



Grand River Trail Riders

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Greenway Snowmobile Trail Conditions

FEBRUARY 6, 2022 – 6:00 P.M. – GRAND RIVER MANOR MEETING MINUTES

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The minutes/newsletter from the January 9, 2022 meeting was reviewed and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was reviewed and approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Many thanks to Gary and Jennifer Hines and Brett and Christine Bellas for chairing the club open house on Sunday, January 30. Hot dogs and beverages were provided along with a bon fire to help keep everyone warm.

The second round of 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/Web Site – Steven Butcher

Board Members Nominated: Paul Carpenter and Jim Cufr.

(NOTE: John Buckley and Steve Sekanina will complete their terms as board members. Terms are up for Paul Carpenter and Jim Cufr.) The nominations were closed.

Andover Fire Department Gun Raffle – If the gun raffle is held at the Ashtabula County Fairgrounds this fall, our club will obtain a booth for our gun raffle. Barry will check into this.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Rod Butcher reported that this is the 16th year that we have been holding the first rideable snow contest. He received 21 entries this year. The date for this year's first rideable snow was January 17. The winner of the \$25 Home Depot gift certificate is Cliff Buehler. Congratulations, Cliff!!

GROUP RIDE – The club is planning a group snowmobile ride to Lake Chautauqua on Sunday, February 13. If you would like to participate, please meet at Truck World in Conneaut at 7:00 a.m. sharp. New York registration is required.

TRAIL NEWS

The Western Reserve Greenway Trail was groomed 8 times so far this season—John Buckley groomed 7 times, and Gary Hines groomed once. It takes eight hours to groom the trail.

Take note: there is a very wet area between Dodgeville and Fillingham Roads on the Greenway Trail.

The winery trail has already been shut down. A snowmobiler rode on a resident's property—right beside their home. The area was clearly marked "No snowmobiling".

There was an accident involving five snowmobilers on three snowmobiles at the intersection of Mechanicsville and Cork-Cold Springs Road.

The club will look into purchasing stickers for our club members to put on their sleds so that we can ride the trails in Montville.

Reminder: A minimum of 6” of snow must be on the Western Reserve Greenway Trail before it can be open for snowmobile riding. Studs are not permitted on the trail. Look on Facebook for trail conditions—Greenway Snowmobile Trail Conditions. Also, please look for the open/closed signs.

PUBLICITY

Facebook – Greenway Trail snow conditions will be posted on Facebook – Greenway Snowmobile Trail Conditions.

Website – the club’s website is: www.grandrivertrailriders.com

PARK BOARD

The ranger has been patrolling the trail.

A suggestion was made for our club to write a grant with the Park Board for a tracked vehicle to pull the smaller groomer and brush hog.

The project for fencing and paving the Rock Creek by-pass will go out for bid in February or March.

OSSA

Nominations for Business of the Year, Snowmobiler of the Year, and the OSSA Scholarship application all need to be postmarked by February 15, 2022.

The Michigan Ride-In was canceled.

The next Ride-In will be held at the Chautauqua Inn & Suites in Mayville, New York, from February 24 to February 27, 2022. Rooms start at \$69.99 plus tax per night. Call the Chautauqua Inn & Suites at 716-269-7829 to book your room—you must reference the Ohio State Snowmobile Association to receive the group rate.

OTHER NEWS: We are sad to report that Carl Doerr recently passed away. He was one of the founders of the Thompson Snowmobile Club.

REMINDER: Please complete your application for a snowmobile permit with the Geauga Park District. Applications can be found on their website at: www.geaugaparkdistrict.org/activity/snowmobiling. **We need the numbers!!**

NEXT MEETING: Sunday, March 6, 2022 – Grand River Manor (Basement) – 6:00 p.m.

OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR THE 2021-2022 SEASON

Officers

President - Barry Weaver - 440-576-0635

Vice President - Rod Butcher - 440-812-9053

Secretary/Treasurer - Barb Weaver - 440-576-0635

Trail Boss – Gary Hines – 440-344-3555

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Board Members

John Buckley - 440-645-2590

Paul Carpenter - 440-812-6622

Jim Cufu – 440-812-2189

Steve Sekanina – 440-661-8419