Penticton Sno-Trackers Snowmobile Club

Minutes - December 10/24

Meeting Chair: Joe Millar

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## Meeting called to order at 7.:10 pm

1.1 Welcome

## Adoption:

2.1 Agenda for this meeting

2.2 Minutes from November 12 2024 meeting - motion to approve Moved; Lacey, 2nd Amber

## Correspondence

3.1 No new correspondence

## Admin Reports:

4.1 Treasurer report - update from Curtis Turchak: $40,547.90 balance as of today. Thank you to WiseGuys for their sponsorship received tonight!

## Old Business:

## 5.1 Joey: President

* Nickleplate Update > Winters Creek to Define trail: Nothing new to report from the Nordic Club as they are busy with their new board getting ready for the upcoming season. Currently there is still truck traffic on Winters Creek so too early to do the trail dye
* AST1 Course Date? – Finbar is recovering from knee replacement surgery with a 2nd one on the horizon so not likely to be able to offer a course this year. Joey would require a couple levels of certification in order to put on the course. He will look into what that entails. The club should look into doing something for Finbar given the service he has provided to the club over the years.
* Club Rides -lots of discussion on rides. Greystokes is now grooming, Hunters Range is beginning grooming this week and is planning a ride day with guides/lunches/etc for Saturday Jan 04 – the club should follow up with this and offer to assist as at least 13 members present expressed interest, club should look into hiring guides when rides planned for unfamiliar areas, Joey is off Dec 20- Jan 13 and is looking at putting on a ride for Saturday Dec 21 at Greystokes and a ride at Whipsaw for Saturday Jan 11 – stay tuned to media for updates on these as weather/conditions permits. Lacey informed that the Merritt club is putting on a Ladies Ride Saturday Jan 18 so watch for details on that.
* Collections: Membership / Sponsorships / Events

5.2 Lacey: Vice President

* Membership #’s: current registered members total 43, including 2 new members this year!
* Sponsor update: we have Platinum, Silver and Bronze sponsors but are still looking for Gold sponsors. Thanks to all our sponsors this year!
* Prizes : Simone & Lacey are working on collecting prizes for our Post- Xmas party planned – see below 6.1!
* Swag – lots of clothing, hats, etc. Contact Lacey if interested
* Events: Vantage, Parade (BOD input): thanks Simone for the setup at Vantage and to all members who dropped by . Vantage appreciated it as well. The Parade was well attended and we got a great reception (thanks in part the train horn of Shy & Chris’s vehicle!!)
* Snow Beta

5.3. Curtis: Treasurer

* Signage :Rec Sites & Trails has given the verbal approval for the Club to put up trail and directional signage, plow the parking lot, etc – they just don’t want us to over-show it on social media. Curtis is arranging the directional signage from the ski hill, as well as trail signage from our lot to the shelter. Thanks Curtis for all your hard and persistent work on getting this approved.
* Brian: Memorial Plaque > Words from family > Simone has been in touch with the family and they are asking how much wording they can put on. Curtsi will provide a sample of a plaque with picture and wording for reference. Total cost of plaque is roughly $300

5.4 Simone: Secretary

* Magic on Main Street Christmas Parade : the parade was a big success. Huge thank you to Anna & Lorenz for their help in decorating all the vehicles!!
* Vantage: again, thank to all who came out
* Apex Matters : issued monthly – check out the issues and topics!

5.5 Shy Tblus: Director At Large

* Christmas Party: Dream Cafe > Cancelled ; the communication from the Dream Café was just to slow and spotty that we could not comfortably continue with the Christmas party so we had to cancel
* Mike Gosselin – see below

5.6 Greg Smith: Director At Large

* Beacon Progress; ready to install, now the we can put up signage, will look into incorporating sponsor signage into a kiosk that will also host the beacon checker. Curtis and Greg to look into the cost of a Kiosk kit for easy assembly.

5.7 Mike Gosselin - Welcome!

* Webpage update: busy updating the site, please submit your photos of rides and events!

NEW BUSINESS: 50/50 Draw!!! : tonights winner was Bill T. Thanks everyone for participating.

6.1 Sleds, Sips and Social; Prize Donations > Lacey/Simone; in place of the cancelled Christmas party they have organized a “Sleds, Sips, and Social” night for Saturday Jan 25 at the Giants Head Brewing in Summerland. With a dinner menu, cash bar, prizes etc. Tickets will be $40 each. Stay tuned for finalized plans of this event!!

6.2 Memberships - Lacey Smith

-RSVP PLEASE\*\* - please everyone RSVP for meeting and events so we have a better idea of #’s (especially for club meetings so that Salty’s can plan staffing, etc)

-Direct to Amilia for purchase – see Lacey for assistance

6.3 BOD - Tentative Rides: December/ January – discussed in 5.1 above.

Summary: - Dec 21: Greystokes

-Jan 04 Hunters Range

- Jan 11 Whipsaw

-Jan 18 Merritt (Ladies Ride)

-Feb 01 Hunters Range (Ladies Ride)

6.4 Grooming Pilot Project – Discussion; Kelowna Polaris dealer has provided quote on a machine capable of pulling our groomer at $21,000. Range of all quotes received is $15k - $21k. In addition, we would incur insurance costs, storage facility costs, operating costs and staffing/volunteer commitment to perform the grooming (likely 8+ hours each time).

Our other option is an available contractor (Nickleplate Nordic Club) @ $175/hr. Given that our current status would only warrant grooming to/from parking lot and shelter a couple times each season it was felt that the contractor may be the better route to go this year.

Members felt we should try the groomer first, but no one wants to wreck their machine pulling it. A couple of other groups have expressed interest in our groomer if we ever want to sell

6.5 Upcoming Events: TBA

* Group Rides: 2 skill levels: all rides are open to all riders and club members have committed to leading rides for each group.
* Full Moon and Fireworks Family Fun!! : tentatively set for Saturday Feb 8. Stay tuned for details!
* Trout Lake; Feb 14-17. The Club is not renting out the entire Hotel this year, instead interest member are to contact the Windsor Hotel directly to book. Single $510 + tax per person, Double $330 + tax per person. There will be alternate rides/ride areas available for the different level of riders.
* Year end Wind Up; Looking at March 15 or 22 to be held at the Gunbarrel. Simone will be in touch with them to finalize the dates. So stay tuned!!

6.6 January Meeting: Rescheduled for Jan 7th rather than Jan 14, as 6 board members will be absent the week of the 14th

\*\*\* AS ALWAYS, WATCH SOCIAL FOR MORE DETAILS TO COME\*\*

**Action Items:**

7.1 Open floor : Joey is looking to contact club(s) in the Grand Forks / Boundary areas to join with them on their rides as well.

Meeting adjourned 8:25 pm

**Next Meeting Date: Tuesday January 7 @ 6:30pm - Salty’s**