

Grand Forks ATV Club – Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2012 @ 10:00 a.m. - Grand Forks Station Pub

1. Executive & Attendance

1.1. President: Regrets

1.2. Vice President: Dave McKinnon

1.3. Treasurer: Jim Burch

1.4. Secretary: Pat Zorn

1.5. Number in attendance: #19

Doug Zorn, Bill Hingley, Ray Johnson, Lorne Poulin, Gary Green, Dave Davies, Harry Gretchen, Henry VanDiemen, Megan Bain, Roy Bader, Ray Pavan

1.6. Guests:

Guest #1: Paul Dunning & Patti Bevilacqua

Guest #2: Don Frew – ATV/BC

Guest #3: James Ellison - SKATT Committee

Guest #4: Joe Nex – SKATT Committee

Meeting was called to order by the chair at 10:00 a.m.

2. Minutes from previous meeting – Dave McKinnon

Dave read the minutes of previous meeting Dec 3, 2011.

2.1. Amendments of Minutes

The date for the AGM in May was corrected to read May 2012 instead of 2011.

Motion - Jim Burch - That the minutes be accepted as corrected.

3. Treasurer's Report – Jim Burch

3.1 Jim circulated financial report. Reviewed Profit & Loss with Previous Year Comparison & explained amounts. We reviewed the Balance Sheet, which is currently \$1692.81.

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

4. Past Business

4.1. None

5. Current Business

5.1 Events Committee

5.1.1 Reverse Draw Fundraiser – Patti & Paul

There was an explanation given regarding how a "Reverse Draw" works and a write-up was circulated to members. Some questions around the choosing of the donated prizes from a prize table instead of setting #50 as "x" prize, #150 as "y" prize. Concerns regarding selling 400 tickets and whether the club actually thought they could sell that many. Tickets can be sold to out of town and even out of province people as long as they are in the province when they buy the ticket. The general consensus was to proceed with the fundraiser.

*ATVBC trailer is available for the May 12th fundraising event. Don said he'd send out a notice to the club with dates of availability.

5.1.2 ATV Safety Course

Don is available to run a safety course around the end of April. There are several members interested in this so Don will check his calendar and give us a date.

5.1.3 Poker Run – Dave & Ray

Due to conflicting dates with ATV/BC and other clubs in the area, it was decided to postpone the proposed poker run to next year. Ray was looking into possibly using the area around 28-mile Bridge. This decision was confirmed by a show of hands.

5.2. Trails Committee – Dave & Garry

5.2.1 Signs

A sample of the sign that will be posted along the Lafferty Trail section which is to be maintained by the GFATV Club was presented. It will cost \$58.00 plus tax. There was discussion about mounting with a Plexiglas cover to protect it. Henry mentioned he would notate the Plexiglas and the sign would be mounted on the work shed located on the trail. The sign will be made by the Western Group. All present members were in favor. James Ellison mentioned that since the Trails Committee is working with the Columbia & Western Trails Society, there should be a written agreement that will confirm that the GFATV Club is maintaining the trail and has the right to use it. This would illuminate any future problems as to who can use the trail.

5.2.2 Terms of Reference – read by Dave.

There was discussion about insurance coverage if injured while doing this maintenance work. Since this trail is part of the Trans Canada Trail, there is no insurance coverage. However, if workers are members of ATV/BC, and the event (work party) is posted on the web site at least two weeks prior, then workers are covered by ATV/BC's insurance if injured. Also discussed the use of personal tools for maintaining trail and whether the club should think about investing in some tools for these projects. No conclusions were made at this time. Concerns about the Terms of Reference were raised as they don't

seem to be specific to this committee; Pat to contact Dave & Gary regarding this matter.

5.3 Columbia Western Trail - Don Frew

Signs – Ray showed sample of signs available through ATV/BC. Doug has the PDF file for these signs which are 1/8" thick and made of plastic, to be posted as high as possible to avoid vandalism. It was mentioned that signing the trails is important, because it establishes the club's "homesteading" rights to using the trail system.

5.4. SKATT Committee - Ray & Doug

Both attended a meeting late last year and there are more meetings to come in 2012. James says there has been some discussion with government about trails in the area. This would include the Dewdney Trail from Midway through to Creston.

5.5. Grand Forks Community Trails Society - Doug & Ray

An update of the Jan 18th meeting was presented by Ray. Our interest is to join forces with them, as we both have a vested interest in the trail from Grand Forks to Christina Lake. Our club drafted a list of questions which were sent to the society and we are waiting for a response to these. Their Society wants to pave the local trail. The rail line is crown land and that people who have land adjacent to the trail are not to block or forbid use of the trail. There can be gates along the trail but they are not to be locked. We need to check with the Regional District to see if there are any existing bylaws regarding who can access the Trans Canada Trail between Grand Forks and Christina Lake. The Columbia Western Trail goes from Midway to Castlegar.

5.6. Search & Rescue - Bill

Bill and Ray attended a Search & Rescue meeting and it was decided that the GFATV Club would assist if and when called upon. Ray decided to join the group which involves a fair amount of work including exams. They would like to see 2 or 3 of our members become members in their groups also.

5.7. Old Scouts Area – Doug

Doug has made some initial contact with Scouts Canada, who lease a 46 acre area up the North Fork, around 28 mile bridge. Their current lease goes until 2031. This area has not been used for the past 2 years, as there are no Scout troops in the area. We are perhaps looking for a partnership with them, so we can use the area as a staging area for future club events. More information will be provided at the next meeting.

5.8 New Horizons for seniors - Doug

There has been no word as yet on our application for funding; however, we are expecting to hear something within the next 3 weeks.

5.9 Natural Road Resource Act - Dave

Dave & Cody completed an on-line questionnaire in Dec. They are awaiting a summary report and analysis. There is a proposal to create a bill in the legislature in the fall of 2012 regarding the use of natural roads.

6. New Business

6.1 – Membership renewal - Don

Some discussion about the new renewal of membership on-line and the possible impact this will have for local clubs. People can join ATV/BC online and do not have to join a local club. They will be asked if they would like to join club but they can decline. Cody had a write up on the Presidents forum regarding this, as many are concerned. We need to check our clubs bylaws to see if this is a conflict or not. There will be more information at the next meeting.

6.2 Media – Doug

There will be an increased presence in the media for the club. An article is coming out next week in the GF Gazette, the Boundary Creek Times and the “online” Boundary Sentinel. We want to let the public know we are here, what we are doing and to rally some support from them, especially in light of the upcoming fundraiser “OFF THE BEATEN TRAIL”. It would be good to have documentation and pictures of work parties, so they can be used for future media articles.

7. Club Discussion

7.1. None

8. Motion by chair to adjourn meeting - 12:06 pm. Our next meeting: March 31/12.