

Presenter/ Time	Agenda Item	Key Points	Outcomes, Next Steps, Assignments
	Call to Order at 2:34	<p>Members Present: Andy Malecki, Bev Dittmar, Larry Erickson, Tom Chwala, Bob Lang, Gary Hilgendorf, Sam Landes, Dale Mayo, Steve Moran,</p> <p>Others Present: Cathy Burrow, DNR, members of the public and other council members.</p>	
	Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting		Steve moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Tom seconded. Motion passed.
	Public Comments	<p>Annie – In St. Croix county a highway bridge has been used to cross I-94. The county is putting in a round-about on either side and those will not work for either snowmobiles or groomers. It's an issue that needs to be looked into.</p> <p>Discussion ensued: DOT guy told snowmobilers at a highway meeting in Clark County that he didn't have to worry about a snowmobile trail, only bikes and pedestrians.</p> <p>Drew Nussbaum has been appointed to be the Tourism Liaison from the Dept. of Tourism to the Council. Welcome Drew!</p> <p>There was a question on rates and Andy asked that it be held until the rates item on the agenda was being discussed.</p>	
	Chair Comments	Andy talked to people in NY at the International Snowmobile Congress (ISC) about the automated reported project (Name change from Automated Trail Grooming Project). New York is in the reporting end, they are not doing GPS units in their groomers because of the cost. They are looking to find a grant to help pay for the GPS units.	

		North Dakota & Saskatchewan are doing both the reporting and GPSing of trails.	
	Committee Member Comments	<p>Sam: Sauk Prairie Recreation Area master plan was discussed regarding the placement of the snowmobile trail. The Wording in the proposed language seems to be acceptable, but there are concerns with the alternative route showing on the map.</p> <p>The first open house on the Blue Mounds State Park Master Plan was held July 21st. We are all now waiting on the updated information and proposed recreational alternatives. The snowmobilers were promised completion within a 7 month timeframe, which has now been exceeded.</p> <p>Standard trail maintenance contract for state properties. This has been going on for over a year and it is expected that it will be completed and distributed to the affected clubs by November 1 for use in the upcoming season.</p> <p>Larry: Iron Co. clubs has quite a bit of input on dealing with Iron Co. on their contract.</p>	
	Ad hoc committee reports	<p>Rates Committee – Larry, Bob, Gary & Dale put together a proposed sheet. One problem was “PTO horsepower” and that was removed. They also addressed the issue of clubs doing grooming with something as small as a UTV.</p> <p>The new rate standards would still be based on the drag size, with a \$10 or \$20 add-on for the A, AA, and AAA class of power units.</p> <p>They were trying to provide clarity and remove the ambiguity.</p> <p>Certain specific rates were discussed. Definitions were clarified for the following: 413: Grass mower-tractor mounted (not a lawn mower) 940: Brush cutter (tractor mounted or pull behind)</p> <p>Added:</p>	<p>Dale moved, Bev seconded to adopt the new definitions into the current rates to provide clarity. Motion passed.</p> <p>Bev moved, Tom seconded to adopt the new groomer rates definitions to provide clarity of interpretation but not to adjust the amounts at this time. Motion passed.</p> <p>Larry moved, Tom seconded to recommend accepting the reroute ranking with Length of LUA adjustments. Motion passed.</p>

		<p>953: Boom for brush cutter at a rate of \$14 (New copy posted on Snowmobile Grants page.)</p> <p>Trail Reroute Ranking Committee Steve Moran & Gary Hilgendorf worked on this with the input of the DNR. It's intended to be used to rank trail reroutes in an effort to prioritize projects within the rehab category. The rankings were discussed and land use agreement lengths were tweaked. (New copy posted on Snowmobile Grants page.)</p>	
	DNR Report	<p>Silviculture exception 23.116(4). Snowmobilers are worried about the language. It appears that all a logger needs to do is ask to have a trail shut down and the Department SHALL shut it down.</p> <p>The DNR's Division of Forestry's internal guidance shows the plan to continue dealing with this issues as has been past practice with the following considerations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Avoid use of recreation trails for management activities whenever possible. 2. Reroute trails when the trail is in active use for the mgt. activity of at times create a new or enhance an existing trail in partnership with the activity. 3. Under very limited circumstance, temporarily close a portion of the trail for safety reasons. This is only considered under extreme conditions, when the access routes and alternatives are very limited. <p>Wild Rivers & Devil's River land acquisition. JFC authorized the purchases at a 25% discount off the negotiated amount.</p>	<p>Council will keep an eye on this. All agree it works to share the trails if the parties work together.</p> <p>Cathy has heard that the negotiations on the acquisition have been positive so far.</p>
	Online Reporting Project	<p>The committee would like to move forward with a pilot program including 4-5 counties for this winter.</p>	<p>Dale moved, Sam seconded to recommend pursuing a pilot project this winter with 3-5 counties just testing the online reporting part of the process. Motion passed.</p>

	Sauk Prairie Recreation Area Master Plan		Sam moved, Bob seconded to recommend the full council send a letter commenting on the master plan for the SPRA.
	Grant Application Follow-up	#9 Vilas Co. project withdrew. #3 Milwaukee Co. got a second quote.	
	Next Meeting	Blue Mound State Park & the Sauk Prairie Recreation Area. Trail signing handbook needs to be reviewed. State property contract.	
	Adjourn		Dale moved, Bev seconded. Motion passed.