



## Prior Lake Snowmobile Association Club Meeting Notes September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

# of members in attendance: 15

Mtg held at Prior Lake VFW @ 7 pm

- 3) Secretary's Report – was online and members were not equipped to approve or object. Going forward, hard copies of the notes will be available at the meeting in addition to being provided electronically.
- 4) Treasurer's Report – Balance in our account is currently \$10,118.84 which does not include the money earned by volunteering at MusicFest or the amount remaining to be paid on the training snowmobile we've purchased. Larry made motion to approve. Gail seconded the motion. All approved.
- 5) MN USA Report -updates given by Terry Hutchinson as follows:
  - Shakopee have finished the bridge on its trail and it will be opened to all motorized and non-motorized users.
  - River Valley club has scheduled clean-up around the bridge for Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> and will need assistance from other clubs due to the amount of work to be done on this portion of trail that hasn't been used or maintained for a few years. Volunteers should meet at the Louisville Swamp Parking Lot off of 169.
  - MNUSA was able to secure more funding due to the great renewal revenue last year (90% renewal vs the 75% average over the last several years). 12,400 renewals last year – 4,000 more than usual.
  - Tim Hennen from the Lakeville club (also comes to our meeting) is running for MNUSA VP.
  - City of Prior Lake has approved permanent status to our Park & Ride location at Sandpoint Beach
- 6) Sno-Trails Report – updates given by Paul Hartwig
  - Paul, Garth & Kurt are our Sno-Trails representatives
  - Trails Open on December 1<sup>st</sup>; need to determine when our target trail-in date is.
  - Paul thinks it's optimal to have 6 groomer drivers who are committed to getting trained and sticking with it. We have 4 of the 6 lined up but looking for 2 more. Having 6 people in rotation will prevent burnout.
  - Kurt is our rep for Snodiak banquet (fundraiser for Landowners Picnic, etc.) held at Jordan Golf Club. Currently Kurt does not have tickets available but expects that there will be some available. Cost is \$125/couple and everyone wins something.
  - John, the person previously responsible for soliciting prizes and sponsors, is no longer available to assist. Michael (Vincent), Kurt and others have tried to use John's files for mail merges but have run into issues. Kurt & Michael to discuss options.
- 7) Trail Improvements – updates given by Sean Reagan
  - Focus will be on better signage – particularly at trail intersections, Ts, etc. State will fund certain number (5?) signs each year but content is limited to city names, amenities available, directional arrows and distance. No restaurants or other sponsor names, etc. Clubs may purchase additional signage at reasonable rate (\$35 per sign given as an estimate).
  - Looking for ideas for mounting the signs don't want them to be handled like regular trail signage
  - Per Paul, Sno-Trails recently purchased a small tractor for handling city grooming in Prior Lake and Savage. Also available for clean-up activities if needed.

- Park & Ride signs at SandPoint and Tractor Supply could use some general clean up. Tractor Supply does not want the sign there in off-season. Garth to coordinate storing at Paul's.
- Need wood for bridge maintenance; the "temporary" solution is past it's prime and needs to be replaced. Price of wood has begun to stabilize. Larry to check with Monnens on pricing and availability.
- Paul will be scheduling a trail boss meeting. He has offered to take over the trail coordinator role that Terry's handled in the past.

8) Old Business

- The club will be receiving over \$2492? from PL Chamber of Commerce for the hours the club volunteered at MusicFest. Club doubled the number of volunteers from previous year.
- Over 30 members got together for club picnic held at SandPoint Beach on Wed, August 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Bonfire plans for October are in the works – details to follow.

9) New Business

- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner will be held at the November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting and will include memorabilia and pictures from years of fun. Will also be recruitment/membership drive meeting. Will invite back long-time members who may not snowmobile anymore. Volunteers are needed to help.
- Community Fest is Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at PL High School. So far no luck in locating a new smaller sled to use for photo op in our booth. Contact Tom if you'd like to volunteers.
- Member hats are delayed due to COVID. Club will sell to members at \$10 each and absorb the rest. We were able to get good pricing since we piggy-backed off a large Keyland Homes order.
- Member shirts will be available and orders will be submitted monthly. They are buttondowns and available in Men, Women and Kid sizes.
- Adopt-a-Highway will be Saturday, Sept 25<sup>th</sup> with Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> as the rain date. Looking for breakfast location now that Perkins and Ze's (at least temporarily) are not open. Tin Shed was suggested.
- Snowmobile training plans are underway. Club has \$1000 deposit down on the training sled. Approximately \$3000 to be paid at time of delivery.

10) Buck Can Drawing – Brian Rademacher would've won \$193 had he been present at tonight's meeting.

11) Adjournment: Garth made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Kris seconded the motion. All approved.