

Snowmobile Recreation Council  
INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING  
October 1, 2007

MINUTES

1. Call meeting was called to order at 8:36 AM by Andy Malecki, Chair  
Present: Andy Malecki, Sam Landes, Donna White, Bev Dittmar, Larry Erickson,  
and Mike Cerny.

Others: Tom Thornton, Bob Lang, Karen Carlson ,Jerry Green (Full Council members), Diane Conklin, DNR, and Danny Carlson (public citizen)

2. Acceptance of minutes of meeting July 22, 2007  
Motion made by Bev, second by Donna White to approve July minutes. Motion carried.
3. Public comments – None
4. Bridge Guideline booklet update – Natural Resources Board should receive the packet at their December meeting. Anticipate having the booklet done by February. Hoping to have LTE assist with completion.
5. Stud issue – Mike Cerny  
The issue reflects the concerns we had with the paper company that was getting flat tires from studs. Currently, there are only two insurance companies that cover snowmobile trails. One local adjuster suggested that it might be claimable. However, until a claim is filed, no one will know. We should recommend to AWSC that this is a possible insurance item.
6. Out of state user fee – Larry Erickson  
User fee is outdated by approximately 10 years. Because of the price of equipment and operation costs, it needs to be done

Forced membership could jeopardize the landowner's liability. (Shirley Abrahamson's opinion) (New York, New Hampshire, and Vermont). Reasonable to charge a higher reg. fee for non club member versus member. Committee agreed that non-resident user fee needs to be increased.

Disparity between two pieces of equipment. Class I ATV Rate – Box scraper \$10.50 + power unit tracked vehicle 100 hp. U of M Custom Rate Guide Will attempt to get a copy of this guide.

7. Trail issues – Sam Landes  
Boscobel to Blue River (Trail 27) Did get a permit for another year. This is the trail that was a public trail for a number of years (funded 1987). Very scenic trail. DOT has indicated the trail needs to be moved, also DNR has indicated that there is an endangered resources concern as well.

Orv Langher indicated that there was a problem with Trail #7 in northern WI (Mi). DOT is doing something up there. Also discussion to relocate Hwy 2. This trail runs from Iron River to Iron Mountain. (WI-MI-WI). Heavily used snowmobile trail.

Cheese Country – Pecatonica trail - A quick claim deed has been done. This would make the transfer back to rail easier. What is the status and what can we do to save this?

The Council asked where does the DNR step in and protect these trails and what are our priorities? Diane will attempt to seek a response to this inquiry.

Andy – Oconto and Peshtigo – they have started moving dirt. Project Engineer Becky Rooyackers with DOT, maintenance person and local snowmobile representative will meet to discuss a logical crossing.

Andy - Amberg and Pembine – funded culverts. Now, the DOT has announced that they will be redoing the road in 2-3 years. They will be putting passing lanes in. They acknowledge the cost and work done and will take that into account when they build the lanes.

Mole Lake – trail to the casino. The county has been unsuccessful in securing the easement. No grant has been written.

8. Remainder of projects for funding – defer to full council meeting.
9. Member items – Jerry Green – Supplemental and the “abuse of the system” and his concerns. He received a threatening call to his business. However, he has not pursued a criminal complaint at this time. Monroe County appears to be unhappy about his feelings regarding supplemental. Andy felt that this should be deferred to the full council.
10. Adjournment Bev made a motion to adjourn. Donna seconded. Motion carried. Motion adjourned at 10:07 AM