



## Snowmobile Advisory Council Infrastructure Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday August 26, 2019

Dale's Weston Lanes, Weston, Wisconsin

Committee Members Present: Gary Hilgendorf – Chair, Bev Dittmar, Dale Mayo, Dave Newman, Joel Enking, Bob Lang, Andy Malecki, Steve Moran

Other Council Members Present: Arlyn Baumgarten, Tom Chwala, Sam Landes, Mike Holden, Nancy Olson, Jeff Schwaller, Lee Van Zeeland,

DNR staff attendance: Cathy Burrow, Jillian Steffes, Faith Murray, Ed Slaminski, Kurt Byfield, Annie Loechler, April Dombrowski

Public attendance: members of the public

1. **Call to order 15 minutes after Finance Committee**
2. **Agenda Repair - None**
3. **Acceptance of minutes of previous meeting**

**Motion to accept minutes by Fuzzy (Steve), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andy. MOTION PASSED**

4. **Committee Chair Comments**
5. **Public Comments**

6. **DNR Funding Report**

- **HANDOUTS**
  - 2 Financial Statements
  - Funding Spreadsheet
  - Total Trail Passes Sold
  - Snow Supplemental History
  - Snow Supplemental Requests from 18-19
  - Funded Mile Adjustments (by county) due to GIS Efforts
- Supplemental – Almost 3.5 million in requests, although that may be reduced after auditing. There is sufficient funding to pay 100% of supplemental request.
- GIS –Jillian – after reviewing data from counties, most counties went down on funded, 426 fewer miles on the ground than thought. Some counties haven't submitted satisfactory data yet. If any new mile projects are approved, grant project managers (aka CSSs) have to do their due diligence (archeological, endangered resources, required permits, etc.) ground truthing where the trail is prior to funds being available to the county.

**Motion to not award new miles to any county that hasn't completed their GIS. Motion by Fuzzy (Steve), 2<sup>nd</sup> by (not recorded) . YES vote Fuzzy, Andy, Joel and Bev. NO vote Dave, Bob. MOTION PASSED**

7. **Grooming and Maintenance Rates**

Original motion to make no changes to existing grooming and maintenance rates. Motion by Joel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bev. Further discussion – Bob recommends moving the tracked truck from AAA to A, which is where it would belong if judged on horsepower. Motion by Bob and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave to modify existing motion.

**Motion to make no changes to existing grooming and maintenance rates EXCEPT to allow tracked trucks to move from Class AAA to Class A. Motion by Bob, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andy. MOTION PASSED**

## 8. GPS Units as Fundable Items

- Gary had written up guidelines for clubs
  - Club is to notify county
  - Get GIS data layer from DNR
  - GTS sets geofences w/ club/co dialog.
  - Unit will be a fundable item (leasing @\$250/unit).
  - Installation must be per GTS instructions.
  - Idle shut off move to 10 minutes.  
DISCUSSION – Bob feels it’s not enough time to clear trail obstructions, recommends 10 min.
  - Speed – Tracker will stop tracking grooming if speed 15 mph or over.
- Grooming units (puller & drag), GPS won’t know when it’s a different drag. PROPOSED NEW FUNCTIONALITY, allow the clubs to change the unit combo before or after activity. Would be an honor system, as it is now. May require some new training.
- Bob would like to require someone to put an operator name and confirm drag before the entry becomes official. Maybe a step to be done by the club admin?
- Can clubs use an outside sourced GPS unit? Those aren’t connected to SNARS. If using an outside unit, it’s not auto-reporting to SNARS, so there is no cost benefit to the grant program to use (or pay for) these.
- Counties should be “in the loop” if the county wants to pursue GPS unit. That is one of the steps in Gary’s guidelines.

**Motion to allow clubs to use GTS GPS units in their groomers at \$250/yr per unit, per Gary’s GPS Guidelines as a fundable maintenance item (non-grooming) for this coming season. Motion by Andy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave. MOTION PASSED**

## 9. Storm Damage

Storm Damage review deferred until tomorrow with full council.

## 10. New Miles Application Discussion

Projects reviewed through score 10 on counties that had a satisfactory GIS submitted. Discussion items included connectivity, the need to separate/split distinct trails into their own applications, how to measure parallel trails (more than 5 miles away at the nearest point. Parallel trail could be in the other county as well). No formal motions made to approve any new mile projects. Decision made to review projects scoring below a 9 at Tuesday’s meeting with the public in attendance.

## 11. Member reports/comments

- Fuzzy (Steve) – Bridge inspection photos needed
- Sam – Communication from DNR on counties that have failed to submit GIS would be appreciated, as the council members may be able to assist.
- Dave – Only ~55 counties applied for new miles, wonder why some counties chose not to.

## 12. Items for next meeting

None

## 13. Adjourn

**Motion to adjourn by Fuzzy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joel. MOTION PASSED**