

Minutes

Governor's Snowmobile Advisory Council

Friday, November 11, 2016 ~ Ramkota - Aberdeen

Call to Order

Chairman Russ Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: Scott Erstad, Bruce Hintz, Russell Johnson, Dave Kennedy, Al Nagel, Gary Ulmer, and Todd Wilkinson.

Members Absent:

Game, Fish and Parks Staff Present: Shannon Percy and Ryan Raynor

Adoption of the Agenda

Raynor elected to add Showcasing Snowmobiles during Conventions. A motion was made by Ulmer and seconded by Erstad to adopt the agenda as amended. **Motion Carried.**

Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made by Erstad and seconded by Nagel to approve the minutes of the August 13th, 2016 minutes. **Motion Carried.**

2016-2017 Snowmobile Trails Map:

While no significant changes were made to the map besides pictures, Percy reminded the council of the reroutes that took place in the fall. Due to logging, trail #1 had a couple reroutes near Big Hill, which were so small, would not be visible on the map. Due to new ownership, 7B was added back in. Trail #12 had some significant changes last year near 6mile road and Moon. We are able to add these reroutes back in this season now that logging is done. #12B had many positive comments from the previous year so they decided to leave it as part of the trail system. Trail #5W to Whitetail Court was also added back in. The final reroute is located by Mystic Hills. The trail was located in the Ditch, running by the Brownsville store, and will now be located on the West side behind the fire hall.

Wilkinson asked what the latest status was for the Mickelson Trail. Shannon stated he is looking into who owns the property and has people checking into the boundary lines and ownership.

Black Hills Update:

- **Groomer School**

Groomer School held annually at Hardy Camp and Trailhead Lodge will be on December 1st and 2nd. Percy invited all of the East River Clubs that are interested to attend and to let Ryan know if they are attending. Raynor added that an East River groomer school did not come to fruition this year because of the lack of staff at Track Inc. He hopes to organize a school for next year once Track has a fulltime maintenance tech.

Percy then added Recreational Springs Resort will have new owners again this year.

East River Update:

- **4% Excise Tax Adjustment** – Raynor stated that over \$90,000 in excise tax monies have been reimbursed to people who purchased snowmobiles due to the misinterpretation of how state laws were written. While legislation was amended to increase the 3% excise tax to 4% for vehicles, it should not have been changed on snowmobiles, as the snowmobiles excise tax law is separate. Wilkinson asked what the impact of this reimbursement would be on the fund balance and if there was a reason to adjust the budget? Raynor stated the fund balance went from just under \$1.1 million to just over \$1 million and felt there was not a need to change the current budget authority or pursue legislation to increase the excise tax from 3% to 4%.
- **East River Trail Signing Status** – Raynor stated some clubs have a good start and are almost done while others would begin signing this weekend. Raynor stated some problems areas from last year needed to be reviewed, one in particular was south of Watertown which the Poinsett Pounders sign.

- **Titling Snowmobiles** – Raynor updated the council on his latest conversation with Department of Revenue when it comes to titling snowmobiles that were purchased from owners who did not have the title. In some cases, county courthouses are taking 4 months or longer to title a snowmobile when you are not able to come up with the title from the previous owner. Proper paperwork in this scenario would include the Bill of Sale and Affidavit of Facts. If your local county courthouse is taking longer than 3-5 weeks to process these forms, you are encouraged to call the Pierre office to help speed up that process.
- **Sno-Cat Acquisition and Transfer** – Raynor stated that procurement staff decided to try an auction site called Purple Wave when it came to selling the two groomers from Mitchell and Webster. Raynor stated both groomers combined brought in about \$10,000 more than what was anticipated for a trade-in based on previous trade in values. One groomer went to a club in Canada and the other to a rancher in Oklahoma.

While it wasn't on the agenda, Raynor gave a brief update on the status of the Beresford drag. In August, the council approved the purchase of a new drag for Beresford to accommodate their small groomer as the mogul master is just too heavy for their model. Johnson stated that between him and Raynor collecting the quotes, they decided to go with an Ultralite Arrowhead drag. This particular model will save a 1,000lbs in comparison to their standard drag and will also be the first drag of its make and model in the state.

Showcasing Snowmobiles at Conventions:

Raynor stated he received a phone call from Jim Weaver saying he has been running into issues getting all 4 major sled manufacturers represented at this convention. A law exists that states dealers are not allowed to take vehicles across county lines to sell or show at sports shows. Snowmobiles are fortunately exempt from this law. Some people who were enforcing this law misinterpreted its content and tried to restrict the Yamaha dealer from attending as Yamaha is not represented in Brown County. Through the SD Auto Dealers Association, Duane was able to confirm snowmobiles were exempt and Yamaha was represented at the convention. Duane stated a

memo would be going out to all the dealers and inspectors to remind them of this exemption from the Department of Revenue.

Finally, Diane Hiles, on behalf of the ISC committee; thanked the Advisory Council and GFP for their support during the ISC in June.

Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for the Friday, February 17th of the Governor's Ride. This will be located at the Comfort Inn in Deadwood.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Kennedy and was seconded by Ulmer to adjourn at 10:49 a.m. **Motion Carried.**