

INTERLAKE SNOW TRACKERS FIRST GENERAL MEETING
Held on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 7:30 pm at the LAKEVIEW in GIMLI

The meeting was opened by Mike Chudd.

To show our respect and love for our Fearless Leader/President John, the meeting started with a minute of silence.

The following were present:

EXECUTIVES

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

DIRECTIORS

Bernie Twardowski
Kevin Wiebe
Chris Dewald
Lynn Enns
Troy Stutsky
Derek Reykdal
Richard Marks
Gord Sawa
Paul Leveque
Mark Zimmerman

MISSING DIRECTORS

Chad Yarema
Dennis Marks
Conrad Hoffer
Richard Romaniuk

The Minutes of the last General Meeting were read by Cindy McRae. Motion made to accept those Minutes was made by Paul Leveque and Seconded by Bernie Twardowski, All In Favour/Carried.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Braden Thordarson advising that we currently have \$81,440.93 in the chequing account and \$42,450.52 in our savings account. We have a balance of \$89.53 in our lottery account and \$12,792.91 in our Equipment Savings Account. We received a cheque from Snoman in the amount of \$68,032.50. A Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Mark Zimmerman and Seconded by Bernie Twardowski, All In Favour/Carried.

Old Business

Groomer & Operator Report

Bernie reported that he is working on the husky and the 2006 BR is ready to go and we have a spare belt. He contacted both of our groomer operators to see if they would be grooming for us again this season. Mark will be grooming for us this season but we need a new groomer operator for the north. Mark advised that he would be able to groom for five (5) days a week and fill in for the north until we find another groomer operator. Graham will assist if we are in a pinch. Richard M. volunteered to learn and be a backup.

Snofund Update & Snoman Congress Information

Les reported that we received a payout this year of \$15.75 per kilometer for grooming and the Trail Improvement cheque is yet to come. Still working on Integration, but getting close. Our club received 165% with respect to efficiencies for grooming. One reason would be we have no loop across the lake. We usually receive \$600 for reporting, but instead only received \$400. This year Congress would like to encourage more youth (14-18) involvement and will be paying for their registration and room. There is a Power Sports Show with boats; quads etc hosted by the Winnipeg Dealers on Saturday from 10-6 and Sunday 11-5. There were about 11 members who have successfully completed the Trail Signing course and all Trail Captains are encouraged to do at their earliest opportunity.

Groomer Brush Cutter

At the Executive Meeting we discussed and ordered brush cutters for our 2006 and 2000 and should be coming shortly and both groomers have hydraulics. Once the brush cutters have been out, we will need a cleanup party to follow to pick up the branches.

New Snoman Turns Signage Count & Order

All Trail Captains were emailed asking them to advise how many of the new 90 degree turn arrows were needed on their respective trails. Snoman will be providing each club with 20 at no charge. Cindy emailed Snoman the count from the Trail Captains she had heard back from and advised Les as there were others that still needed to put in their order.

Gimli Town Route Signs

Last season by the time counsel agreed to a designated trail, figured out how many signs and where, and the signs arrived, there was no snow left to put them up. The Town has agreed to purchase and put up all of the permanent signs. They are just discussing further the design and will be ordering within the next month.

Storage Shed

Bernie advised that all of the walls are up, doors should be in shortly and then he will need about four (4) guys to assist in pulling the big tarp up and over. He will advise Cindy and she will send out an email.

Online Membership Purchasing

Mike advised that it is up and running and applauded Lynn Enns for a great job.

Plaque for Dedication to the Achievements of John Reykdal for Netely Shelter

Richard M. spoke to his contact with respect to the plaque but asked for some assistance in the wording. Cindy said she would assist.

Kiosk Construction For Piston Popper Memorial Trail

Richard asked about the approximate size for the Kiosk and needs a list of the names of the deceased members to put on it. Please let Cindy know and pass it on so we don't miss anyone. Will also need approximate size of the bracket to put on the drag for advertising.

Meeting Dates & Locations

Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at Lakeview Resort Gimli
Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at Arborg Legion
Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at Lakeview Resort Gimli
Friday, January 18, 2018 at Alyssa's (Highway 9 & Glen Bay Road – 8pm.
Saturday, February 10, 2018 at Lakeview Resort Hecla (Hecla Weekend Meeting)
Wednesday, March 14, 2018 TBA
Saturday, April 2018 Wind Up TBA

Events

Saturday, January 27, 2018 – Poker Derby
Saturday, February 3, 2018 – Chudd's Fun Ride
Friday-Sunday, February 9-11, 2018 – Hecla Rides
February 2017 – Falcon Lake Weekend Ride - TBA

Hecla Weekend Meeting Accommodations

Cindy advised that she had blocked off 15 rooms for the Club Ride and some advised that they had called and there weren't many rooms left. Cindy will contact them and obtain another 5 rooms for a total of 20. Reminded everyone not to leave it to the last minute as the rooms go quickly. Cindy will also change the meeting to Saturday after the rides at 6 pm rather than before going out for a ride.

Snoman Congress

Cindy advised that the cut-off date to register for the Snoman Congress weekend is October 20, 2017. Completed all of the registration forms for those that advised her that they wanted to participate and will be attending to the Snoman office tomorrow to hand in with the cheque paying for same. If there is anyone still wanting to register, forms are available tonight.

New Business

Willow Creek Trail

Gord went out and checked and found out that the property has been sold. There are no trespassing signs and a cable across the trail. Gord provided Cindy with the name and address of the new Land Owner and a letter has been sent to him requesting permission to use this portion of the trail. Gord will scout out an alternative route. Thank you Gord.

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Rail bed by Finn's

Mike advised that the RM of Bifrost has dug up the rail bed as they are installing culverts and that there is no plan to have them filled. We will have to go up and around the rail bed and move the permanent stop signs. They made a 10 foot deep ditch which cannot simply be filled in with snow as it is too deep. This trail needs to be made safe by new signing and routing and also needs to be brushed asap.

New Trail Captain

Mike advised for those that had not heard that Richard R. had been transferred to Brandon and would not be able to fulfil his role as a Trail Captain. Richard R. will still be an active member but not around to be a Trail Captain. Steve Peltier stepped up and agreed to take over Richard's portion of the trail and met with him and picked up all the signage. Steve was applauded and thanked.

Trail Maps, Kiosk Maps & Marks Work Warehouse Cards

Kevin advised that he has 3000 maps and will bring a supply to the next meeting for anyone that requires. He will also undertake to provide to our Sponsors on his work travels in the Interlake. Cindy is attending the Snoman office tomorrow and will pick up the maps for the kiosks and the Marks Work Warehouse cards.

Groomer Reporting/kilometer balancing

Bernie and Paul brought a copy of the report which was circulated around the room for those wishing to see the report. One copy is for Snoman and one copy for our website. We should GPS all of our trails again for safety and reporting total kilometers as there may be changes, some we know and others we may not. It was also brought to light that our map when we renew can have the GPS coordinates of the Warm Up Shelters etc. Bernie and Paul were applauded and thanked.

Round Table Discussion

Les asked if anyone knows of any youth that would like to participate at the Congress. He also advised that he and Mark put up the new solar panel and that they checked Glen Bay and needs some tlc, wood and an axe.

Richard M. advised that Mark and he will need help with marking their portion of trail if he gets the call to go and have his knee replaced. Paul volunteered to go out and help Mark and so did Cindy.

Steve advised that he would like to get together with all of the Trail Captains to discuss the job of signing. Other Trail Captains attending the Congress advised that they will have an opportunity to discuss with him then and also advised how to take the online Trail Signing Course offered through the Snoman site.

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Bernie advised that he needs to complete the equipment report and needs to know about the

brush cutters. Wondered if Snoman has a new form or the one from the previous year that he can look at to complete this year.

Gord commented that in his opinion the trails could not be over pegged. There should be a peg every 10th of a kilometer in open areas, or double pegged as it is safer to have more pegs than not enough. People from other areas do not know our trails.

Eugene advised that he still requires some information with respect to the Grants and asked that the appropriate person handling for John contact him.

Conner advised that the new Fish Lake Shelter has been moved to Chudd's property. It is not totally complete yet, but in the works. Wondered about a new bigger stove for the new shelter. Gord advised that he had one if Conner needed one.

Kevin advised that the SnoRiders magazine is out and if you haven't already read the article Cindy wrote in memory of John to check it out as it was very well written by Cindy. He is still attempting to arrange another Club Ride in February but is having difficulty as most places are booked a year in advance. Wondered about perhaps having a ride during the week and other suggestions such as the Birchwood, West Hawk and Buffalo Point were other ride ideas.

Mike advised that Cindy will be participating in the Pink Lady Ride For A Cure in February and was hoping the Club would donate to the cause again this year.

MOTION was made by Les Thordarson, Seconded by Bernie Twardowski, All In Favour/Carried that we provide a cheque in the amount of \$250.00 for the Pink Lady Ride.

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

Next Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at the Arborg Legion.