

PA Grand Canyon Snowmobile Club

August 2021 Newsletter

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Notes from August 14 meeting: Members present were Jim/June Baney, Tom/Aine Byrne, Dave/Belinda Frost, Cheryl Gross, Walt Domarew, Vic Ferree

Old Business

Swamp Rail Bed/Hassler Bridge Update:

- On July 25th Dave, Tom, Walt and Jim cleared two sections of brush on the east side of the Hassler bridge where the stream rock rubble will be deposited.
- Doug Parsell has contacted his equipment man who is currently on a job but as soon as he has an opening, they plan on getting in the stream bed.

Riekers Yard Repair:

- Yard looks good but can possibly use more grass seed and run the "spiker" over it again.

Trestle Bridge Update:

- The railroad ties are here and stored, much brush will need cleared prior to the bridge work. Sluice pipe work should also be done. Need to set date for bridge work. Will post for additional manpower on website.

Trout Tournament Hats:

- There are no suitable hats currently as supplies are extremely low at the two major suppliers. Just waiting for the producers to come back.

Trout Tournament T-Shirts:

- The trout tournament T-shirts have been ordered. The only change besides price in this year's order is in the sizes. The ladies recommended more of the larger shirts this time. Ordered: S(2), M(3), L(20), XL(20), 2XL(15).

New Business

Officer/Director Elections: Members Encouraged to Attend and Participate/Nominate

- Tabled until Sept., All Officers and 5 Directors to be elected at club meeting September 11th at 7 p.m.

Club Newsletter:

- Discussion of club newsletter to keep members abreast of current activities and future projects.

Sept. 18th:

- Club work detail clearing nearby trails
- Club membership mass mailing
- Club picnic

Notes to Members

We know how much you all appreciate what the club has to offer, but we need to be straight with you on the current situation. Typically, we have the same people who volunteer for work details and other events, most of whom are club officers or board members. This year, many of us are feeling the strain of carrying this by ourselves and so we are instituting some new ideas. We want the club to continue in existence, but to be honest, that won't happen if just a few people keep being involved.

To begin, we will be creating monthly newsletters to keep you all informed of what's going on at the club and any upcoming events. For this month, the newsletter will be mailed to you and will be posted on our website and our Facebook page.

As of this year's membership mailing in September, we will be going mostly paperless and will be requiring our members' email addresses, instead of just collecting home addresses and phone numbers. Thereafter, membership applications will be emailed directly to you.

We will also be sending out periodic emails requesting volunteers to help with the tasks the club needs to perform and to assist in events such as our annual trout tournament. This year's tournament set records for number of applicants, winners, fish caught, and sponsors who supported us. We expect the ensuing years to match or better 2021's attendance. There are many volunteer opportunities available during the tournament and help would be greatly appreciated.

Volunteers Needed Now

- September 18th: Volunteers are requested to assist in trail clearing. Power tools and able bodies will be needed. Call Vic Ferree, who is scheduling volunteers for that event, if you can help. His phone is 717-577-4146 and his email is heathecoat@yahoo.com.

- The Trestle Bridge mentioned in Old Business will need to be constructed before the end of October. That is a major undertaking, and we need a LOT of help for that. Again, contact Vic Ferree if you can help.