

Penticton Sno-Trackers Snowmobile

Club



Minutes - October 10, 2023 @ Salty's

Meeting Chair: Joe Millar

Meeting called to order 7:15 PM

1.1 Welcome

Adoption:

- 2.1 Agenda for this meeting
- 2.2 Minutes from September 12, 2023 meeting - motion to approve Moved by Lacey, Second by Shy

Correspondence:

- 3.1 Pensar Letter of Support - Lacey Smith: we received a letter of support from PENSAR for us as a convergent volunteer club and in the acquisition of a club snowmobile for use in tasks with PENSAR. A copy of this letter was submitted to SkiDoo with our grant application

Admin Reports:

- 4.1 Treasurer report - update from Curtis Turchak: Bank balance is \$32,858.43
Increase from last report is due to receipts from sponsors for the current year program

Old Business:

- 5.1 Government Grants & Funding - Lacey Smith: Application has been made to SkiDoo for \$5,000 (we must match any grant received). Will hear from them by Oct 22
Yamaha grant has been submitted
-Groomer Purchase \$5,000 USD - need to build - When & where? ; Curtis and Sylvain to organize a build date and time at BRUTUS yard
-Beacon received - cost \$727.99 (paid for from Grant funds); Greg to look at setup sponsorship, etc
- 5.2 Penticton Santa Claus Parade - Lloyd Nyhus; To be held Sunday Dec 3 Parade starts at 4:30 pm. City has agreed to charge us 1 registration fee of \$50 if we use a lowbed, or 2 registration fees for up to 6 vehicles. Consensus of the meeting was to go with 6 vehicles. Lloyd to contact City and get registered. We had at least 5 members commit to entering their vehicles. Tentative plans to meet at Pacific Rim yard by 1 pm to decorate on parade day. Please bring your donated Christmas parade decorations to the next meeting Nov 14 so we will have them on hand on parade day!
- 5.3 50/50 at meetings and events; club interest? - Lloyd Nyhus: just collecting all documents required and will submit application.
- 5.4 Memberships - Opened Oct 1 - Shy Tblus can help with signups
-Direct to Amilia for purchase: Amilia has been streamlined and is much more user friendly this year!
-Fees same as prev. Season + BCSF fee
- 15% off for Early bird - cutoff Nov.15/23
-On Site sign-up days with Vantage & Honda - TBA (Simone to follow up)
- 5.5 Corporate Sponsors - Lacey Smith
-Initial reach out emails sent out Sept. 1/ 23.
-Follow up emails sent out Oct. 10/10
-PLATINUM: seeking
-GOLD: Brutus, EIFS Armour, Grizzly Lodge,

- SILVER: CSBT Holdings, True Colours Paint*, Pacific Rim Equipment, Beecroft
- BRONZE: Valley Motosports, OK Tire Penticton, Debra Formo,
- FRIENDS OF PST: TC Graphics* - sled wraps & decals
- BEACON SPONSOR

*New partner for 2023-2024

New Business:

- 6.1 Webpage updates - Shy Tblus
 - Minutes & Agenda to be uploaded to webpage ~1 week prior to meetings
 - Nov 1 closing the old facebook chat group and will be opening a current year chat group, with option to join or not
- 6.2 Save-The-Dates - Lacey Smith
 - Monthly Meetings 2nd Tues each month; next meeting November 14
 - Christmas Party @ Dream Cafe Friday Dec 8th;
 - Annual AST1 Course Jan 27th & Jan 28th w/ Finbar O'Sullivan
 - Trout Lake/Windsor Hotel Fri Feb 16th-Mon Feb 19th/24 - Bookings open Nov 15th - Pricing TBA
 - first dibs to previous 2023 attendees
- 6.3 Upcoming Events - Lacey Smith
 - Interest in gear swap – most members present felt it was easier to post gear online rather than organizing a swap meet
 - Banner Rec offering Free Avalanche Education Class on Friday Nov. 3rd @ 6:00pm - All brands of riders, practical hands-on practice, new rescue techniques etc.
 - Santa Claus Parade - Sunday Dec. 3rd/ 23
- 6.4. Departure of BOD member & Pensar President - Steve Horton (new position as GM @ Owlshead)
- 6.5 What's in YOUR PACK? 2 Videos from Ski-Doo - Lacey Smith – these were very informative. Be sure to check them out!
 - Packing for the Trails <https://ski-doo.brp.com/ca/en/ski-doo-feeling/pre-season-sled-sessions/packed-for-the-trails.htm>
 - Packing for the Hills <https://ski-doo.brp.com/ca/en/ski-doo-feeling/pre-season-sled-sessions/packed-for-the-mountains.html>
 - Sheshreds - What to carry in my sled pack <https://sheshreds.ca/blog/2017/1/6/what-to-carry-in-my-sled-pack>
 - DSG's complete snowmobiling checklist: <https://dsgouterwear.com/blog/your-complete-snowmobiling-checklist/>
 - Snoriders- Do you really need all that stuff? https://snoriderswest.com/article/snowtracs/do_you_really_need_all_that_stuff

PACK RECOMMENDATIONS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High-quality spare clothing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wicking, medium insulating underlayers (top and bottom) - High-performance socks—i.e. Smart Wool—heavyweight - Light windproof gloves - Down jacket—low packing volume - Heavy mitts - Toque & balaclava -Extra goggles/ lenses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toilet paper • Headlamp • Multi-tool (Leatherman or a Swiss Army knife)Waterproof lighting source—flint • Lighter • Firestarter • Mini-stove with pot, utensil and fuel • 30-hour candle • High-energy food (bars or jerky) • Dehydrated meal in large foil bag
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- Whistle (Fox 40)—tied on packstrap or zipper closure for EASY access
- Shovel (long handle, heat treated)
- Probe (minimum 300 cm long)
- Saw—folding, pruning saw or "chainsaw-in-a-can"
- Snow science tools - evaluator

- Cord (~100-foot), light rope & webbing (15-foot)
- Duct tape
- Map, compass (with signal mirror)
- Altimeter and/or a GPS with altimeter function
- Spare batteries (for GPS, beacon and headlamp)

- Tinfoil
- Cell phone and/or satellite phone
- Emergency phone numbers for area
- Credit card numbers, cash
- Emergency locator beacon (e.g. SPOT, inREACH)
- Carabiner
- Duct tape
- Plastic bags—Ziplock, shopping bags or garbage bags
- First aid kit

Action Items:

7.1 Open floor & discussion

Tails – Curtis and Joey informed us that a few of the trails (#8, #9, #13) have been, or will soon be, cleaned up by "the local grazing cattle". Also, they are looking at a better crossing of the creek on the Broken Creek trail

Logging – be aware of active logging in the area, both out Strayhorse SFR and Winters Creek FSR. This could continue into mid to late December.

Call out by Lacey for photos to be used in our advertising tent/brochures/etc – high quality preferred so that they can be enlarged onto the tent walls/backdrops

Interest in hosting an Avalanche day similar to what Banner is putting on Nov 3? – perhaps held at one of our sponsors?

Beacon practice – Finbar is available to put on a beacon search clinic/practice for our next meeting. To be held on the beach in front of Salty's

Joey asked for interest in putting on a self-rescue clinic – there was a lot of interest from members present. Joey to look into it further and plan a place and date once the snow flies!

Ride areas of interest – Loadstone, Whipsaw, north of Grand Forks. We will contact local groups to see if they wish to join/guide us in those areas.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday November 14th @ 6:30pm – Salty's – bring your beacon gear and prepare to be outside for a practice clinic. The meeting will be short in order to accommodate the clinic.