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PRESIDENT'S REPORT, AGM.

Welcome to the annual AGM.

We started 2019 with our season opener in June of 2019 which was a resounding success, with close to 100 members attending. Great time had by all.

The bridge crew spent 4 days early June at Isolation Creek installing and decking three of our bridges donated to the Government and laid in place thanks to Spray Lakes Sawmill.

We worked the Casino in Lethbridge in October of 2019 and also hosted Destination Polaris, which filmed for four days and produced a show which was viewed by Millions of people around the world on the Fox Network and You Tube.

In September, we had our Season Windup. Again, a great success and a lot of fun. We built two bridges from our engineered plans for bridges which were placed in the fall on McGillivray trail.

During early June, a number of our members volunteered to begin work on the Salamander Creek Project. This is the designated trail between the McGillivray and Atlas Staging areas. Using the Cat Mini Hoe that was purchased with the Government of Alberta Grant last year. The machine was put to good use, digging trenches to drain the large water holes along the trail, improving approaches, closing off extreme damaged areas, and creating a trail following trails others had made to get around the bad areas. The routes were improved by re-moving stumps, and taking away bad side slopes, the occasional dead tree, and general grooming of the trail. This was our first use of the machine, and it was done as a training exercise. We thank Doug Frolic for his time and patience instructing us on its operation.

During the same time period, we had another volunteer crew place and decked two bridges (the club had previously built as above), that were taken to the rough locations in the winter. The cost of the steel to build the bridges was paid for by the Government of Alberta. The boards were cut one day, one bridge was decked the next day, with the second bridge decked the 3rd day. We had originally

called for a bridge crew to do this work, however we felt we had to postpone it due to the large amount of snow still on the Atlas Road. As it turned out, the snow had melted, and members that were camping wished to proceed. 115 Volunteer hours were used to deck the bridge and 96 hours to build them. Joe and Doug later took the “Cat” to one of the bridges, and fixed the slope and approaches.

One more bridge was built by our volunteers at “Joe’s Yard”. This was placed a short time later on a water crossing on the Salamander Trail, decked and approaches filled in. Again, with the assistance of our “Cat”, another bridge on the trail was widened by Grant Jordan and his crew.

During late September, early October, a number of our members volunteered to begin work on the York Creek Plane Crash Trail Project. Using the Cat Mini Hoe, removing the old narrow bridge off the York Creek Road, and replacing it with an engineered manufactured 60-foot-long, 73 inches wide new bridge. This project took two days to complete. General trail maintenance followed on the trail towards Sartoris Road, with proper drainage, and fixing very dangerous portions of the trail. Deep ruts were filled in and water diverted from the trail. and general grooming of the trail. We then went back across the new bridge and took the alternate trail back to York Creek Staging Area draining water holes, and making new diversions for water to get off the trail. We also removed dead trees which had built up by one of our bridges. The last day we went to the southeast end of the Willoughby Trail and fixed very dangerous ruts, and again diverted water running down the trail into the forest floor. The old bridge was taken to Rinaldi Welding, and widened at a cost of about \$6,500.00. The Alberta Government requested and is being invoiced for the cost of the bridge widening.

Joe took a crew in late October and widened and fixed the approaches on the Lille Valley trail.

Unfortunately, we had to let go our previous Office Administrator for just cause. This issue will be dealt with later in the meeting.

After advertising and receiving 5 strong candidates, the board was fortunate to be able to hire Roberta Sebok. Their family have been Quad Squad members for a number of years, and have just recently moved here from Taber. Her husband, Jerry has been active in volunteering with the club. We welcome her expertise.

This has been a very trying year to say the least, with Covid and replacing our Office Administrator. However, it is not surprising how much work was done,



by our volunteers, headed by Joe Lumley for the bridge and trail restoration, and Bill Sharpe for his financial expertise. We wish to thank Brenda Pollock for stepping up and handling our financial accounts, and instructing Roberta on our accounting software. This has been a tremendous Board to work with, and I thank all the Board Members for their hard and diligent work.

We had to cancel our Raffle last year due to COVID, however Daryl Ferguson has been working hard to get it up and running soon. Hopefully before Christmas as the tickets would make great stocking stuffers.

We thank everyone for attending.

Gary Clark, President, CNP Quad Squad

DIRECTION OF THE CLUB FOR 2021

We will continue our work, with the AOHVA, on the Livingstone/Porcupine/Castle advisory group to have our input on how the plan should be implemented. This is very time consuming with meetings just about every week. The advice from these meetings will be presented to the Minister of the Environment in January, and hopefully we will have a decision by Spring on the plan. It should also be announced at that time if we are going to keep the present trails in the Castle.

The Government of Alberta, with the AOHVA, have been working on a trail plan to fund yearly grants for organizations like us to maintain the trail systems. This would certainly give our Club financial stability. We urge everyone to take this survey. <https://www.alberta.ca/sustainable-outdoor-recreation-engagement.aspx>

Our long-range plan for next year is to deck the new bridge installed at York Creek, replace one of the narrow bridges on the plane crash trail, and replace decking on some of them. We will be installing signs on all the bridges donated to the Government indicating we donated them. We will also be placing numbers on them, GPS their locations. This will eventually give us an inventory of where the bridges are, and will allow the members to contact the office to advise of repairs required.

We will be placing a bridge on the Tecumseh Trail, on the powerline above Tecumseh. This designated trail hooks into the Atlas network. We will also work with Forestry to see if we can reopen the trail west and then north of this bridge, (locally known as the stump trail) and get it designated. This is an important trail to Deadman's Pass in BC. There are a lot of water/marsh conditions to deal with.

We will continue to improve badly eroded trails, starting with the steep hill coming down to Spoon Valley on the McGillivray Trail. There is a lot of work to be done out there, but with your help, we can do it, to improve the safety, environmental concerns and experience of our Sport.

Gary Clark. President.

