

## **Skedaddle Ridge Trails People Inc. -- Club #51**

### **Minutes: April 2022**

The April 28th meeting was held at the Mount Pleasant Community Center starting at 7:00 PM. A moment of silence was held in memory of Ernest Jordon who passed away earlier in the week.

**Skedaddle Club #51 Trail Permits are available at the locations referenced on the website.**

**Minutes:** The minutes of the March 2022 meeting were read. Moved by Stirling, seconded by Doug, “The minutes are approved as presented”. Carried.

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

### **Old Business**

1. **Sister’s Bridge:** Lumber to replace the deck has arrived and members will be notified of a work-day to install. It was suggested the local snowmobile club be asked to support this project.
2. **St. John River Crossing:** The Town of Nackawic received government approval to add Otis Drive to their existing street access and support for their request to use the Hawkshaw / Pokiok bridge crossing the river to connect with the York West ATV Club trail network. Planned date will be in June upon posting of required Provincial and Quad NB signage.
3. **Sign Stakes:** Reg picked up the stakes and will deliver to the Club trailer. New signs may increase 20% in cost and predictions are an additional increase later in the season.
3. **Trail Maps:** The Club is reviewing and updating the existing map and upon completion will print 150 copies and post onto the Club website. Any new signage or changes made should have pictures and dates of installation for Club liability protection in the event of an accident and insurance claim due to injury.

### **New Business:**

1. **Nashwaak Valley Connection:** Nashwaak Valley Club will be submitting a GPS trail to connect with Skedaddle in the Craig Rest area. Skedaddle will be responsible for trail maintenance to the Rte. 107.
2. **Spring Rally:** Curtis referenced that Ryan Groom and his wife (Trek-kit) will attend our Rally. An unloading area in the Howard Brook area must be cleared for Rally start. More details to follow.
3. **Trail Permit Fees:** Quad NB at the AGM presented the proposed permit fee motion to the end of 2027, which was approved by the membership. Check the Skedaddle website for 2023-2027 Permit fees. It was noted the government must approve the fee increase before making official.
4. **Annual General Meeting:** It was referenced safety training course numbers have increased this past year and predictions are in 2022 this will increase higher. Many parents see the benefit of quad training. There is over 31,000 Quad NB members with trail permits of the 61,000 registered and licenced in NB. Quad NB is proposing several options to increase this number for the benefit of all Clubs and will report their findings at a later date. All Clubs must have a five year plan that will support government objectives and financial planning. It was referenced the government has provided \$1.2 Million for seven Trail Head locations. Skedaddle is awaiting information on their proposed location in Juniper area. It was suggested the Provincial trail #25 be direct and Skedaddle will discuss this further as tourist attractions have been incorporated into the current trail. A new Provincial Quad NB Executive was elected and their names are posted on the Quad NB website. The Quad NB Jamboree will be October 15<sup>th</sup> in Albert County followed by the 2023 Jamboree in the Acadian Peninsula. It was noted that Quad NB had been approached by the NB Dirt Bike Association inquiring about trail access and this is being discussed. The Provincial budget was presented, discussed and approved at the meeting. The proposed permit fee increase will support the Quad NB expenses to operate and manage this sport.

50/50 draw was won by Marilyn.

**Next meeting: May 26th, 7:00 PM Mount Pleasant Community Center.**