

INTERLAKE SNOW TRACKERS FIRST GENERAL MEETING
Held on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at 7:30 pm at the Town Hall in Gimli

The meeting was opened by Les.

The following were present:

EXECUTIVES

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

DIRECTIORS

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

MISSING DIRECTORS

Chris Dewald
Dennis Marks
Chad Yarema
Richard Romaniuk

The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were presented. The Treasurer's Report was presented by Braden Thordarson. A Motion was made to accept the meeting minutes and Treasurer's Report by Bernie Twardowski and Seconded by Kevin Wiebe, All In Favour/Carried.

Old Business

Piston Popper Memorial Trail Plaque

Richard M. advised that he will have the plaque finished and ready to go by the next meeting.

Map Update

Kevin advised that he has been working on the map since July and 42 out of the 60 advertisers have already paid. Everyone thanked Kevin for his hard work and great job.

Groomer & Groomer Operator Update

Bernie advised that the parts just arrived for the 2006, needs the brush cutters welded onto the drag. The Husky already has the brush cutters welded on and he just finishing making guards to cover the blades as they are extremely sharp. The reverse had been fixed a couple

of times last season but was still not going into reverse. Bernie had the bush spring unwound on the armature by Interlake Enterprises. So the Bearcat just needs the normal service of an oil and filter change etc. Mark will be grooming again this year in the south however we do not have a groomer operator for the north, as Lyndon advised that he will not be available. We will need to find an operator asap for the north.

Trail Captain Reports

Mike asked if any of the trails needed any bushing done and to check and advise at the next meeting along with providing an inventory of signs and any signs or supplies that are needed.

Sandy Bay Warm Up Shelter

Les advised that the tin still needs to be done, he just needs to measure it up and get a work party together to get the job done.

New Business

Landowner Agreements

Les advised that we need to have our Landowner Agreements up to date and have either a volunteer or a committee to attend to the task. We have been talking about this forever but it is imperative that this be done

RM Landowner Maps

Les advised that he obtained a map of each area so that it will make it easier with changes to Landowner Agreements. He will be bringing all of the maps to the meetings so that we can look at them when we have discussions. Just need to obtain one more of the Petersfield area and an agreement change there which needs to be addressed.

Westshore Marine

We received an email with respect to the two work snowmobiles and asking if we would be interested in arranging the same as last season. Brodie was present and advised that there were no glitches last season and the snowmobiles were returned without incident. The same rules will apply and you must be a Club Member in order to sign out the equipment.

2018 Snoman Congress

This year the Congress will be Friday November 2, 2018 and Saturday, November 3, 2018 at the same location on Regent Avenue. As in previous years, members wishing to attend the Congress and workshops, the Club will pay your registration. Cindy has the forms to be completed and will be taking them to Snoman in Winnipeg on Friday with the Club cheque. Please see her after the meeting if you wish to attend.

Snoman Raffle Tickets

Gord has again agreed to handle the raffle tickets and is passing out the books as we speak. It would be appreciated if every member could sell at least one book as our Club receives half of the proceeds. Anyone still needing a book to sell, please see Gord after the meeting.

Post Office “Gypsies”

Les advised that we now must pay for our Club mailbox and it is no longer free to non-profit organizations and the cost for the year is \$170.00.

Wood Marker Stakes

Les asked how many wood stakes we need so that we may order same. He heard from Grindstone that they need about 50. All Trail Captains need to do their inventory and advise asap. Ken and Bonnie advised that they needed about 50 as well. The more we order the cheaper it is, will phone to see the price for 400 and if that includes the cost for paint and we will discuss at the Executive Meeting.

2017-18 Payouts

Les advised that the payout was \$17.40 per kilometer and the cheque has already been deposited to our account.

Excellence Awards

We will be receiving two awards this year at the Congress. Chudds Powersports is receiving Outstanding Dealership and Mark Zimmerman is receiving Outstanding Snowmobiler.

Shelter Fire Extinguishers

Les asked the Trail Captains if their Warm Up Shelters still had their fire extinguishers. He advised that Glen Bay still had one and he had it recharged. He was advised for a price of \$42 we could purchase a new fire extinguisher and thought that as we are burning wood and have a wood stove in each shelter, that it be a good idea to once again replace all the extinguishers.

Firewood for Shelters

Mike advised that Daryl will have four (4) cords split and delivered to Arborg Livestock at a price of \$200 a cord. The south can arrange to pick up and take wood to their respective shelters. Les advised that Glen Bay only had about 10 pieces of wood left. If we wanted wood for the south, there is room in our building on Bernie's property to store same.

2018-19 Meeting Dates and Locations

November 21 – Gimli Multi-Purpose Building

December 19 – Petersfield Restaurant (Gerry Dyck confirmed)

January 16 – Arborg Legion

February 8-10 – South Beach Casino – phone and book under IST (20 rooms blocked)

February 23 – Pot Luck at Glen Bay and Club Ride

March 20 – Arborg Legion

IST Clothing

Kevin advised that he had the new IST clothing and was modeling same, except his hoody was grey instead of black which was the more popular color requested by the majority. Anyone wishing to order please see him at the end of the meeting.

Trail Re-Routing at Banera Farm

Les advised that we received an email from Snoman with respect to a reroute as the Banera farm was sold and the new owner does not want snowmobiles on their property as they will be getting horses. Les went and picked up the signage and put the two gates up for her and Gord will put up no trespassing signs.

Insurance Companies selling IST Memberships

Mike advised as we are now able to obtain memberships on line – it makes it easier for the Insurance Companies to assist us with the sales of new memberships when they are renewing their insurance. Cindy will make up a package and drop it off at her earliest opportunity.

Email from Arborg Legion 161

Mike advised that we received an email from the Gil, the Manager of the Arborg Legion advising us that they are having a special for a 12” pizza and beer for \$12.50.

Interlake Regional Snowmobile Association Report

Les advised that we have an Interlake Regional Snowmobile Association meeting on October 24, 2018 at 7:30 pm at the Lundar café, in Lundar.

Snoman Board Meeting

Les advised that they had a meeting this past Monday and our Club will be audited this year.

Round Table Discussion

Gord reminded everyone to see him after the meeting to take one book of raffle tickets to sell.

Mark Z. asked whether or not it wouldn't be a good idea for not just the Groomer Operators but the Trail Captains as well to wear the reflective orange vests when marking trails.

Steve asked for a volunteer as a co-captain to assist him in marking his portion of the trail as he goes away in the spring around the time we need to pull the signs. Keith Irvine advised that he would help Steve.

Richard M. advised that his neighbour has made up a nice sign for our Sponsor.

Kevin advised Richard M. that he has all of the pdf's and he will see that he gets the pdf to him for the signs to be completed.

Troy asked how did it work out for paying/reimbursing trail captains for marking their trails and was advised that this is a subject that we would be discussing at an upcoming Executive Meeting.

Les advised that he and Braden had been out at the Glen Bay shelter checking on wood etc and their biffy is sitting up about a foot in the air. Figures maybe the frost pushed it up, but they need to figure out how to fix it.

Cindy advised that she put together a package for each Trail Captain for their trail to start off the season with toilet paper, matches, candles etc. As well as made a plaque for each Warm Up Shelter to be screwed on the wall, which basically thanks everyone who contributed towards the Warm Up Shelters. Thanked the new members that were present and welcomed them to the Club. Also reminded everyone to see her after the meeting for memberships and if you wish to attend the Congress.

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