

INTERLAKE SNOW TRACKERS GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON FEBRUARY 20, 2016 at 1:00 PM AT HECLA

The meeting was opened by John Reykdal at 1:10 p.m.

The following were present:

EXECUTIVES

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

DIRECTIORS

Dennis Marks
Lynn Enns
Paul Leveque
Les Thordarson
Richard Marks
Mark Zimmerman
Chad Yarema
Chris Dewald
Bernie Twardowski
Kevin Wiebe

MISSING DIRECTORS

Derek Reykdal
Gord Sawa

Natural Resources – Hon. Director
RCMP – Hon. Director

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

The Treasurer's Report was given by Braden Thordarson advising that we currently have \$21,520.27 in the chequing account and we have \$41,603.42 in our savings account. We have a balance of \$89.53 in our lottery account and \$19,894.67 in our Equipment Savings Account. A Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Mike Chudd and Seconded by Mark Zimmerman, All In Favour/Carried.

Old Business

Piston Popper

John advised that he received an email on February 11, 2016 from Chris Aldridge, the President of the Victoria Beach Snow Drifters wanting to know if our Piston Popper trail was going to be open as they have an annual ride to Hecla across the lake. John replied advising that due to slush and pressure ridges it won't be open this season. John also advised that the business is down due to the Piston Popper not being open, but next season it will be open weather permitting.

Grooming Track for Special Olympics

Mike advised that the groomed track was a huge success and unfortunately, no press was there to report the event. They were very impressed and had a fantastic time.

Gate Update

John picked up the gates and they were taken to Barry Johannsson who is making steel poles to attach to the gate. He will contact Mike when he is ready for help to put the gates up and we will need to obtain a gate or make arrangements for the key when the time comes.

New Business

Trail Captain Updates

Netley – took wood, cleaned the shelter and took away all the garbage. The shelter is used a lot and will need wood to be stocked again. This weekend, Conservation will be set up at Netley checking for snopasses and registered snowmobiles etc.

Cheyenne – took wood, cleaned the shelter and added additional signage.

Sandy Bay – took wood and cleaned the shelter.

Willow Creek – took wood, cleaned the shelter and measured up the window and Gord put one pane of plexy glass in place of the broken glass.

Fish Lake – all stocked up with wood, clean and being used by many.

Rosenberg – there are a few trees that need to be cut and if the trail is to remain in this location, then we will have to do some brushing.

Grooming & Trail Co-ordinating Committee Update

Bernie advised that the 2000 BR180 has been over heating and it will be in for an oil change this weekend so they will see if they can figure out why it is overheating. As well, the Solara /has been acting up for some reason and sometimes he can't log on and it wasn't recording. Paul was to advise Snoman of these issues and Les advised that he has a Snoman meeting on Monday, so he could take the Solara to Winnipeg. The 2006 BR180 has some broken cleats but has been running perfectly. There are about three cleats to be replaced and same will be ordered asap. Bernie reported that the trail to Petersfield and to Hecla are being groomed twice a week.

Raffle & Fundraising Committee

Kevin thanked those that had returned their sold raffle tickets. There are still books that need to be sold and they are presently at Home Hardware. Seems a shame that we only need to sell 75 books and yet we have 99 members.

Elections

John advised and reminded everyone that next meeting will be our Elections for all positions of the Executive and Directors.

Wind Up In April

The Wind Up will be in the north on April 2, 2016 and we have no information as to the plans of the event. Chad was asked to speak to the members in the north and to advise at the next meeting.

Removal of Signs & Closing Gates

Reminder to all Trail Captains that when the trails are closed and you are picking up your signs to be sure if you opened gates on Landowner's properties to see that you CLOSE them. This is very important that you see to the gates being closed so the landowners don't let their cattle out and assume the gates are closed and their cattle get out. Prices for pegs from International Pipe are approximately \$1.00 a foot and they need at least 5000 feet to place an order. Discussed that we needed enough pegs to peg the Piston Popper next season and that is about 27 miles across, plus we need about 50 more for the Grindstone trail and we like to have about 200 set aside.

Les Thordarson made a Motion that we order 2000 feet of pegs, Seconded by Dennis Marks, All In Favour/Carried.

Groomer Storage & End of Season

Bernie said that the groomers can be stored at his acreage at the end of the season, but we really need to think about having them under a roof. He suggested that he add two bays onto his pole shed for each groomer. He could build the addition this summer, but prior to that will provide a summary of supplies and costs to see if this is something the club would like to invest in.

By Laws & Constitution

Mike advised that the committee met to discuss the necessity of updating our constitution as it was originally done in 1995 and only had one amendment in 2004. The following are areas that need updating: Change from the Town of Gimli to the Rural Municipality of Gimli. Where it reads that a Director must resign in writing that it be amended to include that they may also advise verbally. That in the event of a tie the President shall cast a vote. Change that you must be a paid member 30 days prior in order to vote to 60 days. Add that all media still belongs to the IST. Add that the Board may revoke a membership. Add that the maximum number of consecutive terms for the President is two (2) terms. Add that the outgoing President can sit for one year as past President to assist with the new President.

Firewood For Next Season

We will need wood again for the north shelters and wondered if we could get another two cords from the same person Darryl got from this season. Chad advised that he will speak to Darryl to arrange for two cords for next season.

Location of New Warm Up Shelters

Gimli High School students have finished our shelter and this will be taken to the Fish Lake location and the old Fish Lake Warm Up Shelter will be moved to the Narcisse location. Our newly purchased 12x20 shelter will be moved to Netley and the old shelter may be used for wood. Discussed that the groomer can move the Fish Lake shelter to Narcisse and the new shelter to Fish Lake can be moved the same day by the groomer. The newly purchased shelter will be moved to Netley in the summer.

Grant Monies

Mike advised that the monies from the first grant have been received in the amount of \$5,000.00 and we are now working on the second grant. Suggested that we have permanent plaques made with a list of the names of all of the people that contributed towards the shelters. We do not want to forget anyone, so please email Mike a list of names and once we have we will ask Carl to make three more signs. One for each new shelter and one to be welded onto the stove which was donated by Interlake Heating and Ventilation.

Lottery

John advised that he could not find the name of the winner of the Winner Choice Raffle and that our sales were down from last year. We provided Snoman with a cheque for \$1,972.00 and our club received half which was \$986.00.

Trails For Next Season

Trail Captains to meet to discuss the trails and co-ordinating the signage of their trails utilizing the bearcat and securing volunteers in areas where needed. Les advised that Lunder is applying to Snoman to have a club again for next season.

Membership Drive

Need ideas to obtain and reach the youth and increase the number of youths in our membership. Hopefully having plaques with the lists of names involved will help drive youth memberships.

Map & Advertising

Kevin and John will be starting to work on the new maps which need to be complete by May 15, 2016.

There are a couple of Gimli businesses that are no longer in existence but Winnipeg Beach a couple that have expressed interest in advertising in our map. We have approximately 61 advertisers. Before we change our maps, we need to speak to the RM and have a guarantee that they will have removed the gravel from the rail bed.

EMO

Mike advised that a representative from EMO dropped by wanting to discuss worst case scenarios for search and rescue. It was suggested that in the event of an emergency they contact the Presidents of the clubs as they would have the means of contacting members who have snowmobiles etc. Les advised that he seen our emergency sleigh from Arborg out on the lake and suggested we check on all of our emergency sleighs to be sure they are where they need to be in the event of an emergency.

Location of Next Meeting – Next meeting will be on March 17 20, 2016 at the Lakeview in Gimli at 7:30 p.m. and Cindy will phone to make the necessary accommodation.

Call For Any New Business

A discussion at the next meeting with respect to paying Gord Sawa towards the hydro used for the groomer being plugged in at his residence.

John advised that he received an email from Kaitlyn at Snoman with respect to the Integration of Snopass with Snowmobile Registrations. Cindy will send out a copy of the email and letter to each Member for their information.

Round Table Discussion

Dave Williams inquired as when and where the duo tangs came from that are located in the Warm Up Shelters as he had never seen last season during his first season as a new member.

Dennis expressed that the trails on the long weekend Thursday were great but terrible for the rest of the long weekend.

Lynn inquired if we wanted the name and number of each trail on our website or to go to just the number. The consensus was that we keep both the name and the number of each trail.

Cindy thanked the club for their contribution for the Pink Lady ride she attended on February 6, 2016 where they raised over \$51,000.00. Also thanked those who personally pledged and for the silent auction prizes.

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

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- General Meeting – February 20, 2016 –

The next General Meeting has been confirmed for March 17, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lakeview in Gimli.