



Penticton Sno-Trackers Snowmobile Club

MINUTES – November 14, 2023 @ Salty's 6:30pm

Meeting Chair: Joe Millar

Meeting call to order at 6.35 pm

- 1.1 Welcome - Any New Members/visitors? Joey reported to the club of Brian Hiebert's passing – he had been a club member since 1975. Simone reported that the family had been in touch and that there will be no service, but they would like the club to hold a memorial ride preferably in the Carmi/Beaverdell area. Plans by the club are in the works and members and Brian's family will be informed once details are firmed up.

Adoption:

- 2.1 Agenda for this meeting

- 2.2 Minutes from October 10, 2023 meeting - motion to approve – moved by Phil, seconded by Curtis

- 3.1 Correspondence: Joey reported that he is in contact with the Upper Similkameen Indian Band for work purposes, and that dialogue regarding the club activities in the Apex area is welcomed. He will further that along and report back to the club.

Admin Reports:

- 4.1 Treasurer report - update from Curtis Turchak – Current bank balance is \$34,930.95
4.2 Apex Matters- Simone – A great article on why it's a good thing to belong to a snowmobile club! Thanks for the always great articles, Simone!

Old Business:

- 5.1 Grants Status/Updates - Lacey Smith: The grant that had been submitted looking for funding to assist in the purchase of a snowmobile to pull our groomer was not successful. However, there are more grants available out there and she will continue to apply! Thanks for all the great work Lacey!
- 5.2 Groomer Status/Updates– Sylvain
- Organize work party to assemble groomer
 - Storage ? : Joey reported that the Nickel Plate Nordic Centre hires out their groomer for special events at a cost of \$100/hr for groomer & operator. He will contact them to get an estimate on the time to do from the parking lot to the emergency shelter (approx. 15 km return trip). The club may want to look into this a couple time a year, depending on the trail conditions. The road to approx. km 5.5 will be plowed by logging contractor until Dec 15. The Nordic Centre is also willing to look into allowing us to put a storage unit on their lot for our groomer & equipment, with access to power. Something to consider for upcoming year?
- 5.3 Beacon Status/Updates– Greg: Jafa has sponsored the Beacon board and will be providing a sign. Installation details to follow.
- 5.4 Parade Status/Updates– Lloyd
- Firm up time and meeting spot : we are registered for the parade for 6 vehicles/trailers. The

parade is Sunday Dec 3 at 4:30 pm, so we are thinking of meeting at Pac Rim yard around noon to decorate and then move down to the parade route to be there by 3:30-4. Details to follow. If you have any Christmas decorations to donate, they would be appreciated.

5.5 50/50 Status – Lloyd

- Shout out to Greg Smith for volunteering : we have obtained a gaming licence to sell 50/50 tickets at all our scheduled club meetings and our Christmas dinner. A fun way to raise funds for the club, and great chances of winning some \$\$\$

5.6 Memberships – Shy, Simone and Lacey: November 15 is the last day for early bird discounts on memberships, so get yours now! Lacey will assist you after the meeting to log in and get your membership.

5.7 Corporate Sponsors - Lacey and BOD: Lacey provided an updated list of returning and new sponsors. Shout out to all who sponsored, and to Lacey for sourcing them!!

5.8 Webpage update – Shy & Lacey: all our meeting agendas and minutes can be found on the website. Please take the time to look, as we are trying to limit the amount of paper copies we print each meeting.

5.9 Save the dates – Xmas party Friday Dec 8 at the Dream Cafe, Parade Sunday Dec 3, Trout Lake Feb 16-19, AST1 course Jan 27 & 28

***Last call for 50/50 tickets**

NEW BUSINESS:

- 6.1 Nickleplate Information – Joey: see 3.1 above
- 6.2 Avalanche Course – Joey: Finbar gave a brief talk about the advantages of taking an updated Avalanche course, as technology and techniques are always changing
- 6.3 Emergency Preparedness – Joey: always a good idea to share what people bring in their bags and be prepared, not just for the day but for the potential of an overnigher!!
- 6.4 Advertising setups, sign up day, swag – Lacey & Simone: the club tent is now here (currently up at the firepit on the beach) Simone and others will use it for future signup days. Swag is being printed up with Club logo.
- 6.5 Trout Lake – open for deposits starting Nov 15 by direct transfer (EFT) preferred
- 6.6 2022/2023 Facebook Club Chat group- closing Nov 15, new link to be sent out in club newsletter (add pentictonsntrackers@gmail.com to your contact list!)
- 6.7 Christmas Party tickets : on sale now \$45 for adults, \$20 for kids. Available from Lacey, or Lloyd at Pac Rim in Penticton during office hours.
- 6.8 Arrival and commencement of meeting time?
- 6.9 50/50 Draw: Great response this first night – total pot was \$305. Congrats to Giorgio on winning tonight. Thanks to all for supporting the club.
- 6.10 Open Floor > Time Sensitive due to Beacon Exercise : Gerry spoke on the November drive for fundraising to support the Penticton Hospital Oncology department. During November, Brutus will match donations. The club has supported this in the past, and members present voted to again to support this cause with a \$500 donation.
Curtis spoke on our other cause, the support of OSNS. Members present voted to repeat our donation last year of \$550

The inside meeting then concluded at 7:40 and Finbar and Joey took those interested outside to the beach area in front of Saltys, where they had buried beacons in the sand, and

conducted a brief beacon search exercise.

Afterwards, everyone met up at the firepit at the foot of Power Street where Simone and Lacey had built a great, warm fire where we could admire our new club tent while enjoying some liquid!!

Next Meeting Date: Friday December 8th @ The Dream Café for our Christmas party!