



# Grand River Trail Riders

P.O. Box 22

Austinburg, Ohio 44010

**JANUARY 14, 2018 – 1:00 P.M. – VIRANT FAMILY WINERY, GENEVA**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The minutes/newsletter from the December 10, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The treasurer's report was reviewed and approved.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Thanks to Tim and Janet Carmichael for all of the gifts that they donated for the club's Christmas party.

Thanks to the members of the Virant Family for allowing us to have our meeting at their Winery.

Barry ordered 24 club hats from Ringer Screen Print. They will be available for purchase at the next meeting. He also ordered six more safety vests.

### **VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

First Rideable Snow Contest Winners - Twenty-six entries were submitted to Rod for the first rideable snow contest. The date of the first rideable snow from Rod Butcher's home was December 15, 2017. There were two winners this year – Tim Carmichael and Debbie Humphrey. They each won a \$20 gas card. Thanks to everyone who participated in the contest!

### **TRAIL REPORT**

#### **THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING:**

John Buckey and Gary Hines for grooming the trail. It takes eight hours to groom the trail – down and back.

Jim Cufur for all of his work getting the open/closed signs ready for the Greenway Trail.

Mike Stoneman and Jeremy Crosbie who have been changing the open/closed signs along the Greenway trail.

John Buckey, Gary Hines, and John Stegh for completing the project of getting the light bar on the club snowmobile. John Stegh, who owns Tru-Fab Technology in Eastlake, fabricated the light bar free of charge. Gary Hines donated a light for the light bar.

Stop signs were posted at the intersection of Tote Road and the Greenway Trail. A culvert pipe was installed at the intersection of Allen and Lampson Road. The club purchased the pipe, and Austinburg Township installed the pipe free of charge.

The South County Drifters have been doing an excellent job of panning the trail in their area.

A question was raised if the OSSA tractor and groomer could be used off of the Greenway Trail. It was reported that the grant from which the equipment was purchased stipulates that the equipment must be used on public trails only.

**IMPORTANT REMINDERS:** There must be a six inch base of snow on the Western Reserve Greenway Trail before it can be opened for snowmobiling. This is a posted rule which we are asking all snowmobilers to please abide by. Read the posted signs to see if the Greenway trail is open or closed before riding it. Also, please **do not** ride on tree lawns, especially those in Rock Creek.

**Wild Burrito** – The Wild Burrito Restaurant will give a 10 percent discount off of your food purchase when you tell the server that you are a member of our club. The restaurant is located at the intersection of the Western Reserve Greenway Trail and Route 322 in Orwell.

**GEAUGA PARK DISTRICT** – Club members are asked to submit completed 2017-18 Snowmobiling Permits to the Geauga Park District in an effort to show that there is a large interest in snowmobiling in the Geauga Park District area.

## **PUBLICITY**

Facebook - Please follow the Facebook page to find out if the Greenway trail is open or closed.

Website – Steven Butcher has the club’s website up and running. Thanks to Steve for all of his help.

**VINTAGE SNOWMOBILE RIDE AND CLUB FUN DAY** – The vintage snowmobile ride will be held on Saturday, February 3, 2018. Anyone interested in participating should park at the Lampson Road staging area on the Greenway Trail. The group will leave at 10:00 a.m. for a two-hour ride. This function is open to anyone with an older model sled. **NO STUDS OR PICKS ARE ALLOWED.** The Park Board is donating a porta-potty for our club to use for this event and will remain available for use for one month. Our club members will be selling food and beverages from noon to 2:00 p.m. at our club house. If you are interested in helping with this event, please call Gary Hines at 440-344-3555. If there is no snow for this event on February 3, the alternate date will be February 17.

Rod Butcher and Paul Carpenter are going to chair a fun day for our club members in conjunction with the vintage snowmobile ride on February 3. More information regarding the fun day will be sent out as soon as it is available.

**ELECTIONS:** Nominations were made for officers and board members as listed below:

President – Barry Weaver; Vice President – Rod Butcher; Secretary/Treasurer – Barb Weaver;  
Trail Boss – Gary Hines; Publicity – Ken Weisbarth; Web Site – Steven Butcher

Board Members: Paul Carpenter, Jim Cufu, and Frank Snyder.  
(Terms are up for Paul Carpenter and Frank Snyder.)

**REVERSE RAFFLE** - The next reverse raffle is going to be held on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at the Expo Center in the Ashtabula Fairgrounds. The theme for this year’s raffle is going to be NASCAR. Contact Barry and Barb Weaver at 440-576-0635 if you would like a ticket to attend. Club members are asked to **please** obtain door prizes for the raffle.

Reverse Raffle Early Bird Drawing - Any paid tickets for the reverse raffle that are received by the March meeting will be entered into a drawing. One ticket will be pulled during the March club meeting, and the money will be refunded to the person who purchased that ticket.

## **OSSA**

Ride-In - The Ride-In is scheduled to be held in Chautauqua, New York from January 25 to January 28, 2018. If there is not adequate snow to hold the event, an announcement will be made one week prior to the scheduled Ride-In.

Lottery Raffle – OSSA is selling raffle tickets at a cost of \$5.00 each. The tickets are numbered 000 to 999. The winning number is based on Ohio’s three-digit number evening drawing during the month of February 2018. A winner will be drawn every day during the month of February. The ticket holder of the winning number for that day’s drawing will win \$50. February 14<sup>th</sup>’s winning number will win \$100 plus a gift certificate for an overnight stay at Chautauqua Inn & Suites. If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please contact Gary and Jennifer Hines at 440-344-3555. A motion was passed for the club to purchase \$50 worth of OSSA lottery raffle tickets.

Winter Fun Day – OSSA’s Winter Fun Day will be held on Sunday, March 11, at Jewel’s Dance Hall from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. A motion passed for the club to donate a basket for the Winter Fun Day event at a cost not to exceed \$100. Thank you to Vickie Buckey who volunteered to assemble the basket.

**NEXT MEETING:** Sunday, February 11, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at Jewel’s Dance Hall in Austinburg.

Barb Weaver, Club Secretary/Treasurer

## **OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR THE 2017-2018 SEASON**

### **Officers**

President - Barry Weaver - 440-576-0635  
Vice President - Rod Butcher - 440-812-9053  
Secretary/Treasurer - Barb Weaver - 440-576-0635  
Publicity – Ken Weisbarth – 440-477-5730  
Trail Boss – Gary Hines – 440-344-3555  
Website – Steven Butcher – 440-812-2589

### **Board Members**

John Buckey - 440-812-8834  
Paul Carpenter - 440-812-6622  
Steve Sekanina – 440-858-9402  
Frank Snyder - 440-576-8648

**Snowline:** 440-275-9680