Feb. 11, 2019
The Waters Resort, Minocqua, WI

Agenda Item	Key Points	Outcomes, Next Steps, Assignments	
1. Call to Order	Members Present: Gary Hilgendorf, Committee Chair; Bev Dittmar Council Chair, Dale Mayo, Council Vice-Chair, Andy Malecki, Joel Enking, Bob Lang, Steve Moran, Dave Newman Others Present: Cathy Burrow, Faith Murray, Ann Loechler, Ed Slaminski, April Dombrowski – DNR; other council members; members of the public.	Meeting was called to order at 4:22 p.m.	
2. Acceptance of Previous Minutes	council members, members of the public.	Steve moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Second by Dale. Motion Carried.	
3. Agenda Repair	None.		
4. Public Comments	Mike brought up the grand-fathered units. He would like the 5-year term to be eliminated and allow use at the original rates until the club sells retires the unit. Gary suggested waiting until it gets closer to the end of the grand-father period (at the end of the 2021-2022 season) and then assess the situation. As he understood it, some of the units have already been retired.		
5. Committee Chair Report	 790 grooming units in SNARS. Not sure how accurate that is because a puller can be paired with different drags and each is considered as a unique unit. Gary shared a specification list of groomers/tractors in SNARS and asked people to let him know if it was something that would be helpful and should be published. 135 have been inactivated in the system. Some grooming units in SNARS aren't receiving the proper class. There are "A" units that should be classified as "AA" or "AAA." Clubs should be looking at that and making sure they are receiving the proper amount. 	Q: Could the inactive units be hidden from regular view? A: Nathan said he would look into it. DNR & AWSC both offered to look into specific instances if they were shared.	

6. Groomer Show Report	 Gary, Bev, Dale, Bob, Joel and Fuzzy all were at the grooming show. Not too much new to report. Some talked with Mike Witzeling who is a very knowledgeable engineer and could be a refence for the equipment committee in the future. Soucy now has replacement tracks that are a copy of Zuidberg's. The tracked tractors are getting better. 		
7. Action Item: Equipment Requests	None.		
8. GPS Trackers	60 GPS units currently in use. This is something the committee will continue to gather information on.	 Questions for future consideration. How to handle the situation where a power unit pulls different size drags? If tracker is set up at an initial rate, is it easy to change? Can it be changed often? What will the Council do to deal with situations of cheating and/or fraud to the system? Possibly determine ways to provide a negative consequence regarding funding and/or miles assigned. 	
9. DNR Report	 Maintenance per mile from SNARS was distributed. Not all counties entered their expenses through SNARS, so administrative costs in the historical data is not accurate. We have clearly communicated that all fees/expenses must be submitted via SNARS going forward. The "County Fees" category is not all administrative fees. There can and often are maintenance items and supplies reported under county fees. Jillian reported on the Trail GPS project. She is going through the data and sorting things out. We are receiving help form our Technology Bureau to create a statewide GIS layer that will be available for internal use. There may be several counties who haven't provided sufficient data at this point. She if finding out as she continues to work on them. AWSC offered to help gather the required information from counties who haven't provided it so far. Q: Are there plans to make the statewide layer available statewide? No. A: The short answer is no. Because clubs use maps as a source of revenue, it would have to be further discussed before we did so. Additionally, we have no staff to maintain the layer on a regular basis. We would likely only update it annually 		

	in conjunction with the grant application to award cycle.		
	Q: Will we fund counties in '19-20 if they haven't provided their GIS maps. A: Yes, maintenance funds will be provided. However, those counties will not be eligible to be funded for new miles and likely not for development grants, because of application material requirements they won't be able to provide.		
	Q: Will we give additional consideration when recommending new miles for counties who are losing miles. A: No, because it wasn't added to the new trail funding process.		
	Q: How will discrepancies between GPS miles and grant miles be addressed. A: It will be done on a case-by-case basis. Counties will need to explain the discrepancy and if they are requesting additional miles above their current funded amount, they will need to justify that. The best way is to show a paper trail of specific miles (on maps) when they were originally approved for funding.		
	Q: Can we require the counties to insure their bridges? A: Cathy will look into it.		
10. Action Item: Trail Issues	 Sam explained the previous problems with DNR-managed contracts and local clubs maintaining state trails and then talked about the new contracts. Specifics regarding replacement of mutually agreed upon repairs needed, damage on the trail with a 24-hour reporting requirement. Requirement to brush to a minimum of 8' high and 8' wide, paying for full-size signs, etc. Issue where it was implied to the club that they would have to OWN the maintenance equipment in order to take over the maintenance of a trail. Paving of the Military Ridge Trail issue. Blue Mounds – UPDATE: The kick-off meeting for amending the Master Plan will be March 12. Polk County – Stower Seven Lakes Trail 	A sub-committee may be appointed to look at the standard contract issues and offer recommendations for improvement/clarification.	
11. Action on Applications	None		
12. Member Items	Andy – No Fuzzy – Wants GIS stuff completed so we know where we're at. Dale – No		

	Bev – No Gary – No Dave – No Bob – No Joel – Q: Are trail counters an eligible expense? A: No Discussion regarding the audit ad hoc meeting and do we want to consider doing that for non-supplemental. No decisions were made.
13. Next Meeting	Bradley Town Hall – June11 and possibly 12
14. Adjourn	Fuzzy moved to adjourn. Second by Dale. Motion carried.