



Penticton Sno-Trackers Snowmobile Club

Agenda – February 07, 2023

Meeting Chair: Joe Millar

Meeting called to order

- 1.1 Welcome & Introductions for new members

Meeting called to order at 6:47 pm by Joe Millar, club President

Attendance: - per attached sign-in sheets

Adoption:

- 2.1 Agenda for this meeting

Nothing new to add. Agenda accepted.

- 2.2 Minutes from January 10, 2023 meeting - motion to approve

Motion to approve by Sylvain Gagnon, Second by Lacey Smith

Correspondence:

- 3.1 Nothing new to report

Admin Reports:

- 4.1 Treasurer report - update from Curtis Turchak

At present we have \$19,482.56 in our TD Bank account. \$2,056.23 is due from BCSF

Old Business:

- 5.1 Apex Matters - update from Simone Wyles

- February article has been submitted, to be issued Feb 14 on PST club rides thus far, inclusivity of our club, link to our webpage. Simone also handed out Club business cards for members to share with prospective new members

- 5.2 Parking Lot Snow Plowing - update from Joe Millar

- Plowing taking place on certain days / schedule

Had new members go up on Saturday & mentioned the lot had not been plowed – we need VOLUNTEERS HERE. Chris & Joe did plow this week. Make sure you bring fuel to re-fill.

Looking for volunteers to fill in Sundays -Wednesdays as needed (dictated by snowfall. Please contact Joe or Jason.

- 5.3 Signage & Trail Mapping- update from Curtis Turchak

- Where we at for progress

Curtis brought in samples of signage. Can we get signage for our own collection? - contact Amber / Anthony regarding purchase of signage.

- 5.4 AST1 Course - update from Joe Millar

- Second course date: Feb 25 & 26
- Fulfillment (6 booked, space for 6 more)

Our first course went off successfully – cold but great! Good feedback from Finbar. Contact Finbar for AV gear. Joe to enquire about holding an AST2 level course

- 5.5 Snowmobile the Selkirks - Lacey Smith

- Purchase of your Trout Lake Recreation Club provides you access to the cariboo closures & maps – contact Lacey if need assistance
- E-mail with info was sent Jan 26/23 – final payment due Feb 15/23
- Lacey has reached out to Trout Lake Rec to ask for maps / info

Bring your own gas, as none available locally, bring AV gear, should we look into cost for a guide on one of the ride days? If travelling thru Revy on way, consider Bid Eddies for food, as no meals provided at Windsor Hotel Friday night.

- 5.6 Government Grants & Funding

- 2023 ORV & Polaris T.R.A.I.L.S. Grants - update from Lacey

ORV – will provide grants up to \$25,000 with provision that club matches the grant with 30% in cash and 20% in kind (labour, materials, etc)

POLARSI T.R.A.I.L.S/ - providing up to \$10,000 per grant, twice a year, with no matching required. Geomap qualifies for submission. Other possible projects would be beacon checker, picninc table, kiosk, chainsaws.

- 4WDABC – update from Simone Wyles

At this time, we are not looking for \$\$ donations from 4WDABC, but to develop a working relationship for trail identification and signage installation. Rec Sites & Trails is positive for trail mapping/signage so that people know where and where no to go want to help but not winter applicable. Will coordinate with them to assist in Phase II signage summer work program to move posts and bases into place

5.7 PST Swag for 2022/2023 – Greg Smith

*Brought in order forms for toques, long sleeve t's, t-shirts, hoodies
250 PST club sticker ordered as well*

5.8 Club Rides Recap to date

- Done: Whipsaw Club Ride – recap from Joe Millar
- Done : Full Moon Family Ride – recap from Simone Wyles
- Unwed Mother Cabin Ride – Recap from Greg Smith – 18 members rode from Headwaters to Unwed Mothers Cabin and explored trails in-between – a great day!

5.9 PO Box and Storage for Club materials – Lloyd Nyhus

Quotes on mail box and storage unit costs were presented. Affordable Storage had lowest annual cost for a 5x5 unit. UPS was one of the lower annual costs with best access for mail box unit. By show of hands, it was voted for Lloyd to proceed to arrange for those on an annual cost rate

New Business:

6.1 Nominations are now open for the 2023/2024 Penticton Sno-Trackers Executive and Board of Directors. Positions to be voted on at the April AGM include President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and 5+ Directors at Large (Social Media, Press Media, Website, Grants, Trails, Memberships, BC Societies, Plowing) . *Please consider running / nominating. The more people we have involved, the easier it is to run the Club*

6.2 Club Event & Rides

Ashnola – Curtis Turchak

- March 04
- Meeting place Keremeos FASGAS bar to convoy together
- Time 9 am

All riders welcome but be aware of big terrain, very open due to past fires. Planning on two types of rides- A (advances and B (intermediate), but meeting up together frequently. Curtis to scope out the area prior to the ride

Brent Mountain – Travis Wise

Was not in attendance to provide details. Will follow up next meeting

Other rides –

- a. Beaverdell – *Simone and Brian to recon trail and FSR for conditions & length*
- b. Greystokes?

On a bit of a side note – Joe was on a ride the previous weekend where there was an injury by a rider. Please ensure you have basic first aid skills and supplies, and make sure the group know who is designated with first aid

6.3 BCSF Snowmobile Excellence Awards – Lacey Smith

Nominations are open for Youth of the Year, Family of the Year, Snowmobiler of the Year, Dealer of the Year, Tourism Promotions & Development, Snowmobile Club of the Year – please place your votes, find the link on our social pages / in email and on website

6.4 Unwed Mothers Cabin – Greg Smith & Curtis Turchak

History (past Westside Sno runners Snowmobile cabin from 1988-2008, with tons of sledding history prior to that). Currently no registered to anyone – is this something the club may want to undertake in acquiring stewardship? From dealing with government ministries, Curtis's experience is that it can tend to opening a can of worms – meeting various levels of approval, meeting current building codes for existing structures, etc. It would be a long term commitment just to acquire the stewardship, let alone the ongoing maintenance. We would need ALL club members to be involved.

6.5 Webpage updating –

Thanks to Shy Tblus for stepping up to take this on!! Check out the site for all the updates!!

Action Items:

7.1 Open floor & discussion

- Sara from the Penticton Pony Club made a presentation on behalf of the club which is a member-based association, managed by volunteers, mandated to serve the needs of Canadian youth, ages 6 to 25 years of age and adults (21 and up), who are interested in riding, learning about and/or caring for horses or ponies. Their fundraising program is seeking \$250 to sponsor their upcoming events. By show of hands, it was voted to donate \$250 to this club.

- Recap of the Ladies Ride at Hunters Range. Over 60 ladies from around the province attended, the event was a great experience, well run. Connections were made with Steph Schwartz of Mountain Labs and Clinics – potential for future clinics to be held at PST if enough interest

Next Meeting Date

2022/2023 Season ~ March 7, 2023 at 6:30 pm at Barley Mill Pub

Adjourned at 7.48 pm