

## HRSC MINUTES – January 7, 2012

**PRESENT** Tim Barkwell, Ian Hunter, Norm Hofstetter, Brad Booker, Glen Adams, Chas and Jan Clark (Treas), Mark Reynolds, Scott Morningstar, Ron Patton, John Dunn, Gary Irving (President)

**Regrets:** Pat and Ed Parlette

### 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 Chas seconded by Glen. Carried
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- **Errors or omissions** – no errors or omissions

### 4. BUSINESS ARISING

- There were no business items arising from the last minutes.

### 5. REPORTS

#### TREASURERS REPORT

- The meeting authorized the payment of \$100.00 to Brad Booker as reimbursement for fuel against the hours he had put in installing signage on all our trails.
- The meeting also approved \$100.00 sponsorship for Kathy McConnell (MSR) for the Kelly Shires Breast Cancer run in February.
- The Treasurer gave a statement of the club`s present financial account to the meeting which was subsequently approved by the attendees.

#### FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT

- It was agreed that the club`s annual Beef BBQ Fundraiser would be held on October 6, 2012 in the Clear Lake Community Hall. Garry agreed to find out with the owner if the hall was available on that date and the cost of hire.
- There was a discussion as to how the funds raised at the last BBQ should be spent on club equipment. Mark wanted a new brusher but Norm believed that we could borrow on from the MSR for use on our trails. The general consensus was that the club snowmobile, owned by the MSR, should be replaced by a Skandik. Scott mentioned that the OPP had just sold off their older snowmobiles at auction in Toronto so that it might be a good place to look for one in the future. Mark advised that Rickwards had a previously owned Skandik for sale Gary agreed to talk to Rob to find out the cost and the condition of the machine.
- At present, the MSR policy is that for club snowmobiles, the replacement cost is split 50-50 between the club and the MSR. This

raised the question as to who owns it as the MSR could move it to another club within the association. Chas agreed to approach the MSR to see if they would accept that HRSC would own the machine if the split was 60-40 or even 70-30 with the proviso that the old machine was offered to another club in the MSR.

- There was considerable discussion as to the best way we could raise money at the next BBQ in October. Ron agreed to talk to the Kearney Lions Club to see how they went about fundraising and Norm would talk to Marg Smith who used to look after our Nevada tickets as a fundraiser.

### **MSR REPORT**

- The MSR had asked that all MSR Clubs review the MSR Policy and Procedures document. These were agreed and the only comments were as follows:
  - On Grooming at paragraph 2, it states that unless a groomer operator is in training, only the groomer operator is eligible for payment. This needs to be amended as it is common practice to have two groomer operators when out packing and brushing trails prior to their opening.
  - In Purchases at paragraph 1, the cost of a new club snowmobile or ATV is to be split 50-50. (see above discussion)
  - In Equipment paragraph 5, it states that to adhere to H&S all snowmobiles and ATVs need to be logged by the club whenever in use using a groomer log to do this. It is not clear whether this refers to the club machines or whether it refers to someone using their private machine to help out the club.
  - Chas was to clarify the above questions with the MSR.
- Mark Reynolds was mentioned at the last MSR meeting as setting the standard for groomer logs and it was felt that he was doing an excellent job. Congratulations to Mark.
- Darlene at the MSR had asked for a copy of the Notice of Assessment sent to 1447 Bay lake Road which she believed was Gary`s address. This address does not exist. Gary was to check the club`s PO box at Emsdale and advise Pat if it is there. If not, Pat was requested to contact Revenue Canada for a copy which could then be passed to Darlene.

### **WEBSITE REPORT**

- Before Christmas, the website had been showing some trails as open when, in fact, they were closed. The website has now been amended to show a link to either the OFSC or MSR websites where trail conditions can be checked. This now negates the need to update our website with trail conditions.
- The OFSC has issued guidelines for club websites on what they have to display. Chas will forward these requirements to Sandy so that she can amend our site.

## **TRAIL REPORT**

- The fence around the Information Centre is finished. Norm would give the portion of the bill to be paid by the MSR for Chas to take down to the office next week.
- Brad confirmed that all our trails have been signed as per the OFSC guidelines. Accordingly, an A01 for all HRSC trails and listing all non-compliances was signed by Norm and would be taken to the MSR by Chas
- Any quotes for HRSC trail work need to be ready for submission at the June MSR meeting. At the same time, the work to upgrade trail D101B from Willy Lake to Top D and the boundary with Almaguin as part of the RAP tourism loop needs to be assessed. Norm, Mark, Glen and Chas to meet and decide how to proceed and what work needs to be done.
- Brad advised that the owner had requested that we put in a fence and gate at Fetterley`s pit to prevent the dumping of garbage during the off season period. A bid for this should be submitted to the MSR.
- The washouts near Bear lake had been repaired by P2P which only left the washout near Mackie`s pit to sort out on Top D. There were numerous trail gates along Top D put in by P2P to stop cars and trucks driving along the Seguin trail. These are now unusable and can serve no further purpose as they are bent, rusted or have the locks rusted or broken. They could possibly present a hazard to snowmobilers. Glen agreed to talk to P2P to have them remove these trail gates in the spring.
- There was a rumor that the Kearney council wanted the trail at White`s Farm to be straightened out. Ron agreed to investigate with the council.
- Ian queried whether we had to put up trail closed signs at all trail entry points if the trails were closed. Brad advised that this information was available on the web but he had posted trail closed signs at either end of the trail at Clear Lake as a safety precaution as the lake was not yet staked or open.

## **GROOMERS**

- Mark advised that one of the radios in the tractor was not working. He would swap the radios around to see if the fault lay with the installation or the radio. He would contact Rob to see if they can get another radio that works. If there was no additional radio available, then Mark was to contact the MSR as a matter of urgency and get 2 Spot devices re-activated for use by the club.
- The groomers were already to go when we had sufficient snow. In the meantime, Mark needed to buy some small equipment and safety kits. Up to \$300.00 was approved for this. Jan was to look at providing Mark with a pre-paid Visa card so that he could use club money rather than his own without having to wait for reimbursement.
- Mark signed the Confidential Agreement which allows him to track our groomers on line. Chas would hand this into the MSR office.

- Chas to place the HRSC Health and Safety Manual in the groomer shed and have all groomer operators signing as having read and comply.

#### **GROOMER SCHEDULE**

- The groomer schedule has yet to be drawn up and Mark would provide this after 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**

- Ron stated that the Kearney Dog Sled Races would be held on the weekend of February 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> and asked the club for any assistance they could provide. We would provide the same level of support as last year for this important local event.
- Norm indicated that he can get sufficient wood to cordage the swamp area on the Little East River near Bay Lake. We should also look at replacing the existing bridge with a new one. Norm, Mark, Glen and Chas to meet and decide how to proceed and what work needs to be done.
- Jan asked that someone else take over the distribution of permits for the next season. Glen agreed to be responsible for this. However, Jan would continue to look after permits and their pickup for Sprucedale. Chas was requested to give the 3 and 7 day permit numbers to Glen.

#### **7. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING**

Meeting adjourned with motion by Glen

Next meeting scheduled for Saturday, February 4, 2012

