

SNOWMOBILE RECREATION COUNCIL AGENDA & RECORD

February 3, 2012

The Waters of Minocqua, Minocqua,, WI

Presenter/ Time	Agenda Item	Key Points	Outcomes, Next Steps, Assignments
	1. Call to Order	<p>Members Present: Donna White, Dave Newman, Sam Landes, Larry Erickson, Bob Lang, Rick Steimel, m Tom Chwala, Andy Malecki, Jon Schweitzer, Pat Schmutzer, Mike Cerny, and Mike Willman</p> <p>Absent: Bev Dittmar, Jerry Green</p> <p>Others Present: Diane Conklin, Ed Slaminski, Ann Loechler, Faith Murray, and Jillian Steffes – DNR, members of the public and county coordinators.</p>	Mike Cerny called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.
	2. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting	Minutes of November 21, 2011	Motion by Mike Willman, second by Pat Schmutzer to approve. <u>Motion carried.</u>
	3. Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair: Mike Cerny pointed out that this group is to represent ALL of the snowmobilers in the state as well as the Governor’s office. He also brought up the concern about more frequent meetings, giving assignments, and communication via electronic media (LiveMeeting, GoToMeeting, etc.) • Vice Chair - absent 	
	4. Citizen Participation	<p><u>AWSC Comments:</u> –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morris Nelson brought forward the issue of the CAP/Step bill. There will be a hearing next Tuesday in the Assembly and then the Senate. He provided some documentation discussing the numbers that they are basing their bill on. Under the proposed program, the revenue would be based upon the number of trail passes sold 	

		<p>yearly instead of the registration.</p> <p><u>Public Comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dale Mayo of Vilas County brought up the issue of funding. His clubs (as others) are running into long term issues. • Wood County would like to discuss funding for new bridges to take care of ice crossings that are safety concerns. • Faith Murray brought forward an amendment request for the Janke Bridge in Marquette County for \$7,830. 	<p>Andy Malecki made the motion to approve the Janke Bridge, second by Sam Landes for \$7,830. <u>Motion carried.</u></p>
	<p>5. Reports</p>	<p><u>State Trails Council</u> – The Snowmobile Council lost their seat on the council. Doug Johnson, AWSC President, was appointed to that council and gave a report as to the status. He indicated that Tim Parsons gave an update as to the status of RTP funds.</p> <p><u>Department:</u> <u>Law Enforcement</u> – Gary Eddy Bills in the legislature currently are: AB 439, the Recreational Vehicle OWI driver’s license tie in bill. A hearing was held on Tuesday Jan 31 SB 365 – CAP/Step program (previously discussed)</p> <p>Enforcement – Dept had special deployment last weekend in Eagle River with modifications to the original team. Now reduced down to a 4-person team. Ramped up education and courtesy sound checks. Last weekend 25 citations were issued for intoxications with 111 warnings. This weekend going to Bayfield County.</p>	

		<p>We are currently sitting at 5 fatalities with 3 of the five alcohol as a factor – same as last year at this time.</p> <p>Ad campaigns are running this weekend by DOT focused on not drinking and riding on snowmobiles and motor vehicles. A press conference was done on this yesterday.</p> <p>DNR educational booths were set up at the Milwaukee shows, Eagle River, and Cruiser fest focusing on education and not drinking and riding.</p> <p><u>Grants</u> – Diane Conklin We have funded almost all of our current projects. Updates to NR 50/NR 64 – Hearings held around the state in early January. No negative comments were received. The next step is to take this back to the Natural Resources Board and then move it on to the legislature. We anticipate the process to be completed some time around September.</p>	<p>Motion by Larry Erickson, second Tom Chwala to send Andy Malecki to the NRB hearing in February. <u>Motion carried.</u></p>
	<p>6. Reports of Standing Committees</p>	<p><u>Tourism</u> – Donna White said that the state snowmobile map is going to be hard to maintain as it will require a lot of work. Pat asked if they could develop an electronic map so it could be accessed while on the trail.</p> <p><u>Finance</u> – Bob Lang gave a review of what the Finance committee discussed. Items such as the CAP/Step, meeting more frequently and assigning tasks in the coming year in order to follow up on issues.</p> <p><u>Infrastructure</u> – Andy Malecki discussed the issue of the yellow arrow and the chevron regarding how many and where they should be placed.</p>	<p>Motion to approve Committee Reports by Donna White, second by Pat Schmutzer. <u>Motion carried.</u></p>

		<p>Another project will be the bridge inventory that we will be conducting this spring so we can develop a database of bridges and create a numbering system to track this.</p> <p>The Committee also discussed the potential for winter funding for those projects that did not receive funding at the July meeting. If we have funds that have reverted back, we would only use those funds to award projects. Equipment rates were discussed as well. We acknowledged that there will be some adjustments we'll have to make.</p> <p><u>Law Enforcement</u> – Jon Schweitzer Gary touched on most of the issues. However, one discussion that came up was regarding Vintage machines.</p>	
	<p>7.Action Arising from Reports</p>	<p>Motions from Finance Committee: Funding Increases</p>	<p>Motion by Rick Steimel to support a uniform trail pass for all registered snowmobiles in Wisconsin. Second by Pat Schmutzer. Comment by Rick to add thanks to AWSC for the letter encouraging us to address the shortage. If this motion does not pass, we are back to square one with no new funding, assuming that the CAP/Step doesn't get passed again.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote: Donna White – No Dave Newman – No Sam Landes – No Larry Erickson – No Bob Lang – Yes Rick Steimel – Yes</p>

		<p>CAP/Step Legislation</p>	<p>Tom Chwala – No Andy Malecki – No Jon Schweitzer – Yes Pat Schmutzer – Yes Mike Willman – Yes <u>Motion failed</u> at 6 No's and 5 Yes's</p> <p>Motion by Larry Erickson that the Council supports the CAP/Step program as presented. Second by Tom Chwala. Much discussion ensued regarding the roll of the council to build membership as well as Roll Call Vote: Donna White – Yes Dave Newman – Yes Sam Landes – Yes Larry Erickson – Yes Bob Lang – No Rick Steimel – No Tom Chwala – Yes Andy Malecki – Yes Jon Schweitzer – No Pat Schmutzer – No Mike Willman – No <u>Motion passed</u> 6 Yes, 5 No</p> <p>Notation: While these minutes reflect this vote, it should be noted that only motions that come through Committee are to be voted on by the full council. Any action that comes before the council prior to a motion by a committee should be sent back to the appropriate committee for action. Therefore, this is not a proper motion.</p>
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	8. Trail Matters	<p>Observations from the Groomer show: Andy – there were a couple of items that Andy Malecki and Larry Erickson will have the Infrastructure Committee look at such as drags and the inner widths as it appears we have some misinformation currently. Primarily, the discussion has to do with fold up drags and the angle of the wings.</p>	
	9. Member Items	<p>Bob Lang – it seems that the equipment is getting massively large. Dave Newman – would like to see the website updated. RTP program is identified in the transportation committee. It would be helpful to notify your federal leg.</p>	
	10. Next Meeting	Meeting early June for Infrastructure Committee	
	11. Adjournment		<p>Motion to adjourn by Bob Lang, with second by Donna White. <u>Motion carried</u>. Meeting was adjourned at 12:45 PM.</p>