

Skedaddle Ridge Trails People Inc. -- Club #51

Minutes: September 29, 2022

The September 29th, meeting was held at the Mount Pleasant Community Center starting at 7:00 PM with 17 members present.

Minutes: The minutes of the August 2022 meeting were read. Moved by Stirling, seconded by Norm, "The minutes are approved as presented". Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Due to work commitment, the treasurer's report was not available.

Old Business

1. **Night Run:** No date has been determined for a possible Night Run as volunteers are required to coordinate this initiative. Perhaps later in October, if arranged, a message will be forwarded to Skedaddle members who have provided their e-mail address to receive communication from the Club. It was noted a new cash box is required for this event and the upcoming Fall Rally on Saturday.
2. **Nashwaak Valley Connection:** The Club is awaiting government approval for this new connection between the two Clubs. Some trail repair is required, due to washout of a few culverts and beaver dams.
3. **Trail Maintenance:** Pokiok and Golden Ridge trails have been cleared of debris. Material to repair Sister's Bridge has been taken to the site.
4. **Trail Permit:** The 2023 Trail Permits will be available at our current locations on October 1, 2022 in addition to the Fall Rally on Saturday. All 2022 Trail Permits have been forwarded to the Quad NB office.

New Business:

1. **Treasurer:** Following proper voting procedures, Grant Shaw was elected as the new Club Treasurer.
2. **Regional Meeting:** Curtis updated the members on various topics arising from the Region 7 meeting held in Woodstock on Sept. 27th. Topics such as the Annual Financial Form to be completed, Trail Infrastructure and Gas Tax program funding availability, contractor quote requirement, trail kilometer accuracy and identity for funding support and liability purposes, the 2022 Provincial Jamboree in Dawson Settlement and 2023 Provincial Jamboree in Caraquet, an update on the cost of the Trail Permits from 2023-25 in the event members require clarification on how they were determined and how the money received is allocated. A discussion on various topics was held to clarify concerns.
3. **Provincial & Regional Topics:** It was noted Skedaddle has more than 600 kms. of managed trail resulting from the government GPS mapping conducted recently. The Club trails are well maintained and due attention must be given to clear any debris resulting from the recent hurricane. Trails should be identified with a marker if deemed unsafe and notification given to members and public. The Region has two Trail Heads currently under construction, Nackawic and Perth. These Trail Heads are designated areas for quad enthusiasts to unload, park and travel to the outdoors. They are also located in areas accessible for snowmobile parking. Slightly over 50% of the 61,000 licenced and registered quads have Trail Permits. Those with no Permit are operating illegally on the trails. It was noted that Quad NB has requested additional and more visible law enforcement on the trails. Several possible partnerships were referenced for Quad NB members to encourage more Trail Permits and Club memberships. Members were encouraged to have their e-mail address on the Skedaddle list to improve Club communication. It was referenced that the State of Maine and New Brunswick are working together to have a possible Trail Agreement. The NB Dirt Bike Rider's Association has an Agreement with Quad NB and this is being reviewed with the Provincial government. Several questions on this were addressed.

Alex moved meeting adjourn at 8:30 PM.

Next meeting: October 27, 2022, 7:00 PM Mount Pleasant Community Center.

2023 Skedaddle Ridge Club #51 Trail Permits are available starting October 1st, at the locations referenced on the website.