

Minutes of the KATV Club Meeting

April 7, 2025

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Trails Maintenance Supervisor Jim Dube. Other officers present were Vice President Kitty Beleck, Secretary/Treasurer Julie Karvonen, Trustees Mike Panijan, Amy Machiela and Ryan Laporte.

The minutes of the March 3rd meeting were read by Jim and a motion to approve was made by Ryan Laporte, seconded by Faye McMahon, motion passed by a vote of the membership. Julie read the financial report – bank balance \$ 15781.31 with 9 corporate sponsors and 120 voting members. Motion to approve was made by Toni Waara, seconded by Carol Wetelainen, motion passed by a vote of the membership.

Old Business:

- a) Union Creek Culvert Update- The project went out for bids but there is too much snow. Once the project starts, the trail will have to be closed to all traffic Sept 8-12. Signs will be posted.
- b) Aetna Mine Trail – Mike has talked with Emily from TNC and a meeting will be set up soon between the DNR and TNC to discuss the trail proposal. Hopefully it can go out for engineering this fall.
- c) Online Apparel – Jim worked with Level Up Apparel Specialist to offer Keweenaw ATV Club apparel for sale on Facebook. There are hats, winter hats, t-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies etc. They take care of all the orders & shipping and we get a portion of each sale.

New Business:

- a) Packets are available for trail maintenance. See Kitty after the meeting. Maintenance papers should be turned in so we can submit for reimbursement by Memorial Day.
- b) Gina came to the meeting to discuss the TNC land sale. TNC would like to buy the land from Montreal Meadows to Mohawk from the private land owners and sell it to the State of Michigan using state and federal funding. It is a very complicated process. TNC never intended to hang onto the land, it was always the plan to keep the forest intact and have the state manage it. TNC will be with us through the whole change over process. Gina is also working to try to get the private land owners to sell their property to KORC who in turn will turn it over to the State.
- c) May 17th will be the trail clean up ride sponsored by KORC. Chad and Ryan will start in Mohawk at 9am, others can start anywhere along the trail. The ride will end in Copper Harbor where garbage will be collected and a lunch will be served in the park.

d) KORC teamed up with Toyota who were on a mission to find 12 Clubs across the US to sponsor for fundraiser. High Rock was the selected featured trail. If you donate, Toyota will match the donation and the money will be used for trail repair work. More details to follow.

Questions / Comments from the floor: Question was asked if the Club would ever consider making Trail 133 for Lac la Belle to Gay into an ATV Trail. It can be looked at in the future, new trails take time and we are currently working on another project at this time.

Next Meeting: May 5th VFW Hubbell

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