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Tuesday October 11th, 2011

RM of Lac du Bonnet Council Chambers Lac du Bonnet, MB

Present:

J. Porth G. Wruck M. Pellow N. Bruneau L. Germain M. Kinghorn M. Krupka C. Solnes A. Brown
R. Sochaski F. Walton D. Marion R. Stelko W. Sokoluk

Call to Order and Introductions:

Call to order 19:33

Approval of Agenda:

Approved as presented: M. Pellow/ R. Stelko

Last Meeting's Minutes:

The April minutes were accepted as read. M. Kinghorn/ M. Pellow

Business Arising From Minutes:

The A. Neurenberg/ ESP issue has not been resolved and the ditch along his property will be groomed in the coming season.

Financial Report:

The financial report was accepted as read. C. Solnes/ R. Stelko

Correspondence & Communications:

There is a conference being held at Club Regent October 29th that SnoMan has recommended all clubs attend. G. Wruck suggested the club pay the delegates' admission to the conference (to a total of eight delegates). R. Stelko made a motion to have the club pay the members for their admission to the SnoMan Conference on October 29th at Club Regent Casino. C. Solnes seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

President's Report: - G. Wruck

The April Wrap-Up event held at the Lakeview was a success. Thanks to all who attended.

Club Memberships are due. Contact M. Pellow

The SnoMan payout to the club is \$67,778.39 for 5,704 Km groomed (at \$140.00/Km).

There are new tracking devices in place to replace the old Tracksticks.

New signs have been ordered for Seddon's Corner, Pinawa Trail @ Highway #520 & Benny's Corner @ the West End of the Pinawa Trail.

The ski-doo (BRP)/club promotion is on once again. Members are asked to go into any ski-doo dealership and register with them. The club will receive \$10.00 for each registered member.

There have been trail improvements done to the Rail Bed Trail by G. Bruchanski. The bill for the work is a bit steep and G. Wruck will contact GB to discuss further. GW was given permission to show GB previous bills and inquire, as to the price increase on behalf of the club.

Eastern Region Snowmobile Association (ERSA) Report:

SnoMan presented a program where card-carrying members of snowmobile clubs with a valid SnoPass would receive discounts with select businesses in the province.

The SM Conference is going to happen at the Club Regent Casino October 29th and every club should send delegates to the workshops and participate in networking with other clubs.

Solaria GPS/Live tracking units replace the old Trackstick units. They cost \$260.00/year to run and the information is automatically downloadable to SnoMan. The new units have an emergency feature and track data every five seconds that is sent via satellites. The data can be accessed by the club to pinpoint the groomer's location at any given time.

SnoPass prices are not going to increase. The stickers for the SnoPass are the same colour as last year. There was discussion about changing the colour to help with identification. There is \$28,000.00 in contingency funds that is available to the clubs this season. SM paid out \$1.5 Million to all clubs in the province (the ERSA received \$487,809.00). The kiosk signs need to be up and photographed for the club to receive \$200.00 per sign. Also, if a sign is not photographed out on the trails, we will be fined \$200.00/ sign. To avoid a fine, return unused signs to SM.

One Insurance Company has 3rd party liability insurance available for purchase this season. There can be no addition to a club's network unless some kilometres are removed from some other trail in the region (as was the case in the south where one club added some mileage and another club gave up some to accommodate the request).

The trail counters have to go up again. The ERSA needs proof that we are actually getting the number of sleds on our trails that we are reporting. Other regions are fighting with the ERSA stating that we are fudging the numbers. M. Pellow made a motion that the club purchase another trail counter for the club at a price of no more than \$500.00. M. Kinghorn seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Trail maps will be out to clubs by mid-October. They have a new look to them as the ads are all on one side and the map is on the other. Two maps will have to be put up in each kiosk/shelter.

Communications:

G. Wruck has maintained the web page on a regular basis.

Old Business:

Groomers:

The new tires have not arrived for the Pinawa Groomer. It also needs some welding on the unit. There are minor issues that have to be addressed too.

Lac du Bonnet's groomer has had its transmission removed and A. Amerongen will work with N. Bruneau to try to diagnose. There should be no problems. The steering pump has been replaced, which brought up a discussion. G. Wruck wanted to know if the unit was worth repairing, or to start looking for a newer unit? C. Solnes commented that the club should keep the current unit and see what is available in the spring. It was decided to keep our eyes peeled to take advantage of any good deals, and to put \$10 - \$20K aside for a purchase next year. M. Kinghorn made a motion to pay the term loan on the Pinawa groomer as soon as it becomes open. C. Solnes seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

The Whitemouth groomer has no real issues. The transmission has some minor problems. MK wants to send a request to our local MP (Vic Towes) concerning the federal government pitching in to help pay for groomers as has been done in PQ. He needs groomer information before proceeding.

Trail Improvements & Reports:

The trail from Old Pinawa to King's Kookout Kamp needs a beaver dam removed and beaver damage repaired. This needs done before freeze up.

The trail in the Seven Sisters Falls Town site will follow the dike and run behind the town site to avoid the new development; (read private land) and come out East of the sub station.

Hell's Gate to ½ Way Trail has a bridge out behind Cold Spring Granite. It needs re-routing but needs more investigation.

The path along the Fireguard Trail behind AECL needs re-routing as well. The new trail will come out at the goose pond and follow another road nearby. M. Pellow to contact MB Conservation to arrange that.

The Whitemouth Trail on the South side of the railroad tracks heading towards Seven Sisters Falls has to be adjusted to avoid newly erected obstacles. Also the WM River just North of the town needs to be sloped a bit to allow the groomer to cross the riverbed safely. M. Pellow made a motion to contact B. Dowbyhuz to see if he can contact J. Blaney to improve the WM River crossing by Alper's place. C. Solnes seconded. Motion Passed.

The Wardrop Creek crossing on the Red Deer Trail still needs improvement. W. Sokoluk and N. Bruneau have investigated sloping the bank. No word on whether we can proceed with it.

Centreline Trail has been upgraded and gravelled. It has also been widened for logging in the area. Please be careful when travelling as trucks and equipment can be on road at any time.

The Railbed trail from Milner Ridge to the swamp needs work.

The Betker Trail needs work to get through the swamp as well. G. Bruchanski will do this work for the club. G. Wruck will contact MB Conservation to inform them of the work.

The Aggasiz Hut needs a 30" wide door. W. Sokoluk to action.

Ridge Rider's Retreat needs work around the hut. Stumps and blow down near the hut need to be removed, as manoeuvring is presently difficult.

Mappage & Signage:

Get in your orders to G. Wruck for signage ASAP. The metal signs are good but very pricey.

New Business:

The call for directors: M. Kinghorn took note of who is standing and who have gone.

Directors for the club are: N. Bruneau, M. Krupka, M. Pellow, C. Solnes, R. Stelko, M. Kinghorn, J. Porth, W. Sokoluk, D. Marion. R. Lansard was not present and MK will contact.

The call for officers has been delayed until the next meeting.

G. Wruck wanted a copy of the club's bylaws. J. Porth presented the document.

Is a groomer-mounted brush cutter needed for the Pinawa groomer? The discussion was that it works well for the Lac du Bonnet groomer. M. Pellow made a motion to look into procuring a drag-mounted brush cutter for the Pinawa groomer. M. Kinghorn seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is yet to be determined as Whitemouth has cancelled on us. More info to follow

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn: M. Kinghorn/W. Sokoluk

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Minutes recorded by J. Porth