

**Sioux Falls Sno Trackers**  
**Snowmobile Club**  
**September 8, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes**

Meeting held at the Monarch in Renner at 7:00 P.M. In attendance were:

- Duane Duerr
- Pat Hanten-Duerr
- Greg Nordstrom
- Bob Van Den Oever
- Rich Kornemann
- Char Seloover
- Tom Frier
- Hazel Seloover
- Kim Raap
- Lou Rensch
- John Houg (visiting from Garretson)

Duane called the meeting to order.

Duane started the meeting on a light note by showing pictures of vintage snowmobiles which led to several short discussions about the sleds in the slides.

Bob read his rough notes from the last Board Meeting held on May 26.

Hazel presented the Treasurer's report

- \$1,766.25 in checking at this moment after two checks were written this month.
- \$6,422.59 in savings
- \$3,622.98 in the CD

Both reports approved on a voice vote.

Kim Raap reported on the International Snowmobile Conference (ISC) which was held in Rapid City on June 9 – 11 this year. "It was awesome!" 424 registered attendees. Was very hot, unfortunately. Lots of ideas shared. Lots of breakouts on membership and youth involvement. Much of this will be on a YouTube channel later. Wisconsin has a good youth program. SDSA is working towards one now. SDSA will get a sizable donation from ISC.

Two of the trailers were done on August 6 with a work party followed by a picnic meal. The third trailer (the one at Dave Rave's) needs a little work. We need to buy a post pounder for that trailer as it was lost last year.

Discussions on trail marking:

- Garretson has offered to help with marking. Will likely assign them a section or two.
- Will look into having a signing workshop in Garretson (**action?**)
- Discussion about the road construction in Dells at the highway bridges. However, since our trail ends before that and then picks up on the other side, it is really not an issue.

Steak Fry: Hazel checked with Sunshine (in Brandon) and with Hy Vee since we were not real happy with Sunshine's steaks last year. However, Hy Vee cannot provide the grill among other things. The Board authorized Hazel to go back to Sunshine for the steaks and grill. Hazel was also authorized to order ½" steaks this year rather than the 3/8" steaks we had last year. Hazel already has pop, beer, some hot dogs and some brats. Social hour is at 5:00 P.M. Meal will begin at 6:00 P.M. The Garretson folks were invited. John will pass the word.

Trail marking was discussed. Rules say it must be done between November 1 and November 23. Real issue the ditches need to be mowed before the trail is put in. After some discussion the board decided to aim for October 22. Everyone asked to invite perspective members to the steak fry.

A new track has been ordered for the groomer.

Discussed the Parade of Lights. Does the Club want to participate? Greg would like to have the groomer in the Parade of Lights. If the groomer is in the parade it has to be driven and since Kevin is the only one trained to drive it he would have to drive it in the parade. We would also need to notify the insurance company.

**Action: Greg and Rich to discuss with Dave Rave whether he has a trailer that could be used to haul the groomer into Sioux Falls for the parade.** Further discussion to follow once we have that answer.

SDSA Conventions discussion: Neither 2017 or 2018 have a club signed up to host. It has been said it takes 3 people to organize the convention and 15 people to work it. Could we do that? There are also a set of requirements that have to be met. Could we meet them? Can we find a facility that has an open date around convention time in either of those years? Could we be ready by 2017? By 2018?

Someone suggested a theme of ‘snowmobiling: Past, Present and Future’. **Action: Duane to work the facility availability issue with help from Greg and Kim.**

The ‘Free membership when you buy a snowmobile’ plan really didn’t work last year. Why not? Apparently most snowmobilers don’t care to be members is what we heard. Alternative ideas were discussed. Get their name and send them a free Snow Plainsman. Have weekly or bi-weekly social get togethers that include door prizes. John said the motorcycle club he belongs to does this. The prizes aren’t very expensive and the attendance varies a fair amount but there are always some that show up. No action taken.

Club Meeting Location: Discussed alternatives. Some thought is that the Pizza Ranch is not conducive to getting the younger (not youth) members to attend. Discussion included the Monarch, Tailgators in Brandon, and the Brandon Steakhouse among others. Consensus was to move to the Monarch for this year’s meetings.

Kim noted that the club meetings need to be fun, not business. Fun meetings and being invited on rides will do the most to get people interested in and staying in the club. Discussed weekend rides and rides into local parks. Mentioned that if you are planning a trip, putting it on our Web page might get people interested in becoming or remaining members.

The governor’s ride is February 18, 2016 in the Black Hills.

Kim mentioned that the week following the Governor’s ride he has put in several drawings for the self-guided tours in Yellowstone Park. This just started last year. Stay tuned.

Greg mentioned that he would like to set up the February poker run as a fund raiser for ‘Snowmobilers for Snowmobilers’.

Motion by Greg, seconded by Lou to adjourn. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Bob Van Den Oever  
Club Secretary