

Nation Valley ATV Club

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MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 11th, 2018

1. Roll Call
 - 1.1. Meeting began at 7:05 pm with 16 members present.
 - 1.2. The nominal roll for this meeting is at the end of the minutes.
2. Review Minutes of last meeting (13 Nov 18)
 - 2.1. Mike S. motioned that the minutes from the last meeting be accepted. This was seconded by Claude G. and voted in by the membership present at the meeting.
3. Treasurer's Report (Brentley)
 - 3.1. The financial details for the past month are at the bottom of the minutes.
 - 3.2. As of 19 Nov 18, there was \$12,127.07 in the chequing account and \$12,283.49 in the savings.
 - 3.3. The treasurer noted that an invoice from The Planted Arrow Flowers was accidentally paid twice so there is a credit with them for \$70. This will be used the next time the club needs to send flowers.
 - 3.4. At the previous meeting the membership had voted in the proposal to replace the club's TBX as the current machine's warranty was about to expire. A new TBX with a plough mount, tracks and a 3-year warranty, taxes in, came to approximately \$10,000. As the club's CAN-AM warranty was also ready to expire in the spring (same fiscal year) the Treasurer started to investigate trade in opportunities. In between the last meeting and this one, he found that Loïselle's would trade in the club's current CAN-AM for a new 2019 Camo, Outlander Max XT with the tracks swapped, clutch kit and handwarmers for only \$6,500. The club would also swap the plow mount, LED light, windshield, and rear box. As a comparison, Motor Sports World offered the same deal but for \$11,500. As this was such a good deal, the board voted to move on this offer now instead of waiting for the spring. To cover the costs of this initiative, all other spending, not already in progress, has been put on hold until the outstanding membership funds have been deposited.
4. Membership Report (Brentley)

- 4.1. The club has a total of 238 members as of this meeting. 52% of our passes were sold in person while 48% were sold online. 23% of members took advantage of the loyalty discount by renewing their passes online before their existing permit expired.
5. Trail Maintenance Report (Scuba)
 - 5.1. Projects Completed
 - Partial repair of club shed roof;
 - New signage on Zollinger's Trail; and
 - Trail closed signs removed after hunting season.
 - 5.2. Next Projects to be completed
 - Zollinger trail bridge ramps;
 - Repair Fawcett Bridge on Gypsy end;
 - Swamp mat install on Noort's; and
 - Culvert install on Lester Holmes' Trail.
 - 5.3. Zollinger's Trail Update: Mr. Zollinger has agreed to allow the continued use of the trail as long as new signage was installed to enforce the use of the trail, and ensure riders are not trespassing into his laneway and yard. Also, a load of gravel will be needed in the spring to repair the portion of trail that uses the tractor path.
 - 5.4. Members are reminded to stay on marked trails and to report any trespassers so that the club can keep the trails open for all members.
6. Volunteer Report (Scuba)
 - 6.1. Shawn D. had the most volunteer hours since last meeting, logging 14.5 hours.
 - 6.2. 59.5 total volunteer hours were recorded since last meeting, 6.5 for trail maintenance, 38 hours for volunteer activities, and 15 warden hours.
7. Chief Warden Report (Shawn)
 - 7.1. Warden Report – This month's warden report is attached to the end of these minutes.
 - 7.2. Wardens with expired identification cards need to inform the Chief Warden.
 - 7.3. There will be a warden course held in January at the Country Kitchen, warden's with expired cards can attend a refresher at that time. (2-3 hours, depending on discussion)
 - 7.4. The Chief Warden is organizing a briefing by the OPP to discuss regulation and any questions wardens may have. All board members and wardens will be invited.

- 7.5. A question was asked by a new member about what a warden is. The Chief Warden explained that a Warden is an ambassador of the club who is there to enforce trail use rules and safety and to educate and report trespassers.
8. Quarter Master Report (Dave)
- 8.1. The CAN-AM accessories have been removed in preparation of trading in the club machine;
- 8.2. The following repairs to equipment were made at Dundas Machine:
- The Straight plow was outfitted;
 - The Bush-hog was repaired;
 - The Discs were repaired; and
 - The V-Plow Mount was straightened.
- 8.3. The tracks are all located at Brently S's residence, all remaining equipment is located at Dave B's.
- 8.4. New brackets are required in the club shed so the new pole saw, and trimmer can be hung on the wall properly.
- 8.5. The repair costs at Dundas Machine were seen by the board as a little too expensive (\$2,500 for the Bush-hog, plows and discs). There repairs are of high quality but in the future the club will get quotes before any other major repairs.
9. Sponsorship Report (Brentley)
- 9.1. Brentley S. has stepped down as the sponsorship coordinator. A new volunteer was requested. Will H. stepped up to fill this role with the assistance of Dave B. and Mike S.
- 9.2. The maps need to be finalized for 2019 with all the adds currently solicited. Brentley S. will provide the list of who has paid, and who is left to be asked.
- 9.3. The sponsor sign boards also need to be populated before the 2019 Ride for Dad.
10. Marketing Committee Report (Dave)
- 10.1. The District 1 Christmas Party took place on 23 Nov. Attendance was lower than normal but the event was a success. 31 people attended, however the club did not break even due to lower attendance than expected. The club lost \$199.27. Next year's Christmas Party will be hosted by ATVCEO.
- 10.2. NVATVC Toques have arrived, black with white block lettering in 2 different styles (cuff and beanie). They are \$10 each. Photos are on the facebook page. Members can email info@nvatvc.org if they are interested in purchasing one or more.

10.3. NVATVC 12oz Campfire Mugs have arrived, black with white NVATVC logo. They are \$10 each. Photos are on the facebook page. Members can email info@nvatvc.org if they are interested in purchasing one or more.

11. Trail Updates

11.1. North Grenville Update - Nothing significant to report.

11.2. Ottawa Update:

- Kris G reported that a landowner has recently ditched around his field along the trail off Cabin Rd. It spans from the club's big bridge right back to the smaller bridge but should not interfere with the ATV Trails. However, it will impact the snowmobilers. Kris G. informed them, as they will need a new bridge. Ours will not suit their purpose. As our small bridge is in rough shape, Kris offered up the hydro poles (and those ones from the old boardwalk) if the sled club wanted to make a new, stronger bridge.

11.3. South Dundas Update - Nothing significant to report.

11.4. North Dundas Update - Nothing significant to report.

11.5. North Stormont Update - Nothing significant to report.

12. OFATV and District One (Mike/Dave)

12.1. President's Call – OFATV is working on updating the online map. NVATVC has already submitted its data. They are still waiting for data from other clubs. More information will follow as this project progresses.

12.2. OFATV is still looking for clubs to submit their interest in hosting the Annual General Meeting (AGM) for 2019, 2020, or 2021. NVATVC voted on whether to submit a proposal for 2019. The motion was proposed by Mike S., and seconded by Charlotte C. The vote was 11 for, 1 against and 4 obtaining. The motion was passed. Mike S, and Charlotte C will put some options together for the proposal.

13. Events

13.1. Past

- December 1st, 2018 – Annual North Dundas Parade of Lights - This event was one of the most well attended. The club decorated a float, as well as a half dozen ATVs to participate.

13.2. Future

- January 13th, 2019 – NVATVC Winter Fun Run, Location TBD.
- March 2nd, 2019 – NVATVC 6th Annual Telus ATV Ride for Dad, South Mountain, ON

14. New Business

14.1. Ride for Dad 2019

- The initial meeting took place on 4 Dec 18;
 - Charlotte C volunteered as the committee Chair;
 - The hall is rented;
 - EMS is lined up;
 - Food is ordered;
 - The Fire departments still need to confirm their assistance with the warming fires;
 - Leslie R. volunteered to source ideas for a swag item; and
 - More volunteers are needed to solicit sponsorship. A letter and spreadsheet of vendors will be provided.
- South Mountain Agricultural Hall has been asking for a deposit on the venue, but an invoice has not yet been received. The president will contact them for an invoice.
- This year it will be NVATVC in support of RFD rather than the club remaining a full chapter, this eases administrative complications and allows the club more latitude in planning and organization. NVATVC can also sell its own merchandise as well as RFD swag this way.
- A doodle poll will go out to committee members for a meeting in the third week of January (14-18 Jan 19).
- If you are interested in helping out the planning committee, please send an email to info@nvatvc.org
- A call of volunteers for the event day will be made at a later date.

14.2. PayPal Issue – Using PayPal for merchandise sales and pre-registration costs the club too much per transaction. The Treasurer has sent up the club's bank account to accept e-transfers without needing a password, for much less cost. Payments for future pre-registration and merchandise can be made to info@nvatvc.org.

14.3. Web registration issue – Online registration needs to be more closely monitored in the future. The website was spammed excessively, making it very difficult for people to register for the Christmas Party. It also looked as if more people registered than actually paid.

14.4. Eric Duncan had volunteered to assist the club with a motion to council to change the by-laws to allow ATV riding after dark in North Dundas. This will allow longer riding days, especially during the winter months when it gets dark much earlier. Mike S., and Charlotte C., have volunteered to update the previously made proposal.

14.5. Winter Fun Run (13 Jan) – Mike S. has volunteered to be the lead organizer for the winter fun run. More information will be distributed in the new year.

14.6. Propane tanks – Ray K. proposed the purchase of either more or larger propane tanks to use on the propane heaters for thawing out club machines before and after plowing/grooming. Currently some of the ones used belong to Dave B., and they are of an

insufficient size to keep the heaters going all night. This causes delays when volunteers attempt to go out plowing. Brently S. volunteered to donate 2 additional tanks. More investigation will be done to see if it would be more economical to use larger tanks and to see if larger tanks can be installed and filled onsite.

- 14.7. Kris G. brought a rope product made by Ranger to the attention of the membership as a good resource to have in the club machines. Kris was asked to see if the supplier would be willing to donate some samples.
- 14.8. 50/50 Draw – Won by Mike S, who generously donated his winnings back to the club.

Next Meeting: 8 January 2019 at 7:00PM at the Country Kitchen Restaurant, in Winchester

Roll Call:

Ray Komendat
Stephane Cherrier
Claude Guilmette
Steve Hemeon
Shawn Doolan
Charity Baker
Charlotte Coons
Jeff Dale
Dave Baker
Mike Starr
Will Healey
Kris Gough
Cassandra Mino
Sylvain Mino
Leslie Rediger
Brentley Summers

INCOME

Memberships	\$11,298.17
Rally Revenue	\$343.40
Total Income	\$11,641.57

GROSS PROFIT **\$11,641.57**

EXPENSES

Advertising	\$0
Marketing	\$628.38
Promotional Items	\$631.27
Total Advertising	\$2.89
Bank Charges	\$10.95
Fees and Dues	\$518.00

Office Supplies	\$381.85
Rally Expenses	\$826.78
Repair & Maintenance	\$1,719.75
Mileage	\$377.40
Total Expenses	\$3,831.84
PROFIT	\$7,809.73

2. Steve Hemeon, Shawn Doolan, Zollinger Farm, as a result of a complaint from Mr. Zollinger who complained that ATVs had over the summer, been deviating from marked trails and driven up to his farm house, additionally, ATVs had damaged his tractor lane and he wanted the trail permanently closed. After negotiation with club executive staff, he agreed to leave the trails open if they were resigned and gravel put down to fix the lane. Many additional signs were placed on the property, using metal pickets to help hold them, and a trail cam was relocated to capture images of people leaving the approved trail and trespassing on his farm. Mr. Zollinger was asked to inspect the work and to contact the club if he had any additional concerns.

3. Trail closed signs removed

4. Shawn Doolan, Ray K, Main Loop, There is significant drifting across trails located on the South Side of open fields, Lester Holmes was not passable due to hidden mud holes and deep drifts, other trails are fine, 400 acres is good but many new trails have appeared, are well defined and can be confusing as there are no signs keeping riders on official trails. Some water holes are frozen but some, like those on Clark, only have 2.5 inches of ice, per experience, not strong enough to support an ATV. Boundary is solid.

5. Kris Gough, Doyle, McDermid, removed hiker beer cans and trail cams.

6. Dave Baker, South Dundas Link, 400, Tracks show some usage for part of the trail. There is a tree partially obstructing the Ball Road Allowance North of Gypsy Lane (this is the road allowance that goes North/South from Gypsy Lane to Boyne Road)