

INTERLAKE SNOW TRACKERS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Held on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 7:30 pm at the Lakeview Hotel in Gimli

The meeting was opened by Mike.

The following were present:

EXECUTIVES

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

DIRECTORS

Bernie Twardowski
Kevin Wiebe
Chris Dewald
Lynn Enns
Richard Marks
Mark Zimmerman
Dennis Marks
Chad Yarema
Paul Leveque
Conrad Hoffer
Gord Sawa
Richard Romaniuk
Troy Stutsky

MISSING DIRECTORS

Derek Reykdal

The Minutes of the last General Meeting were read by Les Thordarson. Motion made to accept those Minutes was made by Troy Stutsky and Seconded by Paul Leveque, All In Favour/Carried.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Braden Thordarson advising that we currently have \$50,518.04 in the chequing account and \$24,700.88 in our savings account. We have a balance of \$89.53 in our lottery account and \$19,704.21 in our Equipment Savings Account. A Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Richard Romaniuk and Seconded by Kevin Wiebe, All In Favour/Carried.

Old Business

Groomer & Operator Report

Bernie advised that the 2006 had boggie wheel issues again and it needs new bearings. The last time same issue happened, it took out a wheel as well. The Husky is at Glen's so that he can weld the brush cutters on and the 2000 is still waiting to be fixed. Glen was extremely busy and then sick and is still behind but promised to get the repairs done. The drags are all good and the operators were awesome this season. Lyndon is very conscientious and is a licensed diesel mechanic. He took the initiative and welded cleats himself as his father has a heated shop in Silver which was great. Reporting – January 967 kilometers, February 2052.4

kilometers and March 717.2 for a total of 3736.6 kilometers groomed for the season. We did roughly the same amount of grooming last year and we weren't able to open and groom the Piston Popper this season. First grooming was January 11, 2018 and we closed the trails on March 18, 2018. (Only had one groomer grooming for a while as one was down).

Snoman Report

Les advised that they just had the Snoman meeting on Monday and due to all of the deaths this season Snoman is coming out with a new poster. They are just working on the wording for the poster. Snoman is still working on Integration.

Interlake Regional Snowmobile Association Report

Advised that we had a Regional Meetings in February in Moosehorn and will be having another in the fall.

Trail Captain Reports

Cheyenne – They are all done and rail bed to Hecla all done, just kiosks to pick up.

Willow Creek – Approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ finished and will finish picking up the signs this week.

Lake Trail – They are all done.

Fish Lake – They are all done.

Rail bed – Steve is away on vacation and he was going to ask his son to pick up signs. We need volunteers to clean up that trail as Steve is away until April.

Rosenberg – They are all done.

Netley – Derek isn't here to report, but members seen signs are still up yet.

Geyser – Not done yet.

Cal Chudd – They are all done.

Grindstone – They are all done.

Kiosk Construction for Piston Popper Memorial Trail

Richard advised that because we were unable to groom the Piston Popper this was put on the back burner. It will be completed over the summer and then brought to our September Meeting completed with name plates. Any more names please get to him asap.

Poker Derby

Kevin acknowledged and thanked all of the volunteers for their help and for all of the donated prizes. We had a great turn out for very little snow condition and had 75 riders with 211 hands sold. The poker derby made \$2,245.00 and the silent auction \$430.00, clearing over \$1,300.00 for the Club. We sold a few more hands this year with 163 wild cards sold at \$5 apiece. Hopefully next year we will have better snow and more riders. Job well done everyone and look forward to our annual poker derby next season.

New Business

Prinoth Spring Parts & Service Promotions

Mike advised that he received an email with respect to a sale and provided it to Bernie to review and take advantage of should we require additional parts.

Snoman Trail Signing Course

Mike advised that Snoman sent an email advising that all Clubs are required to have a minimum of three members with valid certification of the online signing course, or their trails will not be allowed to be declared open. This is due to RIDER SAFETY.

Snoman Signage Price Increase

Mike received an email advising that due to an increase in production costs, there will be an increase in price of trail signs. (12x12 sign will be \$5.55 plus gst). We need to order speed limit signs in the fall.

Snoman Trail Condition Report Requirement

Mike advised that an email from Snoman indicates that a Trail Report is required every week stating whether or not there are any hazards or issues that you are aware of. As well, when you close down your trail system for the season, a detailed trail conditions report every week from that point on until your trails are full closed is required. (Bernie receives any issues from the Groomer Operators so he in turn passes the info on to the necessary Trail Captains and to Paul for reporting). Website and FB page will also report any issues on line.

New Trail Map

Our map is due this year and Kevin has agreed to graciously take on that responsibility again. Kevin advised that all changes or any suggestions you may have - please email or phone him directly. Also if anyone knows of any new businesses or advertisers, we will have a couple of spots available. He would like to see the GPS co-ordinates of each Warm Up Shelter also displayed on our map. All changes must be to him by no later than August as the map goes to print in September.

Trail Audits

Not all of the auditing was completed as planned this season by Snoman.

Unofficial Grooming Report for 2017-18

Snopass sales were down this year and so that means the payout for kilometers will be less.

Annual Wind up

Our Wind Up will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at the Gimli Legion which has already been booked. Show of hands to those present indicates that the menu will be stuffed pork loin, choice of potato, vegetable, gravy, coffee, tea, and desert. Extra choice options are meat balls for an additional cost of \$1.50 per plate, Perogies for a cost of \$1.50 per plate and cabbage rolls for a cost of \$200 per plate. Gord graciously announced that his company will pay for the additional choice of perogies to be included in the meal. Thank you Gord that was very nice of you and we all appreciate your good spirit. Vicky will need a head count at least one week prior, with Cindy to send out an email to members, FB etc. The Committee will meet to discuss and finalize pricing; opening the Wind Up to non-members etc. and this will be advised in an email from Cindy. The Committee is made up of Mike, Cindy and Troy.

Reading of Minutes

At numerous times, it was discussed that we should abolish the necessity of having to read the Minutes of the Meetings which takes approximately 15 minutes. All Club Members are emailed a copy of the Minutes so the time could be better utilized elsewhere.

A Motion was made by Kevin Wiebe, Seconded by Paul Leveque, All In Favour/Carried that we have printed copies as handouts available at each meeting instead of reading them.

Elections

Both Les Thordarson and Gord Sawa were nominated for President and each agreed to let their name stand. There were no other nominations for any other position on the Executive or on the Directors.

Executive

President – Les Thordarson (new)

Vice President – Mike Chudd

Treasurer – Braden Thordarson

Secretary – Cindy McRae

Directors

Lynn Enns

Bernie Twardowski

Gord Sawa

Mark Zimmerman

Richard Marks

Kevin Wiebe

Dennis Marks

Chad Yarema

Conrad Hoffer

Chris Dewald

Troy Stutsky

Richard Romaniuk

Paul Leveque
Derek Reykdal

Round Table Discussion

Richard R. advised that he did some riding this season in the west and he has to say that our trails are very well marked.

Kevin asked that you please give him input and ideas and email or phone him asap.

Mark Z. advised that the Bear Cat is at his residence right now but wondered when it will go into the equipment building. Also advised that while he was pulling signs, he seen a person on the lake stealing his signs that he had set aside and was going to go back and pick up.

Richard M. advised that he was happy and proud to be invited to the Ashern Pig Roast.

Gord advised that he would volunteer to go and do Steve's rail bed to Riverton. (Thank you).

Corrine advised that she thought posting our stats on the FB page was a good idea.

Troy asked that he be provided with a list of names and phone numbers etc so that he can contact people when an issue arises. (Cindy send him a list like you provided Paul).

Eugene advised that he also was sledding on other trails and they weren't marked very well.

Lynn advised that Cindy did a good job on the article she put in the SnoRiders magazine.

Paul advised that since receiving a list of the names and phone numbers etc of all of the key players, he is emailing a copy of the grooming reports to them as well.

Cindy asked that as an Executive or Trail Captain and you know that you are going away on a vacation to assign someone before you leave to your duties. Every season issues arise when we have key people away and we are scrambling for someone to take over. It is our responsibility to assign someone before we leave! Also asked that we have wood in central locations to make it easier to pick up and take to the Warm Up Shelters. Cindy will also undertake to put together a package for each trail to hand to the trail captains at the start of the season with toilet paper, matches, candles etc.

Les advised that on March 1 and 2nd he was asked to ride with a reporter and photographer for the Snow Goer magazine. They rode around our trails and there will be an article in the Snow Goer. Mike was good enough to supply the sleds for the reporter and photographer. We need more reflective tape and he will ask Derek to order more.

Mike thanked everyone for all of their hard work for the awesome season.

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