

HRSC AGENDA – December 3rd, 2011

PRESENT Tim Barkwell, Ian Hunter, Tom Sawyer, Norm Hofstetter, Brad Booker, Glen Adams, Chas and Jan Clark (Treas)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

No additions to the agenda

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept the minutes made by Ian seconded by Brad. Carried

- **Errors or omissions** – no errors or omissions

4. BUSINESS ARISING

- **The tracking and procedures for the Groomer GPS system has yet to be decided and a District Meeting on December 13 will discuss this topic.**
- **The reroute of Top D has been completed and the MSR informed. The new trail needs to be GPS'd and the details passed to the OFSC Trails Committee. Chas or Mark to action.**

5. REPORTS

TREASURERS REPORT

- The account balance was reported to be \$11,908.00
- Full financial report was given and is attached to these minutes.

FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT

- **Discussion around whether we continue with a major prize as per this year or come up with different ideas. Norm suggested that a \$50.00 ticket with 3 prizes might be more effective. The format of the 2012 annual fundraising BBQ would be discussed at subsequent meetings.**

MSR REPORT

- The last minutes reflected that Deerhurst were not interested in rerouting the trail into their property and that Chas should contact the OFSC to stop any advertising on their website. (At a further meeting and subsequent to a showing of an OFSC video which previewed the prominence of Deerhurst provincially, Deerhurst reconsidered and have now rerouted the trail and welcome snowmobilers to their resort.)

WEBSITE REPORT

- No report

TRAIL REPORT

- The 2 washouts from last year between Bear Lake and Sprucedale needed to be repaired. Glen had talked to P2P who were planning to insert 2 concrete culverts as a temporary repair before winter started. The groomers needed to overfill with snow as it is not possible at this

time to truck in gravel overfill. If these 2 locations suffer trail washouts again this season, then they needed to be signed by a Stop Ahead and Stop signs rather than the Trail Washout and Slow signs. Glen would monitor repair progress with P2P.

- The fence around the Information Centre is finished and will be paid by the Township and MSR. This will be a joint trail with Almaguin as they have paid for the rerouted of Top D as their contribution.

GROOMERS

- The BR is now repaired and back in the groomer shop. Glen and Norm have fitted 2 way radios into both groomers. In an emergency, groomer operators can talk to each other when there are 2 groomers out. Norm agreed to write procedures for an emergency when only one groomer was being operated.
- MSR has not yet allocated grooming hours.
- Grooming estimated to start December 20 but, as always, depends on snow conditions. However, the clubs can start packing trails as soon as they think there is reasonable snow cover.

GROOMER SCHEDULE

- The groomer schedule has yet to be drawn up. Mark should be asked to prepare a draft schedule before grooming starts.

SOCIAL EVENTS REPORT

- BBQ in February to coincide with Snow Bomber fundraiser. In view of what happened last year, we need to have the money upfront for the BBQ supplies at least a week before the event.

6. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- The swamp between Bay Lake road and Savage Settlement Road needs work yet again. Norm and Glen to look at what can be done.
- Chas explained that the Ministry of Tourism gives a grant of \$3 million per year to the OFSC to improve tourism loop trails. The survey conducted by the OFSC provincially identified the RAP tour as one of the premier loops hence any application for upgrading this trail would probably be approved. Chas identified that in Highland Rovers portion of the RAP, Trail D101B from Willey Lake to the junction with Top D could be upgraded. This section is hilly, narrow and needs considerable work done to improve it to top trail condition. Last year, Gary Evans in Tall Pines had been given tourism money to upgrade his portion of the RAP trail and it was suggested that we contact him to see what was needed in the way of permits, contractor bids etc.
- Norm advised that he had heard that the MNR were reviewing whether all bridges required an engineering inspection every 3 years at a cost to the club.
- Norm said that the township had been in talks with P2P and that the trail should be broken into kilometers so that any repairs needed could be costed on a 1 kilometer basis. P2P were now working on this and in particular the section of trail from Highway 11 to Rochester Lake Road.
- Brad wanted the gates on the Seguin Trail to be removed. However, until P2P do this, he asked what signage should be used to mark these gates. Chas agreed to take a picture of these gates and get OFSC advice.

- Norm has talked to a landowner referencing the sharp corner on Trail 95 and the landowner has agreed that we can circumvent this by going around the bottom of the hill on his property. The land use agreement needs to be amended accordingly.

7. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned with motion by Glen

Next meeting scheduled for Saturday, January 7, 2012