

Nation Valley ATV Club

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MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 12th, 2019

1. Roll Call
 - 1.1. Meeting began at 7:05 pm with 18 members present.
 - 1.2. The nominal roll for this meeting is at the end of the minutes.
 - 1.3. A note was made by the secretary that today's reports will encompass activity since 9 Jan as the Feb meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.
2. Review Minutes of last meeting (8 Jan 19)
 - 2.1. Steve H. accepted the minutes from the last meeting, seconded by Shawn D.
3. Treasurer's Report
 - 3.1. \$3,231,47 in the chequing as of the 20th of Feb.
 - 3.2. \$5,927.21 in the savings as of the 20th of Feb.
 - 3.3. Bills paid this month include \$771.64 to McCarthy Signs for the fall sign order, \$6,000 to Loiselle Sport for the new CAN AM, \$450.98 to Myers Mechanical for repairs, \$600 to Lannin Home Building Centre for trail maintenance supplies and \$45.00 to Allan Johnston Repair and Sales for parts.
 - 3.4. The treasurer has continued to search for options to replace the club's TBX this year, as the warranty has elapsed. The preference was to replace it with another TBX but since Arctic Cat has been bought out, finding a new TBX to replace the current one proved impossible for the time being. A quote for another CAN AM was solicited from Loiselles at approximately \$7,000. Since we just replaced our current CAN AM, the current TBX is in good working order, and the winter grooming for this year is complete, it was decided to just keep the current TBX, until the fall, when options will be re-examined.
4. Membership Report
 - 4.1. The club has 244 members as of 12 Mar.
5. Trail Maintenance Report
 - 5.1. Projects Completed
 - 5 Swamp mats installed on Noorts Trail: They seem to be working well, but the club will wait to see how they fair out during the spring thaw and through summer use before planning further

installations next winter.

- Plowing and trail grooming; lot of plowing and grooming took place from Jan to Mar to keep the trails rideable in between weather events. Mike S. complimented the trail maintenance and grooming teams under Steve H. for all their hard work and success. The trails were in great shape, especially for the recent rally and riders have been providing a lot of positive feedback.
- Rally sign installation and removal for Ride for Dad;
- Refurbishment of regular trail signage.

5.2. Next Projects to be completed

- Trail closure signs at the trail heads need to be installed for the spring thaw period. It was decided, based on weather conditions that the trails will close on the 25th of March, unless conditions deteriorate rapidly before then.
- Bridge inspection and repairs on all trails before spring re-opening.

6. Volunteer Report

6.1. Volunteer of the month for Feb was Steve H with 59.5 hours. Congrats and great work!

6.2. Congratulations to Dave Baker for reaching the 1000 hour milestone in the club's volunteer reward program. Thank you for all your support and commitment to the club!

6.3. From 9 Jan to 12 Feb: 163 trail maintenance hours, 1 volunteer hour and 79 warden hours – 243 hours total.

6.4. Volunteer of the month for Mar was a tie between Shawn D. and Ray K. with 45 hours each. Congrats and great work!

6.5. 158 trail maintenance hours, 50 volunteer hours and 112.5 warden hours – 320.5 hours total.

7. Chief Warden Report

7.1. There were 7 warden events in January and 2 warden events in February.

7.2. A Warden Training Course was run on the 25th of Feb. The Chief Warden extended his appreciation to Mike C. for running the course. A number of current wardens received a refresher and 3 new wardens were trained. The next course will be scheduled in the late spring.

7.3. The Chief Warden motioned to appoint Claude G., Stephane C., and Will H. as wardens in the club. This motion was seconded by Dave B., and was carried by the membership present.

7.4. The Chief Warden gave a warden report on the Ride for Dad. It went very smoothly. He extended his appreciation to Kris G, and Seb L, specifically for proactively stationing themselves at busy crossings to ensure all our riders made it safely across while not disrupting traffic. He also noted that having the OPP assist with the crossing between the gas station and the Country Kitchen was also a big help, as well as having the OPP ride along on the ride encouraged all to be good Stewarts of the trails and safe riders. There was only one complaint that was brought up from the ride, and it indicated excessive speed on Ronson Road Allowance. All wardens reported taking that area slow but special mention will be made

during the next rally rider briefing.

8. Quarter Master Report

8.1. Items in need of repair over the summer include:

- V-Plow (broken off of harness);
- Straight plow (needs to be straightened and the adjustment arm needs repair);
- 1 of the Happy Trail Groomer Hitch and Receiver are bent and in need of straightening.

8.2. Next steps during spring thaw:

- Put hydraulic pump back in the diamond box;
- Replace tire on bush-hog;
- CAN AM and TBX need to be serviced and have the tracks removed;
- An inventory of all signs, lumber, screws and posts need to be completed; and
- The Club Shelf in Dave's Shed needs to be re-organized and inventoried.

9. Sponsorship Report

9.1. Now that Ride for Dad is complete, Will H. will continue soliciting for map sponsors. New maps are scheduled to be printed before the next club event which is the Annual Safety Fun Run in Jun.

10. Marketing Committee Report

10.1. The club is sold out of the old stock hats, but still has 8 black beanie toques with red lettering. There are still plenty of mugs, and the new black and white toques for sale for \$10/each. If anyone is interested in purchasing anything, please email info@nvatvc.org

10.2. Leslie R. brought forth a proposal to purchase an outdoor seamless multifunctional bandana scarf (similar to a "Buff") with the club logo in "walking dead" font. They can be made available in multiple colours. Cost would \$5.20 each for an order of 200 and 1.92 of an order of 1000. Since this is expected to be a popular item and the individual cost is low a motion was made by Mike S to approve this order for the new fiscal year or earlier if funds are available. The motion was seconded by Shawn D. and Claude G. A suggestion was also made to have these items added to the OFATV AGM grab bag to advertise our club across Ontario.

10.3. The Planted Arrow is no longer selling NVATVC merchandise. The remainder has been returned and will be made available for purchase at future events and meetings.

10.4. A renewed interest was made in a riding jersey for this spring. This cost will be proposed in the upcoming budget meeting and options will be brought forth at the next meeting.

11. Trail Updates

11.1. North Grenville Update – Signage along road allowances needs to be repaired/replaced.

11.2. Ottawa Update

- Possible New Trail: There is a possibility of planning a new trail through the bog to Greely. If the weather is cooperative the Trail Maintenance coordinator and Kris G. will conduct a sight survey for options before the spring thaw.
- Meeting with Osgood Carleton Snowmobile Club – Overall the meeting went well. It was confirmed that the Ottawa property in question is in fact shared road allowances and that our club and theirs needs to work together to ensure maintenance and safety is taken care of. NVATVC will take care of adding shared trail signage, guiding ATVs to stay either right or left as to not rut up the groomed snowmobile tracks. During the Winter the snowmobile club will groom the trails. One other major issue that was brought up was a lack of communication between the 2 clubs, such as warning each other about rallies and extended use. There will be a follow up meeting in April.
- There was an incident reported at the meeting that a snowmobile warden confronted Perry D. when he was on the Ottawa shared trails and was told he was not allowed to be on them. This incident will be brought up with the snowmobile club as this is incorrect information.

11.3. South Dundas Update – Expansion Plans – Dave B. has proposed a backup route in this areas, using mostly road allowances. It is half mapped out. The by-laws in South Dundas need to be updated since they still do not allow side by sides and two-up machines. This route, once complete will be added to the map.

11.4. North Dundas Update

- By-laws: Mike S. is working with Eric Duncan in staffing up a request to change the operating hours of the North Dundas trails as currently we cannot ride on them after dark.
- RFD: The township has noted its interest in keeping the RFD Rally within the community, offering to help with by-law concerns for using roads within town, regulations with riding after dark and with the cost of the venue.

11.5. North Stormont Update - Signage along road allowances needs to repaired/replaced.

12. OFATV and District One

12.1. ATVCEO Warden Course – ATVCEO was planning on running a warden course in mid-March but this was put on hold, the new course date is April 13th.

12.2. Membership System – The new online membership system is now up and running. It had been down and experiencing difficulties but the issues have been rectified. Those whose passes expired in Jan, Feb and Mar can still get their loyalty discount if they renew before the end of March.

12.3. OFATV COHV Grant – The Club is actively looking at projects for the next 2 years that would benefit from grant money. Usually these types of grants are fund matching, which means the club pays half and COHV pays half. The Club will identify projects and budget funds in order to take advantage of this opportunity when it arises.

12.4. Trail Revenue Leveling has been complete and the club should receive its funds in the next week ~ \$8,000.

13. Events

13.1. Past

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

13.2. Future

- March 24th, 2019 – JATVC – First Annual Winter Rally, Johnstown, ON
- April 27th, 2019 – OVATVC – Ompah Spring Ride for Dad, Ompah, ON
- May 26th, 2019 – JATVC – Spring ATV Fun Run, Johnstown, ON
- June 8th, 2019 – TIATVC – Spring Opening Ride, TBC, ON
- **June 9th, 2019 – NVATVC – Annual Safety Fun Run, TBC, ON**

14. New Business

- 14.1. Discussion about NVATVC Ride for Dad, 2019: One of the most successful events in the club's history. Very smoothly run. The Club Executive extended its appreciation to all the volunteers, board members and participants for an outstanding event. The event raised \$15,524 for prostate cancer research and awareness and covered all the club's expenses. There still needs to be an RFD Committee close out meeting and a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.
- 14.2. Shovel Ready Projects for possible NTC Grants – one submission was submitted wrt to fixing the massive holes on the Ottawa Trails.
- 14.3. Upcoming Budget Meeting – The annual budget meeting will take place on the 2nd of April. If any club member wants to attend, please email info@nvatvc.org
- 14.4. Upcoming Trail Closure for Spring thaw: Since the trails were still solid it was decided not to close the clubs trails on 15 Mar with ATVCEO. The Club decided to keep them open until 25 Mar, unless conditions deteriorate before then. Signs will be put up the week of the 25th.
- 14.5. Venue for Fall Rally – South Mountain Ag Centre asked if we are willing to pay full price for the Hall for the Annual Fall Rally which would be \$750 as they have another organization interested in that day. Since the Annual Fall Rally does not generate that much funding, it was decided to find a less expensive venue.
- 14.6. Dundas Youth Centre, Touch a Truck Event - Saturday Jun 15th : If there is a volunteer for this event, to bring their machine, or a club machine the club will support this event.
- 14.7. Dairy Fest - Saturday August 10th – Leslie R. Volunteered to attend this event, so the club will participate. The forms will be submitted. Other volunteers are still very welcome to attend as well.
- 14.8. 50/50 Draw – \$43 Won by Steve H.

Next Meeting: 9 April, 2019 at 7:00PM at the Country Kitchen Restaurant, in Winchester

Roll Call:

Greg Stark
Steve Hemeon
Ray Komendat
Stephane Cherrier
Claude Guilmette
Shawn Doolan
Ken Stagg
Chris Armstrong
Perry Dziubaniuk
Kris Gough
Chad Gibson
Scott Smith
Dave Baker
Mike Chicoine
Carl Liscumb
Will Healey
Leslie Rediger
Mike Starr