

Minutes of the KATV Club Meeting

March 3, 2025

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Club President Daryl St. John. Other officers present were Vice President Kitty Beleck, Secretary/Treasurer Julie Karvonen, Trustees Mike Panijan, and Trails Maintenance Supervisor Jim Dube.

The minutes of the October 7 2024 Annual meeting were read by Daryl and a motion to approve was made by John Laitinen, seconded by Gordy Wetelainen, motion passed by a vote of the membership. The minutes of the October 7 2024 meeting were read by Daryl and a motion to approve was made by Faye McMahon, seconded by Mike Panijan, motion passed by a vote of the membership. Julie read the financial report – bank checking account balance \$14,189.96. Motion to approve was made by Faye McMahon, seconded by John Laitinen, motion passed by a vote of the membership.

Old Business:

a) High Rock Trail work- The work has been discussed with the DNR. It has been in agreement that the work will be held off until the trail dries up toward the end of summer with the Trail being CLOSED to all through traffic Sept 8-12. Even though the work is being completed with KATV Club grant money, we do not have the knowledge nor the manpower to be the onsite project managers. OHM engineering will oversee the project and will give updated reports to the Club and the DNR.

b) Aetna Mine Trail Development- Bid requests have been sent out for the engineering of a bridge over the Montreal River to develop the new Aetna Mine trail which will create a second trail to Copper Harbor. The Club received a 10-year land permit from The Nature Conservancy, with help from TNC rep Emily Cleggs, which the DNR required before the property could be considered for trail designation.

New Business:

a) Gay Trail- we are in need of a couple more signed land permits before it can be a designated trail. Hopefully it will be approved this season.

b) Mike McMahon made a motion to appoint Amy Machiela to fill the vacant trustee position, seconded by Mike Panijan. Motion passed by a vote of the membership.

c) Projects for this season- Trail BD near Normand Rd, the hill that washes out every year. Trail B Gratiot Rd to Silver Mine add gravel. Phoenix Farms for three miles, more gravel and grading. Trail B around Seneca Lake, work on the corners between the Lake and the Highway.

Copper City to Ahmeek Loc., gravel and grading. Trail BD Ripley to Dollar Bay, Moyle Construction will donate labor and material if we can get the DNR to approve the much-needed repairs. Trail BL-Burma will need a couple of culverts. When you are out riding, please report any issues on the trails whether it be a downed tree, a washed-out trail or just something that may require attention. Just contact one of the officers, we always need to keep our riders safe.

d) other items: June 7th will be the Omega House Fundraiser ride. The ride will start at the Maple leaf with stops at the Loading Zone, Partanens, Monte Carlo, Luigis and end back at the Maple Leaf for fun and prizes. Please watch for flyers. May 17th – KORC clean up ride. Times and details will be announced at the next meeting. Land sale – TRG wishes to sell the land that currently routes the trail known as the Silver Mine loop. If that land is sold, the trail would have to be reestablished through the very wet area known as the shoe fly. We are trying to get the DNR to move forward with the purchase of land to create permanent land use for the Club

No Questions / Comments from the floor:

Next Meeting: April 7, 2025 7 pm VFW Hubbell

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