

SNOWMOBILE RECREATION COUNCIL AGENDA & RECORD

December 15, 2008

Chula Vista Resort, Laguna Vista Room, Wisconsin Dells, WI

Presenter/ Time	Agenda Item	Key Points	Outcomes, Next Steps, Assignments
10:00 AM Mike Cerny	1. Call to Order	<p>Members Present: Mike Cerny, Bev Dittmar, Donna White, Tom Chwala, Tom Thornton, Jerry Green, Rick Steimel, Andy Malecki, Bob Lang, Jon Schweitzer, Larry Erickson, Karen Carlson, Sam Landes, and Mike Willman</p> <p>Others Present: Diane Conklin, Gary Eddy, Tom Blotz – DNR, John , DOT Attorney, and members of the public</p>	
	2. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting		Motion by Donna White, second by Tom Thornton to approve minutes. <u>Motion carried.</u>
Mike Cerny	3. Comments	<p>Chair Comments Attended a new group meeting for off highway motorcycle. WATVA representative brought a good message, don't upset current users.</p> <p>Vice Chair: Snow all over the state and it looks beautiful. Thanks to the committee members for working as a team and coming forward with good ideas.</p>	
	4. Citizen Participation	<p>Bill Pfaff – question for Gary Eddy, if you are cutting your budget back, are you reducing the cost to the program overall so we'll have more money available for projects.</p> <p>Gary – warden positions are paid out of tribal gaming. That is the account that is getting the cuts.</p> <p>AWSC – Morris Nelson Legislative efforts this year are CAP program – they will continue to work on that to get more money into the</p>	

		<p>program. Increase in Non-Resident funds – the Department doesn't seem too excited to get this moved into the Supplemental funds. Add language changes to get snowmobiles entered as an eligible use on state trails (note statute number) Thought about going to change the law on sales tax for grooming equipment. LE asking for \$128,000 out of grooming funds to go to LE. Not sure if AWSC will be interested in approving this. OWI issue – will this be something where all groups will be brought in for support. Leg Council for Non-Motorized Committee – it would be good for the Council to watch and attempt to be a participant or member, if it forms.</p> <p>Doug Johnson – CAP – more effort on registration and trail pass proposal that will make economic fairness for all snowmobilers. The thrust of the program is to see that those that develop and maintain the trails should see a reduced rate versus those that don't participate, but pay the same rate.</p>	
	<p>5. Reports</p>	<p>State Trails Council – Tom Thornton – met at Kettle Moraine SP in September. New Council Chair – Randy Harden (a motorized user). Non-motorized trails committee will seek funding from gas tax fund. Ad Hoc committee with State trails is meeting in January.</p> <p>Department – Gary Eddy – Cutbacks in Gaming that will effect law enforcement. State still recovering from cost of fuel earlier in the year. Wardens are still trying to</p>	

		<p>recover from this. Request for 2 wardens (\$128,000) is being requested because of the reduction of Tribal Gaming funds. Tribal gaming funds will remain the same but the warden expenditure was eliminated. The special warden team will be eliminated this year and equipment disbursed.</p>	
	<p>6. Reports of Standing Committees</p>	<p><u>LE Committee – Rick Steimel</u> OWI Tie In goals summary First fatality – in Barron County Attended snow shows and asked for folks to complete a survey regarding OWI (see LE minutes for additional information) <u>Finance Committee – Bev Dittmar</u> Supplemental is complete and we know the pro-rate. The deadline was met with a total of 56 counties and 9 state properties. Supplemental was 55.6447%. However, with the 13.10 request approved, it will go to 62.1280%. <u>Infrastructure Committee – Andy Malecki</u> Bridge guidelines – moving forward and hope to have it ready for next year Bridge inspection guidance – Diane will work with Sanjay Olson to develop some guidelines. Trail Arrows – Council has been asked to bring back a sample of the arrows you are using in your area. We need to develop a spec for the arrow for consistency. Hubbleton Bridge Project – still moving forward, though very slowly. There is a federal timeline that will go away after September (funds from DNR to the Federal Government) so the project will need to be monitored very closely. Grooming Equipment Surveys – out to the counties and</p>	<p>Motion by Donna White, second by Tom Thornton to approve the committee reports as presented. Motion carried.</p>

		<p>hope to have a consolidation of information by the February meeting.</p> <p>Trail Issues – Sam presented a list of project that they were having difficulties with. Diane will take each individual list to the appropriate program to clear this up.</p> <p>Utica Nora - \$1000 for 12 miles of trail. # of miles must be on the contract. The qualifier is \$150 for grooming.</p> <p>Trailers – we’re going to be recommending to the Council that we add a category of trailers to the Equipment List in the Spring.</p> <p>Equipment Rate Sheet – a concern regarding language on the document.</p> <p>RTA funds may be eliminated with funding cuts at the federal government.</p> <p>Groomer markings – refer to the IASA guidance.</p> <p>Concern was expressed regarding trails that have had an ongoing trail and is now being changed because of resource discovery. It is imperative that the agencies involved inform the user groups of any problems.</p> <p><u>Tourism Committee – Jerry Green</u></p> <p>Tourism projects have included the placemat distribution in the past, impacts of snowmobiling on the economy.</p>	
	<p>7.Action Arising from Reports</p>		<p>Motion by Tom Thornton, second by Rick Steimel, to tie OWI to Recreational Vehicles operating privileges only.</p> <p>Discussion: This motion is to give the Council a starting point to discuss with other recreational user groups. It has been on the agenda for discussion for several years and we need to move this forward. We are not seeking legislation at this point. <u>Motion carried – 1 opposed.</u></p>

			<p>Motion was made by the committee that all recreational penalties be standardized to the highest current penalty for OWI.</p> <p>Motion by Mike Willman, second by Tom Thornton to approve the committee's motion. <u>Motion carried – 2 opposed.</u></p> <p>Motion by Rick Steimel to develop a concept to tie second offense to Driver's License. Second by Tom Thornton.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote: Karen Carlson – Y Larry Erickson – N Donna White – N Andy Malecki – N Tom Chwala – N Jerry Green – Y Jon Schweitzer – Y Mike Willman – Y Rick Steimel – Y Tom Thornton – Y Sam Landes – N Bev Dittmar – N Tie- Mike Cerny – Y</p> <p><u>Motion carried 7 Yes – 6 No.</u></p> <p>Infrastructure Committee – Recommends to the Council to strike the last paragraph of Equipment Maintenance Standards, which reads: “Where the Department of Transportation issues rates that reflect an adjustment due to the fuel rates, these rates shall be the rates utilized for the season.”. This will avoid the confusion between several rates provided during the year, and the rates</p>
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	<p>8. Trail Matters</p>		

	<p>9. Member Items</p>	<p>Council Member Items – Committee Assignments – Assignments have been made. Now is the time to change, if you don't want to serve on one (or more). Tom Chwala has asked to be appointed to the Tourism Committee.</p> <p>Membership – Mike and Bev discussed the idea of putting a youth member on the council as a non-voting member. The thought would be that a youth name would be provided by AWSC's youth group that the Council would approve and appoint. At the end of the term, the youth would receive a certificate acknowledging their service.</p> <p>Meeting Times & Dates: Because of personal family commitments, Tom would like to see Thursday/Friday or Monday/Tuesday meetings instead of Sunday/Monday. It will stay Sunday/Monday.</p> <p>Engineering and Bridge Installation – table until February meeting.</p>	<p>The Chair indicated that he would take Tom's request under advisement.</p> <p>Motion Bev to approve the concept of having a youth, non-voting member appointed to the council, with criteria set by the Council. Second by Jerry Green. <u>Motion carried.</u></p>
	<p>10. Next Meeting</p>	<p>Engineering and Bridge Installation – next meeting</p>	<p>Next meeting at Waters of Minoqua on Feb 3, 4, and 5. Info to follow. Notification to cancel reservation is Jan 9. Must know before that.</p>
	<p>11. Adjournment</p>		<p>Motion by Tom Thornton, second by Sam Landes to adjourn. <u>Motion carried.</u> Meeting adjourned at 12:03 PM.</p>