

Grand Forks ATV Club

Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2011 @ 10:00 am
Grand Forks Station Pub

1. Executive & Attendance

- 1.1. President: Cody Zorn
- 1.2. Vice President: Dave McKinnon
- 1.3. Treasurer: Jim Burch
- 1.4. Secretary: Pat Zorn
- 1.5. Members: Doug Zorn, Bill Hingley, Ray Johnson, Judy McKinnon, John Mehma, Chris Mehma, Steve Young, Tom Bassett, Elliot Teskey, Dave Bachmier, Gary Green, Dave Davies, Harry Gretchen, Ken O'Brien, Doug Sinclair
- 1.6. Non-members: H. Jackson
- 1.7. Guests:
 - 1.7.1. Guest #1: Don Frew
 - 1.7.2. Guest #2: Brian Charlebois
 - 1.7.3. Guest #3: Gord Nichols
 - 1.7.4. Number in attendance: # 23

Meeting was called to order by the chair at 10:05 am

2. Minutes from previous meeting – Cody Zorn

- 2.1. Cody read minutes of previous meeting April 9, 2011

2.2. Amendments of Minutes

Corrections made by Don Frew & Cody will correct minutes on the website.

Motion/Seconded - Dave Davies/Dave McKinnon – That the minutes are accepted as corrected.

3. Treasurer's Report – Jim Burch

- 3.1. Jim circulated financial report.
- 3.2. Reviewed Profit & Loss with Previous Year Comparison & explained amounts.
- 3.3. We reviewed the Balance Sheet, which is currently \$1644.92 plus the four new memberships sold today.

Motion/Seconded - Jim Burch/Ray Johnson – That the financial report is accepted as presented.

4. Past Business

4.1. None

5. Current Business

5.1. Not-for-profit Society – Dave McKinnon

Sometime back we decided that we wanted to be a not-for-profit society because the directors had no insurance coverage. The Constitution & Bylaws were set up & we are now an Incorporated Society. Copies of our Constitution & Bylaws are available for \$1.00 each & all members are encouraged to purchase a copy and read through them, as this is what governs our club. The official club name is Grand Forks ATV Club. The club mandate was read. Thank you to Dave on behalf of the club for all the work done to accomplish this task. As an incorporated society, insurance for all directors is paid for by ATV/BC (\$1,200.00 per year) with extra event insurance available through Oasis Insurance, contact Ken Anderson.

5.2. ATV Safety Course – Cody Zorn

An ATV Safety Course was held on the May long weekend in Mehmals' gravel pit with 5 participants on Saturday and 4 on Sunday. The course was taught by instructor Don Frew. Eventually this course will be required for all ATV riders. All participants must sign a waiver prior to the course; releasing Mehmals' of any responsibility should they be injured during the course. The cost of the 8 hour course is \$75.00 for members and \$175.00 for non-members. The difference is due to the instructor having to purchase`

\$700.00 liability insurance for non-members. Members who have completed the safety course will get an extra 10% off their ATV insurance. Cody will circulate a memo to those interested in taking a course in November and another course will be set up for April 2012.

5.3. Canada Day Parade – Dave McKinnon

We did not participate in this event this year.

5.4. Moonlight Madness

5 people participated in this event; Ray & Jean Johnson, Cris Campbell, and Ken & Dorothy O'Brien.

5.5. Fall Fair Parade

8-9 riders participated in the fall fair parade. 3 riders ended up carrying the fall fair banner at the front of the parade. The club sign was on display and riders threw candy for the kids. If the club does this again next year, we will need lots of candy!!!! The club sign needs to be stored and Dave Davies said he'd find a spot for it. Dave Bachmier and Steve Young volunteered to supply candy etc. for the parade next year.

6. New Business

6.1. Meeting schedule – Cody Zorn

It was brought to the executives' attention that members would like to have more regular meetings. After some discussion, it was decided that meetings would be held every 2-3 months generally. There will be meetings in November 2011, March 2012 and the AGM in May 2012. Don suggested that with everything that is going on regarding the "trails" that club committees may have to be prepared to meet more often. The members agreed that more meetings could be scheduled if required.

Motion/Seconded – Doug Zorn /Dave McKinnon – That the club meets more regularly.

6.2. New Horizons for Seniors Program – Doug Zorn

Cody discussed what this program is about and briefly what the club would like to do. The executive made the decision to pursue this application on behalf of the club members. Special thanks to Doug Zorn for spearheading the project. Doug briefly discussed what could be accomplished if we are successful in this application. Letters of support were given by Mayor - Brian Taylor, MLA - John Slater, Counselor - Chris Moslin, RCMP – Jim Harrison, B&F Sales & Service – Ryan Tomlin, Work & Play – Dale Best, Community Futures - Dave Marshall, ATV/BC - Zan Boyle.

6.3. Columbia Western Trails Society

Steve Rigby and Harry Killough were not present so Cody and Ray passed on the information regarding the section of the Trans Canada Trail between Fife and the Lafferty washout. Steve Rigby, president of the Columbia Western Trail Society, has asked if our club would be interested in maintaining that section of the trail. Steve would like to take us thru that area and show us what needs to be maintained. One or two work parties should be organized this fall to widen the by-pass around the new narrow bridge. Non-motorized trail groups already had a trail around the washout area, so members are confused as to why such a large sum of taxpayer's money was put out for this bridge in the first place. It is obvious that the new bridge was deliberately placed there to keep motorized users off the trail. Don thinks that getting involved in a stewardship opportunity like this would be good for our club. Are members interested in maintaining this section of the trail? Should we start a trail committee? Ray offered to contact Loraine Barg to make sure that access the trail at Fife Road is not a problem.

6.4. SKATT (South Kootenay All Terrain Trails) Committee – Don Frew

Don says that due to controversy with trails from Creston to Grand Forks, this committee was formed similar to the SWATT committee in the Harrison Lake area. SKATT would like 2 members from each of the neighboring clubs to join the committee. Committee work will be confidential until they agree to make it public. They are interested in mapping areas with help from the City of Trail. It would be nice to be able to ride all the way from Grand Forks to Creston. The only problem is the Columbia and Kootenay Rivers, but this has already been considered by the current committee and is being worked on. Funding is possible through this committee and they could become stewards of the trail, hiring work crews to complete and maintain sections of the trail. This could also boost tourism in the entire Kootenay area. Meetings would probably be held in Castlegar, as it is centrally located.

6.5. Trail Committee

With the opportunities above presented to the club (1.6.3 and 1.6.4), it was suggested that we form a trails committee to work with these other groups. Dave McKinnon suggested that this committee put together a terms of reference and determine what trail responsibilities would be taken on.

*Motion/Seconded – Steve Young / Doug Zorn – that we create a trails committee.
Ray Johnson & Gary Green offered to co-chair this new trails committee.*

6.6. Mapping – Gord Nichols

Presentation by Gord regarding some of the possible mapping projects he is able to do. Gord showed various samples of different mapping options. These maps can be laminated or mounted on core plastic which would last about 3-4 years. Maps can be made seamlessly, whatever you need is doable. Mapping info is from 2005 but can be updated to a more recent date.

7. Club Discussion

7.1. Ray - A group of riders came up from Langley and stayed in the area. They have been on several rides with Ray, Bill and Gary and even had a barbeque last night at Rays as a farewell and all said they would be back again as they thoroughly enjoyed quad riding in this area. Some of the guests even mentioned that they would be interested in retiring to the area.

7.2. Wayne, Don and Ray met with the rural caucus to discuss motorized access to trails in the Boundary Region. Letters of support let them know that the trails are not being maintained properly and things need to be looked at closely. Local ATV riders feel that multi-use trails should be open to everyone as the Trans Canada Trail (TCT) is crown land. There was a letter of thanks from Donna Burnett who supports the TCT as a multi-use trail.

7.2. On the Trans Canada Trail there are signs that say that “no motorized vehicles allowed”. This is because the trails are not insured for motorized use.

7.3. Doug Zorn mentioned that Cris Campbell is moving and still has her quad for sale. For more info see www.gfatv.ca or call Cris at 250-442-2094.

8. Motion to adjourn meeting - 12:38 pm

8.1. Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting and look forward to steady progression in making the club successful and reaching the goals we set out. There is the opportunity for new members to sign up right now.