

Grand Forks ATV Club Minutes
December 3, 2011 Meeting
Grand Forks Station Pub

Meeting came to order at 10:04

Chair: Dave McKinnon
Secretary: Jim Burch

Opening Remarks: Mentioned that Cody Zorn had an emergency appendectomy and would be unable to attend and Pat Zorn is working today.

Approval of last meeting minutes which were summarized by Dave McKinnon as amended. Moved: Ray Johnson and Seconded: John Mehmal CARRIED

Approval of Agenda

Reports:

Treasurers report – Jim Burch moves and Dave McKinnon seconded the report be accepted as presented.

Search and Rescue – Laurence Radford, President – Search and Rescue would like to come to an arrangement to use our vehicles if required. They will pay \$30.00 per operating hour. Those that submit their names will be called on a as needed basis.

Search and Rescue hold their meetings at the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 at the Nursery Fire Hall and they invite any member to join their membership. Laurence mentioned would be insurance and WCB coverage for the Quads. They had 11 searches in 2011 and 21 in 2010. Territory is Conkle Lake to Paulson Summit and the Border to the Edgewood.

A membership list was circulated where some members present checked their name off indicating they were interested in participating. This means they would be contacted if there was a need by Search and Rescue for a Quad. Dave McKinnon will email all the members to find out if there are other members that are interested in participating.

Bill Hingley said that he would liaison with the Search and Rescue for the club.

Twisted Night before Christmas – Three Quads participated in the parade. There was a very good crowd, we did pass out candy. Suggestion that we consider passing out something that has GF ATV or BC ATV logo on it. Some discussion on getting more participation at these events.

Phoning Committee

Doug and Ray agreed to split the member list and phone people to participate in future events.

New Horizon for Senior's Program – We applied for \$25,000, we have heard nothing other than acknowledging the receipt. This is normal.

Columbian Western Trail Society – Tabled for next meeting as no representative present. Steve Rigby is Trail Manager for this Society.

Trails Committee – Gary Green reported we need to look at replacing the wood on one of the flumes. There is also additional work to be done on the bypass.

We did go out twice to do trail repairs, cleaned some flumes and did a whole bunch of work on the bypass.

Lalonde has suggested that he would bring his equipment to help widen the bypass Trail.

Dave Davies is Chair and Gary Green is Vice-Chair to the Trails Committee for the Grand Forks ATV Club.

In the Spring we will need to go back on the Trail to see what additional maintenance needs to be done.

SKATT – Don Frew is a representative of South Kootenay All Terrain Trail – Ray and Doug attended a meeting on behalf of the club. The plan is to develop a trail from Grand Forks to Creston some of this could use the Dewdney Trail. The next meeting will be in the Spring.

The committee agreed there should be at least 2 members from each of the three Kootenay ATV clubs. Cody was appointed to be the alternate representative.

Discussion about the GF club helping to fund the travel costs of these representatives. They are suggesting the club put up \$150.00 to cover the travel costs of the representatives to attend these meetings.

They would like the GF ATV club to consider a few priorities to bring to the next SKATT meeting.

Natural Resources

Discussion about the proposed rules, John reported that the document is attempting to shift the liability and maintenance away from the government. Government is attempting to pass off responsibilities of these road systems.

The club recommended that Cody should be contact the Coalition regarding the National Resource submission and express our concern with the liability and maintenance issues of the submission. It appears they are trying to download the liability and maintenance for these Service Roads.

ATV safety course

We are hoping that Don Frew will conduct a safety course in May 2011. John will make his gravel pit available for the course.

AGM Meeting

The AGM will be in May 2011

Events Committee

There was a discussion about doing a Spring Fling event also discussion about a Poker Run.

If we do a Poker Run consider using the 28 mile bridge as the Nexus and talking to the Parks Committee about reserving the campground. The trails are not open till the latter part of June. Consider July 1st long weekend for the event. Ray is going to look at availability of the campground areas for Parks.

Some consideration about whether we could use the old Scouts area for a GF ATV club area. Dave is going to contact the Scouts about using this area.

Signs for Trails – Ray is going to check with Don about the Signs to put on the Trails.

It was agreed we should buy a sign for the Fife trail that we are maintaining. Gary and Dave are going to work on making the sign.

Grand Forks Trail Committee

We should consider joining their organization to assist them.

Oxbow Road Area

Look at getting permission from Mike Ladd about being able to use the rail road bed for Quad riding.

Trails Committee Term of Reference

Ray submitted a proposed terms of reference for the Trails Committee

Next Meeting Date

Early March meeting date

Meeting Adjournment

Adjourned meeting at 12:15