

Nation Valley ATV Club

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MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 10th, 2018

1. Roll Call
 - 1.1. Meeting began at 7:18pm with 14 members present.
2. Reviewed Minutes of last meeting
 - 2.1. The minutes from the last meeting, held on the 12th of June, 2018 were accepted by Steve H. and Shawn D.
3. Treasurer's Report (Brentley)
 - 3.1. The treasurer was not present at the meeting. The monthly financial status will be distributed at a later date.
4. Membership Report (Brentley)
 - 4.1. The Membership coordinator was not present at the meeting. The number of total memberships held in the month of July will be distributed at a later date.
 - 4.2. 3 passes were sold in Winchester for Summer Solstice Ride. A few others were sold for that ride by the Country Kitchen.
 - 4.3. 18 annual passes were sold online in June.
5. Trail Maintenance Report (Scuba)
 - 5.1. Projects Completed
 - Quartermaster Storage was cleaned up and organized;
 - Conducted Summer Solstice Pre-ride Maintenance;
 - Installed new bridge near Ben's Pioneer Gas Station;
 - Established and signed the re-opened trail head at Ben's Pioneer Gas Station;
 - Established and signed new trailer parking area at the Country Kitchen;
 - Installed new ramp on the Boundary Boardwalk;
 - Began project to repair the waterhole boardwalk and bypass on Boundary. So far there has been an "underwater bridge" built to provide a hard bottom when the area floods, hazards have been marked, snowmobile tracks have been added to the boardwalk to add traction and a by pass has been constructed.
 - A lot of discing and bush-hogging was completed until the machines became unserviceable.
 - 5.2. The Country Kitchen graciously allowed us to use their parking lot for our trailhead trailer parking and allowed the trail maintenance coordinator to use the telephone pole in front of the parking area to post signage that designates the area as a parking area and directs riders inside to get passes, maps and info.
 - 5.3. The Trail Maintenance Coordinator indicated that he had gotten an older club banner to hang off the

new bridge near Ben's Pioneer trail as a starting point for upcoming rides.

5.4. Very specific signage has been installed at Ben's Pioneer Gas Station to denote where riders should travel to get into the gas station parking lot, in order to keep the sod and surrounding area from being damaged. Riders are reminded to keep off grass. So far Ben is happy with people respecting the signage and getting gas.

5.5. Next projects

- More discing and bush-hogging is needed
- The old boundary boardwalk repairs need to be completed. There are about 20 boards left to be used to repair damaged sections. Some stone needs to be ordered to finish off this section. Mr. Scott, the near-by landowner, will assist in flattening out a section of trail, so that the trail geotiles and rock can be added to firm up this section. The old worn steel culvert will also be replaced by a new plastic one.
- Repair trail near the culvert at Zolanger's
- Repair trail near culvert on Noorts, and install swamp mats.
- Relocate Rick's Trail
- Repair Clark Trail water crossing and approach to boardwalk repairs.
- Bridge repair on Fawcett

6. Volunteer Report (Scuba)

6.1. 218 hours were recorded since the last meeting.

- 129 Trail Maintenance
- 3 Volunteer
- 86 Warden

6.2. Steve H. completed the most hours clocking in at 67hours since the last meeting.

7. Chief Warden Report (Jeff)

7.1. 86 hours of wardening was completed this month.

7.2. The OPP had been scheduled to conduct a ride during the July long weekend but had to cancel. They are still planning on coming out, but at a later date.

7.3. Mr. Pym is complaining about trespassing on the closed trails on his property. Since he will not return the executive or board phone calls, will not discuss repairing or reopening the trails and the fact that the trails are barricaded, they should no longer be considered to be part of the club's trail system. All club signage should be removed.

7.4. Warden Vests (Scuba)

- There is a consensus that the newer style warden vest held by the club is not as adjustable as the older version and therefore not preferred. Executive, board member and volunteers have all tried to find a distributor of the old vest but as safety standards for tear away vests have changes these old style vests are no longer available. We are at the point where several wardens have worn out their vests and the club needs replacements.
- ATVCEO has agreed to provide us with a sample of their warden vests. The price previously quoted, for these high quality, professional style vests from Quad Experts was about 70-80\$, with a minimum order. This might be an option if the purchase is opened up to the district. Seb S. will talk with quad experts to get an updated quote.

- There is 900\$ in budget for new warden vests.
- There was mention of putting a call out to former members who may still have a vest to return, that can be issued out to current wardens that are without.
- Other vest options are still being researched.

7.5. There was a request to run a warden course. Dave B. volunteered to give one.

8. Quarter Master Report (Dave)

- 8.1. The discs had a catastrophic failure, parts have been ordered and should be in this week at a cost of approximately \$300.
- 8.2. The Bush hog had a catastrophic failure, it was literally driven off its wheels. The deck has been re-welded, and bolted back together. The wheel bearings have been replaced. We are waiting on new blades and bolts, which should be in by the end of the week.
- 8.3. One of the drop hitches was getting rusty so it was repainted “aggressive salmon”.
- 8.4. Carried over from last meeting; the sign inventory has been completed. The trail maintenance coordinator needs to fill out the form to order signs that we are running low on. A discussion on this will take place post-meeting.
- 8.5. Lumber stock is getting low, a lift of 2x6x14, cut in half, will be ordered.

9. Sponsorship Report (Brentley)

- 9.1. Seb S. will be setting up a meeting with Motor Sport World. They would like to discuss possible sponsorship opportunities with this distributor and with Suzuki.
- 9.2. CAN-AM goes around the country to do dealer training and are looking to come to Winchester this year. They need a parking lot and an accessible trail. They will be testing suspension and tires etc. It will take place during a week-day in September (17th). In exchange for the use of our trails they will provide some sort of sponsorship. A CAN-AM machine at cost was proposed by the membership. There are limited details at this point. A scout will come out to inspect our proposed set up and we will get more info at that time.

10. Marketing Committee Report (Dave)

- 10.1. Cole Solution Jackets
 - They will be available for pre-order for 65\$+HST. The sizes will range from XS-4XL, they run small so order one size larger than normal. A picture is include at the end of these minutes.
 - The board will set up online pre-order form as soon as possible, sending the link out on Facebook.
 - The deadline for online ordering will be Aug 14th, allowing members to pay in cash at the August meeting, if they prefer. All jackets need to be pre-ordered. It will take 2 weeks to run them off and they should be available for the first week of September and can be distributed at September’s Meeting.
- 10.2. Jim’s demo daze, July 19th – need maps and ride cards, get them from Seb S. We need volunteers.
- 10.3. There were several requests to put together an order of long sleeve shirts for the membership to purchase. Seb S. to investigate previous vendors and designs for a quick turn-around.
- 10.4. Christmas Party
 - Cost has been set at 35\$ per person
 - Pre-purchase is needed for Christmas Party Tickets. We will keep a spreadsheet of paid members instead of sending out tickets, to be checked off at the door. We will make up tickets to sell at events for other clubs to purchase.

11. Trail Updates

11.1. North Grenville Update.

- Nil

11.2. Ottawa Update

- There have been a lot of repairs, the trails are vastly improved. There is a hydro pole still off in the ditch on Blanchfield.
- The City wants us to expand. ATVCEO provided a suggestion of a connection point in Russell.
- We will establish road access first to complete the link and look for landowners and off road access afterwards to make the link more interesting. Having the road allowances available in the short term stops people riding illegally or having to trailer to get to our trails and it's a starting point to work with the members of the communities involved to find more trails near-by.
- Ottawa trails need a signage refresh.
- The remaining bush needs to be cleared to allow access to Snake Island Road. The bridge there also needs to be decked.

11.3. South Dundas Update

- Work is being completed to connect the South Dundas Trails to the Hell's Gate Swamp loop in the future. The connection to Johnstown has been signed and tested. These additions need to be added to the map.

11.4. North Dundas Update

- Access to cheese house, Summer's Road Allowance, and Baker Road have been signed and needs to be added to the map. Pemberton Road needs to be added to the map, and the unmaintained part needs to be added to the trails record. Rae road could also be put on the map.

11.5. North Stormont Update

- Nil

12. OFATV and District One (Mike/Dave)

12.1. Presidents Call (Leslie)

- Membership System Update
 - By mid-end July the new membership system should be ready to go.
- EOTA/One Pass Proposal
 - EOTA pass proposed a "One Pass System" instead of reestablishing the reciprocal agreement the 2 organizations had until this year. The proposal would syphon funds from OFATV clubs to EOTA and since most of their trails are unmaintained road allowances this would drain funds but not provide much in return. There would be a 20 percent loss of revenue. All OFATV clubs have turned down the offer at this point.
 - OFATV is looking at working with municipalities to get access to the same municipal road allowances that EOTA currently uses, to get the same permissions for OFATV.
- AQCC Safety Straps
 - Good job to NVATC for giving away the AQCC safety strap in conjunction with safety week as intended and for ensuring to get photos of all the recipients.

13. Events

13.1. Recent Events: **June 30th, 2018 – NVATVC Summer Solstice Ride**

13.2. Future Events:

July 14 - Ottawa Valley ATV Club Crag Lake, Hillbilly HiTop & Quinns
<https://www.facebook.com/events/218803428840500/>

July 19 - (Thursday) Jim's Performance Plus Demo Ride, 5pm - 8pm

<https://www.facebook.com/events/416987625485704/>

July 21st - Thousand Islands ATV Club's Demo Daze, Landsdowne Fair, Landsdown, ON

<https://www.facebook.com/events/390147844747709/>

July 21st – Saturday Fun Ride hosted by COATVC

<https://www.facebook.com/events/556314638065454/>

August 11th – Dairy Fest – Also Free RFD PSA clinic.

August 18th, 2018 – Lunch by the Lake Ride hosted by TIATVC

<https://www.facebook.com/events/197157230861741/>

August 19th, 2018 – NVATVC Adam Wicks Memorial Fun Run, Winchester, ON

August 25th, 2018 – ATVCEO Ovarian Cancer Fundraiser, Wendover, ON

<https://www.facebook.com/events/466988073723163/>

September 15th, 2018 – Ompah Fall Ride for Dad, Ompah, ON

September 29th, 2018 – TIATVC Fall in the 1000 Islands Ride, Landsdowne, ON

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1526220240807404/>

September 30th, 2018 – JATVC Fall Fun Run, Johnstown, ON

14. New Business

14.1. Trail Development and Rehabilitation Grant (\$2230.00) was received for the Ottawa Trail. Before and after pictures are needed as well as an invoice from Ivan. The Photos have been taken and Brently S. should have the invoice. This will be confirmed.

14.2. President's Election

- Seb S. has officially stepped down as the president of NVATVC. There was concern if he stayed in the position, without being able to attend meetings and events, that no one would ever step up into the role. Seb S. has moved into the past-president role on the executive.
- There were several nominations put forward however, these members did not accept their nomination therefore there was no vote. The president position will remain vacant and the matter will be revisited at the next meeting. Until such time as the president's position is filled the vice president, Steve B., will fill the role.

14.3. Shawn D. proposed conducting a 50/50 draw at the monthly meetings as a fundraiser for a second bush-hog. The tickets will be sold before and during the meeting, and the draw will take place at end of meeting. This proposal was accepted by the membership and will be advertised to the membership to encourage attendance at the meetings as well.

Next Meeting: 14th August, 2018 at 7:00PM at the Country Kitchen Restaurant, in Winchester

Roll Call

Steve Hemeon

Scott Smith

Shawn Doolan

Ray Komendat

Dave Baker

Adam Allan

Chad Gibson

Kris Gough

Mike Chicoine

Leslie Rediger

Seb Smith

Sean Donovan

Jeff Leizert

Terry Pinch