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Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Chicken Chef – Lac du Bonnet

**Present:**

J. Porth G. Wruck B. Alexander H. Brown R. Sochaski M. Kinghorn M. Pellow N. Bruneau  
W. Sokoiluk C. Solnes B. Wilson

**Call to Order:**

Call to order 9:35

**Approval of Agenda:**

Approved as presented. B. Alexander/ C. Solnes

**Last Meeting's Minutes:**

There was an amendment to the February Minutes where Professional Development Fund is called the Provincial Development Fund. The amended minutes were accepted. C. Solnes/ N. Bruneau

**Business out of the Minutes:**

The trail along Riverland Road will be discussed again. M. Pellow reported that A. Neurenberg wants to meet with the RM of Lac du Bonnet and SnoMan to discuss this issue. MP wants to give A.N. a choice on how to proceed from the many scenarios discussed in the past (like purchasing some of the land and turning it into road allowance, erecting a fence or abandoning the trail all together). MP was worried that if the club chose to abandon the trail that SnoMan would make that decision permanent and then it could never be re-opened in the future. The meeting is set to take place March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Financial Report:**

The report was accepted as read. B. Alexander/ N. Bruneau

**Correspondence:**

Two members conducted the Trail Survey on February 23<sup>rd</sup> and there was compliance in most cases when it came to valid SnoPasses.

**President's Report:** - G. Wruck

The Open House on February 23<sup>rd</sup> was another success.

Signage is still an issue in some areas of the club's network. Some signs have been missing and some signposts are either broken or misplaced. Any help with this issue would be appreciated. The Grooming was not completed at the fishing derby site after the derby, so the club was not paid.

More members are needed to help clear trails and to maintain them afterwards. The warm-up shelters need caretakers as well. ANY volunteers?

The club's grooming distances have more than doubled from last season. As of meeting time the club has groomed approximately 5,422 KM's this season.

**Eastern Region Snowmobile Association (ERSA) Report:**

The Spot GPS units are still being tested in Nopiming.

SnoMan wants the club's accident reporter to take adequate pictures to describe the accident. Princess Auto sells a "Car Accident Report Kit" for around \$12.00.

The MB Safety Services has put a proposal to MPI to develop and SnoMan has supported that proposal. SnoMan believes any program that will work for effective education of snowmobilers is important.

As of February 24<sup>th</sup> 19,000 SnoPasses have been sold in the province.

If clubs require more groomings of their networks, they are to get a request their regional association for preliminary approval.

Tracksticks still need a paper logbook to back them up. If any Trackstick does not work; send it into SM and request another.

**ERSA Report Ctd.:**

Any old trail maps need to be removed from warm up shelters or kiosks if the data on the map is inaccurate or out of date for possible liability reasons.

The issue of grooming speeds has become legal. Voyager Trail SC has suspended their grooming action to protest the present 15 Km/h limit as they say they can groom better and faster at 20 Km/h. The ERSA presented a motion "that the ERSA retain legal council to suspend the 2010- 2011 grooming speed guidelines for the 2010 - 2011 grooming season, retroactive to the beginning of the season and that ERSA support the legal action taken by the Voyager Trail Grooming Association". The ERSA wants to know if other clubs will support their motion.

M. Kinghorn made a motion to support the Eastern Region Snowmobile Association to proceed with the above motion. B. Alexander seconded the motion. Motion Passed

**Communications:**

G. Wruck has passed along all messages and correspondence to club members.

**Old Business:****Groomers:**

The Pinawa groomer needs new tires. It was suggested that we talk to R. Stelko or B. Solnes about prices for the tires. Also the tractor's lights need inspection.

The Whitemouth groomer has some electrical issues. The issues may affect the tracksticks.

The Lac du Bonnet Groomer's transmission has failed. The gears are slipping and there are tire issues as well. The steering problem mentioned at the last meeting reared its head again. The repair of the transmission will be costly. A. Amerongen is currently researching parts to put into the tractor but he needs our blessing.

After discussion it was decided to pay off the new groomer in Pinawa and repair the two older units for this season. M. Pellow made a motion to investigate the cost of the repairs to the Lac du Bonnet groomer for one more season. Seconded by N. Bruneau. Motion Passed

**Trail Improvements & Reports:**

No reports were given as the season is over and the trails are going to be closed.

**Mapping and Signage:**

Members were asked to get the signs up ASAP after the trails are closed.

Some areas that need new metal signs will have to get them into G. Wruck, and it was noted that some areas could still rely on the plastic signs to save on costs.

**New Business:**

The idea of a wind up party for the club was tabled and M. Kinghorn suggested that the event should happen at a commercial place instead of a member's home. After discussion it was agreed to send out an email to the members to see what kind of interest there is. The event would happen in the second or third week of April and it would happen at the Lakeview. A suggestion of the 8<sup>th</sup> of April was thrown around, as it was a Friday.

**AOB:**

The next trail report will be the club's last of the season and will identify that our trails are closed.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be in October. More details to come.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

MP/CS

Minutes recorded by J. Porth & R. Sochaski