

Skedaddle Ridge Trails People Inc.

Minutes: October 2020

The October 29th meeting was held at the Mount Pleasant Community Center with 11 members present.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting were read. Moved by Stirling, seconded by Dalton, “The minutes are approved as presented”. Carried.

Treasurer’s Report: Allison presented the financial report. Moved by Allison, seconded by Marilyn, “The Treasurer’s report is approved as presented.” Carried.

Old Business

1. **Trail Permits:** The new 2021 Trail Permits are available to purchase, same price as current year. Members were reminded Skedaddle Ridge is Club #51 when purchasing. A portion of the permit fee is returned to the Club to support trail maintenance.
2. **Howard Brook Culvert:** Specification of the Dept. of Transportation and Infrastructure must be followed. This project will not be completed until next year.
3. **Signs:** It was noted Codiac Sign Company must be used to purchase trail signage
4. **Club Name:** The Club name when the Corporation was formed was called Skedaddle, not Skadaddle as was noted on some legal corporate documents. When noticed, legal paths were followed to rectify the mis-spelling. Members were notified, confirmation has been received the proper name is Skedaddle.

New Business:

1. **Wasson Rest Area:** This area has been cleared of brush which will be removed in the spring.
2. **Annual General Meeting:** The date has been set for April 16th at the Fredericton Motor Inn. One person from each Club can attend. With Covid uncertainty, the meeting may change.
3. **Regional Meeting Notes:** Bob Stokes was re-appointed as Regional Director for a two year term. The reciprocal agreement with Quebec was amended. With each \$100 permit fee, Quad NB will receive \$20 to be directed toward trail maintenance. Quad NB forwarded \$1000 to assist with trail maintenance costs as Clubs were not able to organize fund-raising projects.
4. **Trail Maintenance:** Alex provided a summary of what repairs were conducted on the trail network this past year. Signage has been purchased and in the process of being installed to conform to the new trail signage system. It was noted the Club should update its paper map to the new trail numbering system. Bob will amend the current map. The Skedaddle trailer will be put into storage for the winter.
5. **Trail Courtesy:** It was noted there are many ATV operators who are not obeying the law, nor respecting private property. The Club is concerned some owners may close their property which would have a ‘huge’ impact on our existing trail network. It was referenced Quad NB has prepared a Provincial press release informing the public they are addressing these issues with proper authorities. Trail law enforcement has increased Provincially. It was noted many of the issues arise from those who do not possess a registration, licence or trail permit and are not familiar with the rules and regulations required. In some instances, law enforcement not only fines the operator but also seizes the ATV.
6. **Themed Trails:** A request from Quad NB is to identify tourist attractions, fuel, food and lodging on the network that could be identified on the trail system. This will be done during the winter.
7. **Election of 2021 Officers:** By acclamation, all Officers will remain in their current position.

Next meeting: No November Meeting. January meeting to be determined.

Minutes taken by Secretary Stirling