clubs, we are considering the merging of the two clubs. There are lots of things to be worked out so right now we are looking at the pros & cons of the merge.
- c) As stated above- memberships in both clubs are dwindling. We need to reach out to the younger riders to get them active in the Club. We would like to try to come up with an info meeting at the local schools. Teach them about the Clubs and how they are run – by volunteers. We need to get the word out there that if we don't have the volunteers, memberships, the Clubs can't exist.

**Other Notes:** Visit Keweenaw is working on a video to promote safe riding. Again, hoping to get it to the younger riders to get them involved with the Clubs.

There will be a ride on the 15<sup>th</sup> leaving from Dreamland Bar. A bar-b-que will follow the ride.

Next meeting will be Oct 7<sup>th</sup>. Will also be the Annual meeting.