**Mudslingers OHV Club**

PO Box 444

Twin Valley, MN 56584

**Minutes of Board Meeting:**

**Thursday March 16, 2017**

**Twin Valley Liquor Store, Twin Valley, MN**

**7:00pm**

**Attendance:** **Members:** Glen, Naome, Pete, Charles, Steve, Doug, Janeen, Dave, Gordon & Brenda

Meeting called to order by Glen Visser, President.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Naome handed out a Treasurers report:

Raffle Account: No Changes: balance in the account of $ 8,343.83

Checking Account: Naome wrote out a check for Noah Insurance for $1,159.13, Mahnomen Rod & Gun for $250.00 for yearly land lease, and stamps and bank fees of $22.60 for mailing out membership letters. There were no deposits, leaving a balance of $7,678.09 in the checking account. Glen pointed out that Brenda had talked to him previously about a check written to Visser Trenching for Equipment Rental of $ 1,080.00 and that the check should come out of the Raffle account since the check to Visser Trenching was for equipment rental of working on the bridges. Naome made a note to transfer that amount from savings to checking. Also, Brenda was wondering about the check we received from Norman County for the Summer work and Mashaug bridge. Norman County paid us $3,576.69 but Brenda didn’t have anything that could come up to that dollar amount. Brenda was going to check her reports again and see if she could come up with anything about that payment. Glen said that Jerilyn from Norman County thought that we haven’t been paid for our fall ride and clean-up yet. Dave made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report and Steve seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**Secretary’s Report:** Brenda read the Secretary’s report from February 11, 2017. Glen made a mention of a change under the City of Gary old business that he wanted signs put up in Gary to show ATV’s where to go, but not to Gary Pines. Also, under the New Business Projects for 2017 he said that the Border to Border OHV Trail has $140,000 money set aside for the project, not that they have already spent this amount. Steve made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting with the two changes and Pete seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**Old Business:**

City of Gary: Brenda said that she wasn’t sure what Karie wanted us to do about putting up signs to name the trails and was wondering why the City maintenance guy couldn’t do that. Glen mentioned that she really wants up to help set up a campground site, but there would be no fire ring right now, not until possibly when they get water out there. She wants us to cut down some trees to make room for campers but we will need to clarify with her on what she is all looking to do. She would like to get a crossing on the south side of Gary Pines where ATV’s would enter. Glen said that Jerilyn at Norman County wanted to see if there was already an ordinance to ride ATV’s on county roads or she didn’t think it was going to be a problem to get that changed. Vehicles and Campers would still enter on the east side by the shelter. Gordon mentioned about getting paid for any of these projects, she keeps saying that she has grants available and other people are getting paid for what they are doing, is there any way we could get paid? Glen said that we would need to get more clarity on that. Brenda mentioned that they do need in-kind hours for some of the grants and a comment was made that the last two meeting there has been discussion about Gary Pines so Brenda should make up sheets for in-kind hours to submit to Karie.

Facebook Page: Jerilyn with Norman County thought that this was a good idea to create a page. Naome is going to check with Vern to see if he could set up a page and have pictures and information about the trail.

Donation to Night Riders Snowmobile Club: Naome said that their next meeting is scheduled for April 7th. She is going to try to attend and will see if they plan on fixing any trails and if they want help with funding or labor? It was also discussed to see if the work would need to be approved by the Indian Tribe. Naome said that the Indian Tribe is trying to prevent ATV’s on their land.

Change in Equipment and Labor Payouts: There was great discussion on the pay for Equipment and Labor payouts and the need to clarify what was passed in previous minutes. Brenda said that at one time we were discussing labor rates and said that a motion was passed to follow the OHV Program GIA Allowable Costs Equipment and Labor but no discussion was made at that time about Equipment costs. A motion before that motion was made to equipment costs to be paid at $60.00/hour for use of equipment and gas. The club felt that if the project is a group project that labor would be donated but if an individual or two did a project that they could get reimbursed. There was also discussion on only getting paid at the 90% that we receive from Norman County or going off the Allowable Cost rate. Use of ATV’s and small equipment would be donated on group projects unless excessive use (like pulling a box blade).Other reimbursements would be on the discretion of the club.

Charles made a motion that if an individual or few ( not a group club project) does a project that the reimbursement rate for equipment and labor would be using the OHV Program GIA Allowable Costs Equipment and Labor “Allowable Rate” and that the individual(s) would get reimbursed from the club right away and not have to wait until Norman County Pays and if the project is a group Club project that labor would be donated and small equipment and ATV’s would be donated unless excessive use on that equipment and that other equipment would be the discretion of the club. Steve seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Next meeting to Discuss Club/Board Members: Brenda said that a sheet was made up listing board members, which is very outdated. Discussion was had on a need to review by-laws and who can vote at meetings. It was decided to have Brenda send the chair persons a copy of the current By-Laws to review (chair persons are: president Glen Visser, vice-president Steve Ueland, Treasurer Naome Bishop and secretary Brenda Sowl) and they will try to get together to review the current By-laws. Right now it was thought that only board members could vote but discussion at the meeting it was felt that whoever attends a meeting should have the right to vote on motions and be able to voice their opinion.

Youth ATV Training: Glen said that the Youth ATV Training has been set for Saturday April 29th at the Fire Hall in Ada at 10am. Dave brought up where we should post this information. Glen said that he will be in contact with Ada Index and Brenda will send email to Twin Valley Times. We should get ahold of KRJB radio station. Dave said that he would talk to local schools to let them know. We have around 26 spots for youth. Pete said that he could bring his 200 machine for kids to use on the driving course and Doug said that he could bring Lane’s 125.

Membership Letter and Mailing: Naome said that she did get all the membership letters and forms out in the mail.

**New Business:**

Spring Agassiz Trail Maintenance: Brenda said that trails open up April 1st and the contract with Norman County is to do a spring, summer, and fall maintenance on the Agassiz Trail for Norman County. It was decided to wait until the April meeting to plan for the spring maintenance and see how weather is. If someone would be interested in riding the trail before the meeting to see if there is a lot of work to be needed to be done that would be great.

Having Chair Persons having access to checking/savings account online: Glen and Brenda had previously discussed that it would be nice to have the chair persons have access to the checking/savings account in case the treasurer doesn’t make a meeting or the account balances need to be checked. Naome said that the bank online site is not a good one because you need to go in every month or it needs to be reset but she said that with more people it might be better to keep the online access active. Naome will check with the bank about having multiple users for the online and if there will be any problems.

Election of Officers: Dave said that he cast an unanimous ballot that all positions stay the same and he made a motion for this. Charles seconded. Glen asked for any discussion. He said that if anyone was interested in the president position to speak up. Naome said that if anyone was interested in the treasurer’s position to speak up. No discussion was had. A vote was done to keep the current slate of officers; all were in favor. Motion passed. The current slate of officiers is: President Glen Visser, Vice-President Steve Ueland, Treasurer Naome Bishop and Secretary Brenda Sowl.

Clay County Bridge: Glen was wondering if he should contact someone at Clay County to finish the bridge by Ulen. Club members felt that would be a good idea. Glen made a motion for the President of Mudslingers to contact Clay County to see if they wanted us to finish the bridge and also do the 5 miles of maintenance on the Agassiz Trail that is Clay County. Charles seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Getting our name “out there” Dave mentioned that if we wanted to get our club name “out there” that we should participate in more community events like showing up at Gary Days and doing the parade. Discussion was had.

Trail by Ada: Glen said that they are still working on getting a trail from Ada to Beltrami and that it could take a year or two.

**Next Meeting:**

Next meeting scheduled for Saturday April 29, 2017 at 3:00pm at Visser Trenching Shop, Ada.

Doug made a motion to adjorn the meeting and Steve seconded. Meeting adjourned.

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1. Call meeting to order
2. Treasurer’s Report
3. Secretary’s Report
4. Old Business:

×City of Gary – make Campground and put up signs?

× Facebook Page for Agassiz Trail – Vern doing it?

×Donation to Nightriders Snowmobile Club

×Change of By-Laws?

×Youth ATV Training turn-out

×Membership payments

×Spring Agassiz Trail Maintenance

×Online Banking Access

×Clay County Bridge and Clay County Agassiz Trail Maintenance

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