

**SNOWMOBILE RECREATION COUNCIL AGENDA & RECORD**

**July 20, 2009**

Portage County Annex, Stevens Point, WI

<b>Presenter/ Time</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Key Points</b>	<b>Outcomes, Next Steps, Assignments</b>
8:30 AM	<b>1. Call to Order</b>	<p><b>Members Present:</b> Tom Chwala, Sam Landes, Donna White, Mike Willman, Karen Carlson, Jerry Green, Larry Erickson, Andy Malecki, Mike Cerny, Jon Schweitzer, Tom Thornton, Rick Steimel, Bev Dittmar, and Bob Lang</p> <p><b>Others Present:</b> Diane Conklin, Gary Eddy, Mary Rose Teves, JD Smith, Ed Slaminski, Gary Hanson, Tim Panzer, Lavane Hessler, and Pat Zatopa – DNR, members of the public and media.</p>	
	<b>2. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>		Motion by Donna White, second by Jerry Green to accept the minutes. <u>Motion Carried.</u>
	<b>3. Comments</b>	<p>Mike Cerny – attended one more multi-group meeting to discuss the issue of OWI-DL tie in. Also, talked to several Senators/Representatives regarding a variety of snowmobile issues.</p> <p>Bev Dittmar – we are in a situation this year where we have many more projects than we have funds. Therefore, we want everyone to understand that we have to make some very difficult decisions.</p>	
	<b>4. Citizen Participation</b>	<p>AWSC – Morris Nelson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drafting legislation that would create a one-time registration and then have a trail pass. It would be a two-tier system; \$35 non-AWSC member or \$15 AWSC member rate. The calculation for gas tax would be based on the trail pass sticker</li> </ul>	

		<p>numbers instead of the registration numbers. AWSC would be a sole source vendor for the member trail passes. Non-member passes would be sold at ALIS vendors or other non-ALIS vendors.</p> <p>Other items that AWSC is working on is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunset 55 night time speed limit</li> <li>• Personal property tax exemption for clubs</li> <li>• Increase state law enforcement to \$150,000 total out of the SEG account plus \$40,000 into alcohol awareness, and alternative transportation program</li> <li>• \$30,000 into state trails</li> <li>• absolute sobriety for under age 18 drivers</li> <li>• double penalties for having a minor riding with you (16 and under)</li> <li>• anticipated increase of \$2 million into the Snowmobile SEG fund</li> <li>• transfer balance of non-resident increase into supplemental</li> </ul> <p>Charles Griffith, Safe &amp; Sober WI Snowmobilers United</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He has pledged his full support for the OWI-DL tie in.</li> </ul> <p>Ralph Sitzberger, Vilas Co Board of Supervisors, snowmobiler (Frosty Snowmobiler Club)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is asking for the Council to consider funding a short segment of club trail in Land o' Lakes WI,</li> </ul> <p>Patrick Schmutzer – represent Safe &amp; Sober Wi Snowmobilers United.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Was hit by a snowmobiler that was an OWI.</li> <li>• Fully supports the OWI-DL tie in.</li> </ul>	
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		Bill Pfaff – requests support for the AWSC legislation	
	<b>5. Reports</b>	<p>State Trails – Tom Thornton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council approved a letter to be sent supporting the OWI-DL tie in as proposed by the Snowmobile Council.</li> </ul> <p>Department RTA Ranking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We haven't received the final numbers for this year's funding.</li> <li>• While we have reviewed the applications, we have not finalized the list yet and won't until we know how much money we have.</li> </ul> <p>Law Enforcement – Gary Eddy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Special team has been reactivated.</li> <li>• The Special team has been reactivated.</li> <li>• Night time speed limit expiring</li> <li>• Snowmobile decals – new ones coming</li> <li>• The decals are “running” off if a cleaning fluid or gas gets spilled on them. Clear tape over the top will prevent this. However, if this happens, the Department will replace one time only for no charge. After that, it will be at the owner's expense. We are working on new stickers to prevent this.</li> <li>• Snowmobile Safety Education Course – had an instructor (Bob Blaskowski) provided a recommendation for a stickers which he had been providing on his own. DNR will be providing this now for graduates. (See attached sample – Attachment 2.)</li> </ul>	
Bev Dittmar	<b>6. Reports of Standing</b>	Finance	Motion by Sam Landes, second by Tom



Jerry Green		<p>construction impacts it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a strong concern regarding the Cheese Country Trail and the railroad coming back and we would lose this trail or a segment of it.</li> <li>• Consider outside engineering to be an eligible expense for funding.</li> <li>• Equipment rates discussion</li> <li>• Bridge Application forms (want some changes to make things more clear and avoid the usual questions for future).</li> <li>• Previewed the Bridge applications in anticipation of questions. Questions were provided to the regional CSS's to take back to the counties and get responses. This was done to attempt to have as much information as possible when making our funding decisions.</li> </ul> <p>Tourism – Teleconference on July 7. Placemats were discussed. We are now looking at where we can seek funding to do something similar. We have contacted sponsors but none would commit without pricing. The anticipated quantity is 2 million. We are searching for previous costs, how we funded them, and what we can do now.</p>	
	<b>7.Action Arising from Reports</b>	Law Enforcement Committee – OWI/DL Tie in – per the attached handout (Attachment #1).	Motion by Tom Thornton, second by Mike Willman that the SRC go on record as supporting the proposed language and send a letter to the Governor and Secretary Frank requesting that they seek legislation to accomplish these goals. Roll Call vote was requested by Tom Thornton.

			<p>Bob Lang Y Rick Steimel Y  Tom Thornton Y Jon Schweitzer Y  Bev Dittmar Y Andy Malecki Y  Larry Erickson N Jerry Green Y  Karen Carlson Y Mike Willman Y  Donna White N Sam Landes N  Tom Chwala Y  10 Yes 3 No. <u>Motion carried.</u></p> <p>Motion by Andy Malecki to classify Kubota M126X Power Krawler as a Class A. Second by Bev Dittmar. <u>Motion carried.</u></p> <p>Motion by Andy Malecki, second by Bev Dittmar to approve the Equipment rates for the upcoming season to be the same as the last year. <u>Motion carried.</u></p>
	<b>Nomination</b>	<p>A call for nominations for Chair was requested. Andy Malecki nominated Mike Cerny as Chair. Jerry Green seconded. Nominations were called for three (3) times.</p> <p>A call for nominations for Vice Chair were requested. Donna White nominated Bev Dittmar for Vice Chair. Andy Malecki seconded. Nominations were called for three (3) times.</p>	<p>Motion by Tom Thornton, second by Donna White to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Mike Cerny. <u>Motion carried.</u></p> <p>Motion by Jerry Green, second by Donna White to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Bev Dittmar. <u>Motion carried.</u></p>
	<b>8. Trail Matters</b>	<p>All projects were reviewed as per statute and code. Funding was awarded in priority order. Juneau County submitted a variance request to submit an application after the April 15, deadline.</p> <p>Bridge Rehabilitation</p>	<p>Motion by Donna White, second by Sam Landes to approve the Juneau County request for a variance. <u>Motion carried.</u></p> <p>Motion by Bev Dittmar, second by Tom</p>

			<p>Thornton to approve bridge rehabilitation as noted below. <u>Motion carried.</u></p> <p>Sheboygan Co – \$16,350  Langlade Co – 26,700  Florence Co - \$60,500  Taylor Co - \$8,600  Vilas Co - \$7,000  Vilas Co - \$5,000  Vilas Co - \$3,800  Vilas Co - \$70,800  Lincoln Co - \$1,529  Polk Co - \$8,400  Trempealeau Co - \$17,484  Chippewa Co - \$44,380  LaCrosse Co - \$4,000  LaCrosse Co - \$43,375  Monroe Co - \$23,625  Clark Co - \$41,250  Juneau Co - \$68,450  Wood Co - \$52,000  Portage Co - \$18,100  Portage Co - \$20,600  Portage Co - \$24,500  Fond du Lac Co - \$17,740  Green Lake Co - \$5,575  Green Lake Co - \$27,800  Manitowoc Co - \$108,750  Manitowoc Co - \$108,750  Manitowoc Co - \$2,500  Marquette Co - \$46,670  Oconto Co - \$30,000  Shawano Co - \$11,000</p>
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			Tom Chwala to approve the additional Mandatory trail relocations as follows: Iron County , \$11,772., Vilas at \$1550. Vilas at \$6,600, Forest at \$1,275, Rusk at \$5,034, and Washburn at \$2,686.
	<b>9. Member Items</b>	<p>Sam – trail issues  Andy – council should support AWSC’s proposal  Tom Thornton – Bayfield County won their Federally Granted Railroad lawsuit. However, it could be appealed. We won’t know for sure until July 30<sup>th</sup>.  Rick Steimel – OWI – DL has seen 9 years in the making.  Mike Cerny – Suggest that we drop the Tourism committee.</p> <p>Suggest we develop a criteria for rating bridge rehab projects.  Look at possibly changing some of the criteria for projects in code (23.09 (16)).</p>	<p>Motion by Bev Dittmar, second by Donna White to drop the Tourism Committee, and appoint one person to represent Tourism. <u>Motion carried.</u></p> <p>Motion by Bev Dittmar, second by Bob Lang to develop an ad Hoc committee to develop a point system, changes to 23.09, application review. Make-up of committee should be ATV, county coordinator, CSS, SRC council member(s) and AWSC. <u>Motion carried.</u></p>
	<b>10. Next Meeting</b>		To be determined
3:30 PM	<b>11. Adjournment</b>		Motion by Tom Chwala, second by Bob Lang, to adjourn. <u>Motion carried.</u>

Governor's Snowmobile Recreation Council  
Law Enforcement Committee Meeting  
July 19, 2009  
Stevens Point, WI

RECOMMENDATIONS FORWARDED FROM AD HOC COMMITTEE

**1. TIE-IN ALL REC. VEHICLE OWIs TOGETHER**

- Suspension of ALL Recreational Vehicle Operating Privileges

**2. UNIFY ALL PENALTIES FOR OWI TO THE HIGHEST CURRENT PENALTIES**

First Offense OWI	= \$627.00
OWI – with a passenger <16	= \$1,131.00
Operate With Prohibited Alcohol Concentration (.08 – or more) with passenger <16	= \$ 627.00
Refuse to Submit to Evidentiary Testing with passenger <16	= \$1,131.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense OWI (within 5 yrs)	= CRIMINAL \$300 - \$1,000 Fine and 5 days – 1 year
3 <sup>rd</sup> Offense OWI (within 5 yrs)	= CRIMINAL \$600 - \$2,000 Fine and 1 mo.s – 1 year
4 <sup>th</sup> Offense OWI (within 5 yrs)	= CRIMINAL \$600 - \$2,000 Fine and 2 mo.s – 1 year
5 <sup>th</sup> Offense OWI (within 5 yrs)	= CRIMINAL \$600 - \$2,000 Fine and 2 mo.s – 1 year

Underage Passenger – all fines and jail time doubles  
Absolute Sobriety – under age 21  
Mandatory Alcohol Assessment  
Mandatory Safety Education Course

**3. TIE-IN SECOND OFFENSE TO THE DRIVER'S LICENSE**

Second recreational vehicle OWI violation within a five year period is counted as second offense and will result in a driver's license suspension.

In addition, if the person's driver's license is currently suspended or revoked for motor vehicle OWI or related offense, then it will be counted as a second offense on a recreational vehicle.

Note: If a person has a prior arrest for OWI in a motor vehicle, but their driver's license IS NOT currently suspended or revoked, it will only be counted as a first offense in a recreational vehicle.

Attachment 2

New Safety Course Graduate Sticker



Attachment 3

**RECOMMENDED LIFE FOR TYPES OF SNOWMOBILE BRIDGES  
AS PER MANUFACTURERS**

Wheeler Consolidated

Dave – 1-800-328-3986

Steel – 0-50 years

Oil Treated Lumber 30-50 years

Water Treated Lumber 20-30 years

Custom Manufacturing

Theresa – 608-676-2282

Steel 30-40 years (pins)

Spooner Machine

Randy – 888-552-0835

Steel on concrete or steel abutments – 40 years

Steel on wood abutments – 25 years

United Construction / United Hydro

Scott Boyea – 920-273-0636

Steel – 50 years

U.P. Fabricating

Rick Kauttila – 906-445-4400

Steel 25-50 years – deck – bridge 50 years +

Also has rental bridges - \$40 day depending on length (takes 2 weeks to get)