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Coe Hill Riders ATV charity ride to keep Wollaston Public Library open on Saturdays

The Coe Hill Riders ATV club (CHATV) safely raised \$1,220 with a Club Poker Run for the Wollaston Public Library on Sept. 19.

Formed in 2018, the young Club has already developed a reputation for running charity rides to support local organizations like the Coe Hill Food Bank, Wollaston Fire Department, and the Wollaston Public Library. This latest ride will provide much-needed operational funds to the small community library that is working to stay open on Saturdays during the COVID-19 crisis.

The Library fundraiser was the first ride the Club had been able to offer since the start of the pandemic. Events Coordinator, Norm Lewis worked very hard with Club volunteers to plan the day, ensuring the health and safety of all participants, limiting the size of the ride, using a virtual poker hand process and by using an online pre-registration process.

In a surprise turn of events, before the group reached their outdoor lunch spot, they learned that Premier Doug Ford had reduced gathering sizes, and that the new restrictions were effective immediately.

Wollaston Mayor Barbara Shaw, who was participating in the event, was impressed with how quickly the Club executive acted to comply with the provincial order.

“We got the information thanks to a CBC news alert and immediately the organizers advised the participants of the requirements and made swift changes,” Shaw explained. “No grumbling at all – this Club was focused on safety and compliance.”

The ride was shortened, smaller group sizes were wrangled, and using staggered times, the riders were safely able to return to Coe Hill to head home, with final formalities cancelled. Once the poker hand play was adjusted, the small group of prize winners was invited to return to the Coe Hill Pavilion to safely collect their generously donated prizes.

Wollaston Public Library Vice Chair, Jenn Rush, who was also registered for the ride, was on hand to safely receive the donation cheque.

“These operational funds will enable the Library to increase its hours so we can be open on Saturdays through the winter months to better serve our community,” said Rush.

The Coe Hill ATV Club is grateful to the business community who donated prizes for the event.

On behalf of the Club, Event’s Co-ordinator Norm Lewis thanked The Hideaway Restaurant, Bear Ridge Campground, Red Eagle Family Campground, The Old Hastings Mercantile and Gallery, Bancroft Sport

and Marine and CHATV Vice President Damian Greenop, for donating prizes. The top prize for the ride was a \$250.00 cheque.

“We also want to thank all of our CHATV members who volunteer their time to manage this Club and to organizing such great, safe, community-building events,” said CHATV Event’s Co-ordinator Norm Lewis

The club also held their Annual General Meeting before departing for the ride and current Vice President Damian Greenop was re-acclaimed. Ian Wilson was acclaimed as the new Secretary replacing, founding member, Ted Schirk. Both will serve two-year terms on the Executive.

CHATV is part of the Ontario Federation of All Terrain Vehicles (OFATV). ATV enthusiasts can stay in touch by following the Coe Hill Riders on their website or Facebook page or by sending an email to admin@chatvc.ca

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