

INTERLAKE SNOW TRACKERS GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON NOVEMBER 16, 2016 at 7:30 PM AT THE ARBORG LEGION IN ARBORG

The meeting was opened by John Reykdal.

The following were present:

EXECUTIVES

John Reykdal – President
Mike Chudd – Vice President
Cindy McRae – Secretary
Braden Thordarson - Treasurer

DIRECTIORS

Dennis Marks
Lynn Enns
Chris Dewald
Les Thordarson
Richard Marks
Mark Zimmerman
Richard Romaniuk
Derek Reykdal
Gord Sawa
Conrad Hofer
Chad Yarema

MISSING DIRECTORS

Bernie Twardowski
Kevin Wiebe
Paul Leveque

The Minutes of the last General Meeting were read by Cindy McRae. Motion made to accept those Minutes was made by Richard Romaniuk and Seconded by Conner Yarema, All In Favour/Carried.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Braden Thordarson advising that we currently have \$65,561.51 in the chequing account and we have \$41,979.36 in our savings account. We have a balance of \$89.53 in our lottery account and \$48,085.49 in our Equipment Savings Account. A Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Mark Zimmerman and Seconded by Lynn Enns, All In Favour/Carried.

Old Business

Trail Captains

Trail Captains please check your inventory and co-ordinate to utilize club equipment. Cindy was provided with the names etc. of the new Trail Captains - Jason Sutyla, Grant Tannis and Nori Sigvaldson. Richard M. and Richard R. to meet to mark the portion of the rail bed.

Recycle Bins For Warm Up Shelters

John advised that the recycle bins for our shelters will be delivered at the end of the month. John will contact the Trail Captains to make arrangements to pick up the recycle bins.

Rerouting Trails

The trail north of Camp Morton will run on the south side of Lake Forrest Road. Chad will be looking into and advising with respect to the trail in the north where the Landowner has fenced his land for animals.

Snoman Conference

Conference was well attended by our club and they had good workshops. One workshop in particular – Ride Command/Rider X program by Polaris is free to download.

Brushing Plans

Les to advise when he has spoken to Lawrence and Wayne and Chad will advise with respect to Rosenberg.

Grants for Equipment

John and Braden are going to get together to go over the grant so that we may apply towards a new drag.

Signs Made By Gimli High School

Mike spoke to Carl and most of the signs have been completed, just adding our club name above the name of the shelter. Example – Interlake Snow Trackers – Willow Creek Shelter.

NEW Business

Groomer Purchase

The Executive recently met to discuss the purchase of a 2009 Prinoth Husky with approximately 3000 hours recently traded by The Pas. Spare parts included are belts, cleats, filters, two fuel tanks that hold 229 litres, two new batteries, a spot light and service manual. John and Braden went to the bank and they would like 35% down and a loan for 5 years with a yearly payment of \$12,761.98. If we decided to use our PLC there is a 5% interest charge. The cost of the groomer is \$85,000.00 less down payment of \$29,750.00 equals \$55,250.00 to borrow. We will also have to pay for freight to have the groomer delivered to Gimli. We are thinking of keeping our 2000 groomer until such time as the new groomer is paid off.

GPS & Signs For Grindstone

Bob called and provided the coordinates to Les. Still need to obtain two permits for the shelters.

Christmas Parade In Gimli

The parade this year will be held on Friday, November 25, 2016 at 630 p.m. in Gimli. John provided Cindy with the name of the parade organizer to contact if we want to participate this year. There wasn't much enthusiasm and we don't have much time but we could still put something together on a small scale.

Sandy Bay Shelter

We still want to tin the shelter, but this will now have to be put on the back burner as a summer project.

Trail Signing

Richard advised that at the Snoman Conference it was suggested that all Trail Captains take the trail signing course. Currently only Conner and Bernie have their certificate. There is to be absolutely no signs put on stop signs, hydro and fence poles, Provincial signs etc. If spruce trees are put on the lake trails, caution signs need to be placed on each side. No little directional arrow signs added onto our other signs like stop signs. We are to use more blue Snoman signs on the beginning of our trail system. Use large 90 degrees arrow with caution ahead signs to be placed 100 yards before. Snoman wants all of the clubs to be consistent in the marking of all trail systems. Les has a meeting at Snoman on Friday and will find out about the grant for the signs we had asked for. Les also has plexy glass available to put over the signs and maps in all of our shelters.

Round Table Discussion

Mike advised that Chudd's has a promotion on for the less fortunate called Knickers for Kickers. Underwear is greatly needed in the shelters and anyone able to donate new underwear they are still accepting donations. Stay tuned for the upcoming jacket drive which will be posted on their website.

Lynn advised that he has completed the Version 7 website and asked everyone to check it out and any feedback is welcome.

Richard M., Richard R. and new member Steve will get together to see about marking the rail bed. Richard advised that we also have to get rid of all of the old bales on our trail system.

Cindy welcomed the Steve Peltier and thanked him for his offer to volunteer marking the rail bed. It is nice to see Kirk our young north groomer operator at the meeting. Anyone needing new memberships please see me at the end of the meeting.

John asked if we are still having our next meeting in Riverton and wondered where. He will contact Ken and Bonnie to see if they have any suggestions. Cindy also has to deliver some new memberships to Riverton and will also check.

A Motion was made by Chad Yarema, Seconded by Richard Marks, All In Favour/Carried that we close the meeting.

Next Meeting will be held on December 21, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. with the location to be advised via email.