

Grand Forks ATV Club

September 25, 2010 @ the Grand Forks Station Pub

Meeting called to order @ 10:05 AM

1 - Attendance

Executive Present: Cody Zorn, Dave McKinnon, Jim Burch, Pat Zorn

Members Present: Doug Zorn, Bill Hingley, Ray Johnson, Cris Campbell, Ken O'Brien, Tom Bassett, Henry Van Diemen, David (Eileen) Davies, Doug Sinclair

Guests Present: None

2 - Minutes

2.1 – Minutes – April 10, 2010 - Minutes were read by Cody Zorn.

MOTION – *Moved/Seconded by Ray Johnston/Dave McKinnon – That the minutes be approved as read. Passed*

2.2 – Minutes – May 8, 2010 organizational meeting minutes were read by Cody Zorn & amendments were made to the calculations of the membership cost. A single membership is \$60.00 not \$65.00 & a family membership is \$105.00 not \$115.00.

MOTION – *Moved/Seconded by Cris Campbell/Bill Hingley – That the minutes be approved as amended. Passed*

3 - Treasurer's Report

3.1 – Treasurer's Report – Jim circulated and summarized the Grand Forks ATV Club's financial reports.

MOTION – *Moved/Seconded by Jim Burch/Ray Johnson – That the treasurer's report be approved as circulated. Passed*

3.2 – Petty Cash – Bill Hingley handed in \$50.00 from the raffle of a shirt & 50/50 draw which took place at the Spring Fling Dance. It was agreed that the club should have a petty cash fund so that members could re-coop their cost for things such as printing & advertising. An envelope with \$50.00 cash will be left at the desk of Jim's work place for use as petty cash. Receipts must be enclosed.

4 - Past Business

4.1 Spring Fling Event – Was held on the May long weekend. A barbeque helped to raise funds for the club and several memberships were sold. There were various rides throughout the area. Several directors of ATVBC were at the event, as well as riders from as far away as Alberta. Thanks to the Events Committee for putting on this very successful event. Thanks to Overwaitea for donating a portion of the food costs & allowing the event to be held in their parking lot. Thanks to the Elks for allowing the ATV club to be involved in their pancake breakfast. Thanks to Don Frew for attending & supplying information regarding ATVBC. The club raised \$340.39 from this event. Some members felt somewhat overwhelmed when the educational trailer was dropped off and left for the group to set up the way they wanted. It was also suggested that in the future, the club charge a registration fee per person for guided rides etc. It was also suggested that we do a poker run ride. The dance on Saturday night was not well attended; however, those who did attend had a great time. The club would seriously have to consider whether it would have a dance at future events. In all, about half the club membership took part in the event, which was very successful overall. There have been some good comments made by the directors of ATVBC.

4.2 Canada Day Event – Was organized by Ray Johnson with 3 members participating in a short parade & displaying the GFATV club's new sign.

4.3 Moon-light Madness Event – Dave McKinnon organized a few members to participate in this event & as a result, the club acquired a new member.

5 - Current Business

5.1 Memberships – Many members are not happy with the current way that memberships are being handled, by both the local club as well as ATVBC. It seems to take up to 2 months to get your final membership papers. The biggest delay seems to be at the higher levels, but the local level can also tighten up a bit to make sure that these memberships are processed in a timely fashion. When a member signs up, he/she is given the pink copy of the membership form which has their new membership number on it and can be used for insurance purposes. It was agreed generally that the members present preferred the “old” way of attaining membership in ATVBC. It was suggested that the local club have more regular meetings to keep members more involved. Many members had not recently, if ever, checked the web site for information. There was some discussion about mapping out the local trails & even filming them, so more riders could use these trails. Many of the existing trails were mapped out by the GF Snowmobile Club, but unfortunately those maps cannot be located. It was agreed that the membership list should be shared for all members to see.

5.2 Insurance – There was a general discussion regarding 3rd party liability insurance and it was agreed that Open Skies insurance is the best place for insurance for ATV's in BC. This can be purchased from RHC (GF), Capri (Kelowna) & Anderson's (Castlegar). Jim will check with Dave Dale Insurance (GF) regarding open Skies Insurance and share with the group next meeting.

5.3 Director and Operator Insurance – There is no insurance coverage for directors unless the club is registered as a “society”. The cost is about \$140.00 to register, & the club would be required to send a report yearly & have an AGM annually. Some directors are not willing to remain on the executive of this club unless there is directors insurance. It’s not worth the risk! Dave McKinnon will follow-up on this.

MOTION – *Moved/Seconded by Jim Burch/Doug Zorn – The Grand Forks ATV Club becomes a society. Passed*

5.4 Grand Forks Community Trails Society Bike Ride – Was to take place on Sunday, however, the event has been cancelled due to lack of participation. The ATV club was going to assist with this event by providing support along the route; perhaps next year.

6 - New Business

6.1 Safety Course Day – Cody will discuss this possibility with Don Frew. There are several members interested in taking this course which costs \$75.00/person for the 8 hour course. Members who have taken this course suggest that the terrain needs to be more challenging.

6.2 Recreational Area Management Plan – Cody suggested that the membership consider taking over a recreational area for development & maintenance. The members were not in favor of this, at this time. It will be brought up at a later date in time.

6.3 Future Events – General discussion about the number and type of events that the club is willing to support each year. It was suggested that there be one large main event & 5-6 smaller events. It was suggested that there may be some sort of quad riders event at the lawn mower races at next year’s Grand Forks Fall Fair. It was also suggested that the club host a poker run/camp out somewhere up the North Fork for next year’s Spring Fling event. It is in our best interest to partner with the “trails” people and support their efforts, as well as our own. The ATVBC has been working towards making all trails in BC multi-use trails. Several members are interesting in attending a Grand Forks Community Trails Society meeting.

7 - General Club Discussions

Brief discussion regarding what the club wants to do in the next year. Focus seems to be on trail mapping & maintenance, and getting info out to the members. Members are all encouraged to check the web site on a regular basis. www.gfatv.ca.

8 - Adjournment

By chair @ 12:30