

INTERLAKE SNOW TRACKERS GENERAL MEETING

Held on Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at 7:30 pm at the Lakeview Hotel in Gimli

The meeting was opened by Mike Chudd and thanked everyone for attending and as we had such a wonderful turnout, asked that everyone introduce themselves.

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

MISSING DIRECTORS

Derek Reykdal

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 \$50,518.04 in the chequing account and \$42,560.25 in our savings account. We have a balance of \$89.53 in our lottery account and \$19,629.23 in our Equipment Savings Account. A Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Troy Stutsky and Seconded by Bernie Twardowski, All In Favour/Carried.

Old Business

Groomer & Operator Report

Bernie advised that the 06 and Husky are ready to go. They sent the wrong guides but now has that all straightened out. New drag for the 06 ready, waiting for a coupler and Glen will be starting to weld up the brush cutters. Still hasn't met Lyndon Dueck the new north groomer operator in person but has spoken numerous times on the phone.

Snoman Report

Snoman is still dealing with the new signs for the 90 degree turns and the new black and white signs for trail ends.

Interlake Regional Snowmobile Association Report

Les reported that the next Interlake Regional Snowmobile Association will be having its next meeting in January in Moosehorn.

Trail Captain Reports

Willow Creek – Les said that they need more snow as there is very little in places. Went to cut a tree out and got stuck in the marsh.

Lake Trail – Richard and Mark advised that they are all done and that they had to drill as very little snow. Have to do the road by the library and thru that marsh part yet. With the cold weather in the next couple of weeks, the ice should be 20 – 24 inches thick.

Fish Lake – Conner reported that they also need more snow and hope to get started soon.

Rail bed – Steve advised that he is 85% done and Lawrence did the brushing that was needed and very little snow.

Rosenberg – Ken and Bonnie advised that they have their kiosks up pictures submitted to Snoman and wood in the shelter. Have a meeting with Wayne and conservation to see if they can get a five year plan for where the trail will be. They also still need snow and the bull rushes are really thick.

Netley – Bernie advised for Derek that Ricky and Graham took the old groomer out and pushed down the marsh. Not enough snow for signs and the shelter was severely damaged.

Geyser – no report.

Cal Chudd – no report.

Grant for New Drag

Received all of the paper work and submitted and expect to receive a cheque in the mail any day now.

Gimli Town Route Signs

Mike met with town council and the signs have been ordered and they will put up once they arrive and snow permitting.

Online Membership Purchasing

Mike advised that Lynn is doing a great job and it appears to be making life easier purchasing memberships on line. Remember when you are talking to others to pass it on that they can now renew or purchase a membership on line.

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

Richard M. had the plaque and passed around for all to see. Beautiful job with an extra to give to Jeannie.

Kiosk Construction For Piston Popper Memorial Trail

Richard advised that we are still collecting names and working on the Kiosk and would like to obtain as many names as possible before we complete.

Willow Creek Trail

Mike advised that Vic took the cable down and Vic said that no one from the west attempted but from the east a few attempted but turned around. Once the season closes we will let him know and he will put the cable back until we erect the gates at each end.

New Business

Club Toboggans

Mike advised that he ordered seven new toboggans from Arborg Livestock and they can be picked up from there. Conner already has one; members shouldn't have to use their own equipment. Bernie asked Daryl if they came with the bottom skags and he advised no that they are not included. Daryl advised that he brought one toboggan with him tonight and to see him to make arrangements to get after the meeting.

Trail Marking Expenses

As we receive money from Snoman towards Trail Maintenance and Trail Improvement – we should use some of that money towards paying our Trail Captains for signing the groomed trails. In the past, some submit receipts for fuel and others haven't and this would be a fair way for everyone. We have to come up with a dollar figure and formula for the kilometers and we have 655 kilometers of groomed trails. For example if we paid \$15 per kil and if it wasn't enough we could revisit next year. Most of the Clubs have sleds to pack and mark their trails and we have been using our own. We will set an Executive Meeting to discuss and vote on a formula and the Trail Captains will have to keep track of everything so that at end of the season we can go over it.

Club Snowmobiles

Westshore has a proposal for club sleds which will need to be addressed at an Executive Meeting. Mike asked that they write up a proposal and forward to him and we will discuss.

Lake Trail By Gimli Harbour/ Mercedes Track

Travis of Toomey Construction has marked out the track for Mercedes but it is not quite finished yet. Travis and Mark have worked together and Mark has marked the trail so that it is not in the way. Last year it was very confusing but we have a plan this year so it should be good.

Vandalism of Shelters, Trail Cameras

Netley has taken a severe beating a 2nd time and it was just fixed. We need to come up with a solution on what we should do to stop the vandalism. Ideas were – offer a cash reward and contact crime stoppers to see how that all works, or put on skids and move it out of there as soon as the trails are closed. There is a residence close by that offered to let us keep the shelter on their property over the off season. They are close enough that we could drag it on skids with the groomer at the end of the season. Another idea was maybe Snoman should come up with a reward and they could collect so much from each club as all clubs are having vandalism.

Poker Derby

Kevin advised that we need volunteers again this season to assist with the poker derby set for January 27th. Volunteers – Paul Leveque, Terry Dyck, Steve Peltier, Bernie Twardowski, Gord Sawa, Cindy McRae, Lynn Enns to name a few. This year there will only be one registration check point at the beginning which is the Viking Hotel. We are not going to serve and sell food at any of our warm up shelter check points. Plan on having a 50/50 draw and some other donated prizes.

Why Join A Club?

We need to do a big push in the community why people should join the Club. If anyone has any ideas, please email Mike. Snoman gives a written up statement of such so maybe we should do the same and provide to the dealers so that when they sell a snowmobile, this would be inserted in with their warranty etc. Or perhaps provide a free membership with the purchase of a new snowmobile. We should put something together in time for the upcoming poker derby as a hand out and we could put on our website and Face Book and put in our warm up shelters.

Round Table Discussion

Braden advised that our outstanding balance on our loan for the husky is for \$45,174.77.

Les advised that he has numbered signs should anyone need.

Richard advised that he has four (4) frames premade for advertising on the drag.

Kevin reminded everyone about the Poker Derby to be held on January 27, 2018.

Mark asked if we could get the Town to dump some snow for Lawrence to push and advised that the Bearcat is at his residence if anyone needs.

Daryl advised that he has one of the toboggans and to see him after the meeting.

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Steve advised that he is 85% done but has a few spots yet to sign.

Brodie advised that Westshore has club snowmobiles that he would like to offer the club. Troy advised that he had some guys approach him that were interested in grooming and wondered if they could ride with Mark to learn. He will give the names to Bernie. Cindy thanked all of the members for the great attendance and all the new members. Mike thanked everyone also and wished them a Merry Christmas. Thanked Cindy for the baking, 50/50 draw and prizes given out.

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

Next Meeting will be held on Friday, January 18, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at Alysia's by Glen Bay Road. This is a supper club ride and those that wish to eat at a buffet there, need to email Cindy and advise her so that she may advise the numbers for food preparation.

FYI – We had 35 in attendance – great turn out people – thank you.