

HRSC MINUTES – NOVEMBER 1st, 2008

ATTENDEES

Barry Mashinter	Ian Hunter	Ingrid Jurk
Norm Hoffstetter	Linda Hoffstetter	Rob Rickward
Weiner Fehleisen	Ed Parlette	Chas Clark (Pres)
Pat Parlette (Secr)		

1. CALL TO ORDER

- The President called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
- Before starting the regular business, President Chas announced that Bernie Hough had passed away on October 24. Bernie was one of the founding members, our 'fundraising' auctioneer and a great snowmobiler. A small tribute to him will be in the HR section of the first issue of Snowmobiler. A wreath was sent on behalf of the club.

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- No additions to the agenda

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (April 2008)

Motion to accept made by Ian Hunter, seconded by John Dunn. Carried

- No Errors or omissions

Motion to adopt the minutes made by Norm Hoffstetter, seconded by Ed Parlette. Carried

4. BUSINESS ARISING

- Any business arising to be covered in agenda

5. REPORTS

AGM REPORT

- Received 30 year plaque. It's to be hung in office at groomer shed once the office is completed
- The permit fee has been increased by \$20.00 for 2009-10 season to \$200.00 before December 1 and \$250.00 after December 1
- The additional amount \$20.00 (100%) will be passed on to the club
- Health and Safety initiative was presented and has been issued to all Districts for implementation
- MSR has been working on their own H&S policy led by Bob Clarke

TREASURERS REPORT

- The treasurer was not available for complete report
- President Chas took the opportunity to thank Brad Booker, wife Val and the volunteers for a very successful BBQ. The BBQ in September raised over \$1100.00.

FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT

- The fundraising account has \$4326.17 with some receipts needing to be claimed
- BBQs will be held the 2nd Saturday of January, February and March – weather permitting

Motion by Barry Mashinter, Seconded by Linda Hoffstetter that the BBQs continue to be held the 2nd Saturday of January, February and March. Carried

- *Everyone is asked to think of other 'fundraising' ideas for our next meeting*

MSR REPORT

- Equipment for Tall Pines/Algonquin/Du Ya Wanna is ready to go
- Trail leading to Bear Lake is in bad shape with moguls made by ATVs needing repair. Discussion on whether to purchase blade (cost of \$1450.00) to repair this and other trails. Suggested a site visit was needed before deciding on purchase. Also, Chas to contact P2P to see if they had a grader that we could use.
- Eleven were to be either replaced or repaired. This was a combined effort by Park to Park, OFFSC, PSSD and MSR because the trails where the bridges were erected are considered multi-purpose and the money came from the Ontario Tourism.
- Top D trail – all work on the bridges to be completed by end of November
- Brush guards on the New Holland groomer– need input before giving approval to have them made
- Norm wished to squelch the rumour that 'the MSR is bankrupt'. The MSR requires approximately \$81,000.00 per year to function and pay all loans. They are looking at selling off any surplus tires
- Hill & Gully SC is having a chainsaw coarse (no date). It's a 1-day at a cost of \$65.00 – there is a test and a certificate is issued if successful

OFSC MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

- The Club Signage Person will be Brad Booker. There is a 'signage/risk management' training session on November 18 which will be attended by Brad and Chas
- The Club Signage Inspection Person will be Chas Clark
- The Club Emergency Response Person will be John Dunn & the Deputy ERP will be Greg Kallies
- If reporting an accident try to take pictures of the accident area and nearby signage and write down any statements

WEBSITE REPORT

- Discussion whether we try to have a working site. It was agreed that we should if we still own site and we have someone willing to set it up and update it. President Chas has someone that is willing to do this. Doug Banwell is to be contacted to have the site registered to the President.

Motion made by Barry M, seconded by Ian H that the President be authorized to pursue registering and hiring a person to set up and update the site for an amount upto \$500.00. Carried

TRAIL REPORT

- **Brushing** – Homeland Drive to Bay Lake Rd was done. Williamsport to Melissa T has been rescheduled to November 22
- It was suggested that we use inmates from the Correctional facility in Bracebridge. Norm is to organize with Correctional Services for the brushing of Top D.
- **Trail 95 Bay Lake** – verbal permission from MSR to ditch and put in 2 culverts. Norm to look into getting someone to cost and do job.
- **Trail 95 Oudaze** – can do work on bridge but need to check whether any further work can be done before winter
- **Gates** – a gate will be put up on the White Farm trail on November 15. As well gates will be erected as needed. Norm to supply post hole digger

- Discussion on rerouting Top D from Pine Street, missing Kearney. Agree the route should stay where it is at present
- Discussion on rerouting into Kearney by-passing Fisher Lake Rd – agreed it was not feasible at this time
- Signage – funding in the amount of \$6000.00 was received by MSR from TSI
- Landowners – suggest posting ‘no trespass’ or ‘no ATV’ signs on all private land to discourage unauthorized use of trails and to show the club is doing its diligence

GROOMERS

- Groomer Training Seminar - will take place on November 15 in Bracebridge. Every groomer **MUST** take the course. Trying to produce a video of the course so that club can do its own training session.
- Groomer Shed work party – will take place November 15. The brush needs to be cleared from around the property. A load of stone is needed at the front. The cleaning of the shed has been started but needs to be completed. Note Ed P has agreed to continue as groomer shed manager
- Health and Safety – the overall policy statement was read to the meeting and explained that this statement had to be developed and must be cohesive and detailed .The overall policy statement was:
 - “ Highland Rover SC will manage its operations and maintain a healthy and safe workplace that will meet or exceed current legislation for all its club members and employees”
- *Chas to investigate the cost of putting survival kits in each machine (2) and report at next meeting*
- Discussion on the BR – an estimate of \$8000.00 was given to repair the machine. Some felt this was too high, more like \$4000.00 but all agree it **MUST** be available when season starts
- Lot needs to be paid for. Norm indicated this should be done within the next 2 months

GROOMER SCHEDULE

- HRSC Groomer operators for this season are Werner (Head Groomer)), Jay & Stu Cushman ,Mark Reynolds plus a another.
- MSR did 7500 hours last season. Being reduced to 6000 (average year) for 2008-09 with feeder trails being done less often.
- HRSC did 1162 hours last season (NH 552 and BR 640) – will do 918 hours for the 2008-09 season (NH 412 and BR 506)
- Discussion on purchasing SPOT for groomers at \$140.00 each plus \$100.00 each per year for monitoring. Rob R suggested the FM radio system. It could be used by the 3 clubs in this area (Algonquin, Du Ya Wanna and Highland Rovers). Idea to be investigated with 2 radios being borrowed from Rob.
- Algonquin looking at doing a reroute into Deerhurst

SOCIAL EVENTS REPORT

- *Rob and Ingrid to come back at next meeting with some ideas*

6. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- None

7. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.
- **Next meeting scheduled for December 6, 2008, 7 p.m. at the Kearney community Centre**