

**INTERLAKE SNOW TRACKERS LAST GENERAL MEETING OF THE SEASON
HELD ON MARCH 16, 2016 at 7:30 PM AT THE LAKEVIEW HOTEL IN GIMLI**

The meeting was opened by John Reykdal.

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
Derek Reykdal

MISSING DIRECTORS

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 Paul Leveque, All In Favour/Carried.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Braden Thordarson advising that we currently have \$19,570.28 in the chequing account and we have \$41,645.02 in our savings account. We have a balance of \$89.53 in our lottery account and \$19,914.56 in our Equipment Savings Account. A Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Bernie Twardowski and Seconded by Richard Marks, All In Favour/Carried.

Old Business

Trail Captain Updates

Netley – still a little bit of wood left over and all the signs and kiosk have been picked up.

Cheyenne – signs have all been picked up all the way to Riverton, just have to pick up the kiosks.

Willow Creek – signs have been picked up all the way to the Fish Lake trail.

Fish Lake – signs have all been picked up including the Narcisse trail

Lake Trail – signs all picked up.

Grindstone Trail – signs all picked up.

Grooming & Trail Co-ordinating Committee Update

Bernie advised that both of the groomers are parked at his place. The beacon has bulbs out and is dim in the 2000 BR180. There is no overheating problem, it was just the rad plugged with snow from not being cleaned out. The 2006 BR180 has an issue with the variable speed which hopefully just needs to be cleaned. Track cleats all replaced due to lack of snow, but nothing major and is running good.

Grooming Kilometers this season

Paul reported that we are being paid for grooming 4200 kilometers for the nine (9) weeks. We are down as we did not have the kilometers for the Piston Popper and trail to Petersfield. Only Mark kept track of his log sheets and provided same.

Raffle & Fundraising Committee

Kevin urged everyone to sell sell sell as we are a long ways off and to please make every effort to sell. Advised that he only had 10 returned sold books and gave the cash to Braden. **Cindy** to send out a reminder email to everyone to return their books/cash prior to the Wind Up.

Sign Picked Up and Closing of Trails and all Gates

John reminded all Trail Captains to close any gates that opened at the beginning of the season. Was advised that there was one gate frozen on the Fish Lake trail that they couldn't get closed. David Yoblonski owns this land and **Bernie** will contact him. Richard advised that while they were picking up signs the Bearcat broke down and a Murray W. Olafson was good enough to pull it out. (He is a commercial fisherman murray40@mymts.net 204-378-5468 and 204-642-2969). We should perhaps thank him with a dinner gift card or something.

Special Olympics

Mike advised that the preparation of the ice for the Manitoba Special Olympics team was a huge success. It was good for our club, our community and the businesses in Gimli. Our local athlete went on to the east coast for the 400 meter snow shoeing and received a bronze and for the 800 meter received a silver. Colleen who writes for our local paper will do a story.

Groomer Storage

Bernie advised that he would be willing to add onto his existing pole shed to house our two groomers so that they are out of the elements. He currently has a pole shed that he would

like to add two bays onto for each groomer. It would be about 24 x 24 and two walls, 6 poles, headers and steel siding/roof. John asked that he have a proposal made and we will vote on it at an Executive meeting. Cindy asked about whether or not this would fall under a Government Grant for Equipment and Mike will check on this.

Bylaws & Constitution

Mike handed out the proposed amendments with a copy of the old Constitution and went through them. Once it is in final form, a copy will be emailed to all members for their review and Cindy will send out for the First General Meeting of the Season for a vote on each point.

Relocation of Warm Up Shelters for Next Season

The old Fish Lake Warm Up Shelter will be moved to the Narcisse location. The new 12x20 Shelter we purchased will be moved to replace the Fish Lake Shelter. The new shelter built by the Gimli High School Students will be moved to Netley and Netley's old shelter can be used to store their wood. It was suggested that we ask Ricky if it is possible to not plow a road to the Shelter, to try and cut down on the 4x4's that are driving in and damaging the trail and shelter. Again it was mentioned that we need cameras for our new shelters and post signs to alert the public that the premises are under surveillance. Also there is currently a sale on at Canadian Tire for the solar panels that we use on our shelters and if they cost \$199 including the controller, then Les will pick up.

Firewood for Next Season

Cut and Split firewood for \$120 – \$130 a cord will be delivered to the Arborg Livestock to be distributed to the north shelters.

New Business

April Wind Up In Arborg

Chad advised that he has spoken to the caterer and the meal will be pulled pork, beans, salads, coffee, juice, desserts, and potato for \$12 a member. The Wind Up will be held in Arborg at the Heritage Hall in the Heritage Village. **Cindy** to email everyone that Monday, March 21, 2016 will be the dead line for RRSVP.

Trails For Next Season

Trail Captains are to meet to discuss the trails and co-ordinating the signage of their trails utilizing the bearcat and securing volunteers in areas where needed and advise at the First General Meeting. Chad advised that the trails in the north that were currently all under the responsibility of Ken and Bonnie will be divided up into three sections. Ken and Bonnie will continue to keep their area but we will have a new Trail Captain – Jason Sutyla who will be signing the portion of the Cal Chudd trail to the Rosenberg Shelter. The other new Trail

Captains will be Grant, Tannis and Nori Sigvaldson who will be signing Riverton to Arborg to the Geyser Trail. We need a Trail Captain to mark the Rail bed to Hecla Trail yet! Calling for Volunteers! **New Trail Captains will need to be Members of the IST and provide Cindy with their address, telephone numbers and email addresses so that we can all get in touch with each other for meetings and future discussions.**

Recycle Bins For Warm Up Shelters

John will call and arrange to have recycle bins for all of our Warm Up Shelters for the new season. Garbage still seems to be a problem at the shelters with Members/Groomer Operators not taking out on a regular basis. As a result we have over flowing garbage with empty beer cans all over. This is not the message that the club wants to send out to the public.

Signs made by Gimli High School

We have not had an update with respect to the status of this project.

Sympathy Card for Sylvain Paquet – Dauphin & District Snowmobile Club, Western Region, vice President of Snoman

Advised that Sylvain had passed away after a short battle with cancer and suggested that it was appropriate that our club send a sympathy card.

Call For Any New Business

The IST Maps are due and Kevin advised that after leaving numerous messages and trying to contact Ed Riseneck, only to find out that he no longer works for Transcontinental. Kevin advised that he did some investigating into another map advertiser and was happy to announce that we will be switching to Derkson Printers out of Steinbach. Anyone that attended the Snoman Conference will recall that they had a booth there. We will be very happy with the new look and many changes that are needed to update our map with the times.

Elections – for Next Two (2) Years

Secretary – Cindy let her name stand. Les called three (3) times for any nominations, with no other nominations, **Cindy** will continue to be **Secretary**.

Treasurer – Braden let his name stand. Les called three (3) times for any nominations, with no other nominations, **Braden** will continue to be **Treasurer**.

Vice President – Mike let his name stand. Les called three (3) times for any nominations, with no other nominations, **Mike** will continue as Vice **President**.

President – John let his name stand. Les called three (3) times for any nominations, with not

other nominations, **John** will continue as **President**.

Two New & Additional Directors

John nominated Conrad Hofer as a new Director and Conrad accepted. **Conrad** will be a **Director** for the next two years.

Richard Marks nominated Richard Romaniuk as a new Director and Richard accepted. **Richard R.** will be a **Director** for the next two years.

Round Table Discussion

Jason Sutyla advised that he needs pictures of the chimney at the Gimli High School. **Les** will email pictures to him.

Kevin advised that he has five (5) unsold books if anyone wants any books, please see him after the meeting.

Bernie advised that there needs to be some brushing done as there was lots of branches in the 2000 BR 180 with broken mirrors etc. The Trail Co-Ordinator Committee will get together and have a plan to prioritize brushing and advise at the First General Meeting so it can be completed in the fall. Will have to do the two loops and then alternate to maintain brushing. May need to contact land owners for permission of any substantial brushing necessary.

Richard advised that from Riverton to Arnes needs to be brushed and wider. Need to talk to the RM of Gimli to get permission to do in the fall.

John advised that the winner of the Winner Choice Raffle was Dallas Bohn of Winnipeg and he opted to take the cash rather than the sled. John also advised that Snoman is producing trail signing books for \$3.50 each and will be available at their office. Also thanked everyone for all their hard work throughout the season and looks forward to next year. Due to the weather, we will not have the quick Executive Meeting, but will have one at a later date and advise accordingly.

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