

Minutes of the KATV Club Meeting

April 6 2026

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

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 and.

The minutes of the October 2025 Annual meeting were read by Jim and a motion to approve was made by Faye McMahan, seconded by Toni Waara, motion passed by a vote of the membership. The minutes of the October 2025 meeting were read by Jim and a motion to approve was made by Toni Waara, seconded by Gordie Wetelainen. Julie read the financial report – bank balance \$60,340.02 with 22 corporate sponsors and 178 voting members. Motion to approve was made by Gil Ewan, seconded by Faye McMahan, motion passed by a vote of the membership.

Old Business:

- a) Union creek culvert. The project was completed in the fall but there were a couple installment/design flaws. The project will be readdressed this season and corrections will be made. The DNR extended our 2025 funding to help with the costs of the repairs.
- b) Map ads are being sold and there are nine ads left to fill the map. The map will be printed and distributed soon

New Business:

- a) Kitty has been busy applying for outside grants. We have received \$1500 from Semco, \$500 from UPPCO and a used ATV they donated for trail work, and \$1000 from Walmart. We are waiting to hear from two more organizations. A lot of work goes into searching for the funding, applying for the grants and providing all the necessary paperwork to get the funding. Thank you for all your hard work.
- b) Summer projects-We will be doing the normal grading and brushing along with about three miles of trail B North of Lac la Belle Rd toward Mandan. Aetna Mine Trail engineering will take place this summer. It is a joint effort project with the Ckub, DNR and the Nature Conservancy. Part of the steel rails for the bridge has been donated which were a part of the original Eagle River bridge. The DNR will be in the area early June to look over the trails and see where issues need to be addressed. Trail BD will be a main focus for repair.
- c) The DNR has finally purchased permanent trail easements for almost b\$300k on our trail system. The money for the purchase was funded with money collected from the snowmobile license fee. It's always been a concern of the land being purchased and the landowner deciding to close off our trail section. One closure could close down the entire system.

d) Trail maintenance packets will be distributed at the next meeting in May. Please get the maintenance done as soon as possible and get the completed paperwork to one of the officers or bring it to the next meeting. Tools are located in the storage containers in Mohawk.

Questions / Comments from the floor:

Next Meeting: May 4 Hubbell VFW

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