



Snowmobile Advisory Council Law Enforcement and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday February 10, 2020
Eagle River Inn, Eagle River, Wisconsin

Committee Members Present: Sam Landes - Chair, Arlyn Baumgarten, Joel Enking, Andy Malecki, Mike Holden

Other Council Members Present: Bev Dittmar, Dave Newman, Nancy Olson, Jeff Schwaller, Lee Van Zeeland, Bob Lang, Tom Chwala, Sam Landes, Sue Smedegard, Don Mrotek

DNR staff attendance: Jillian Steffes, Ed Slaminski, Annie Loechler, Jeff Pennucci, Matt Zorn, April Dombrowski, Marty Stone

Public attendance: Members of the public

1. **Call to order at 11:26 AM**
2. **Agenda Repair - None**
3. **Acceptance of minutes of previous meeting**

Motion to approve October 2019 minutes by Mike, 2nd by Andy. MOTION PASSED

4. **Committee Chair Comments – Sam Landes**

- The 40' rule is being worked on, aiming to introduce legislation in the next session.

5. **Public Comments**

- None

6. **DNR Reports and Updates**

- Welcome to Marty Stone – New Off Highway Vehicle Administrator (Conservation Warden)
 - Started on Feb 9th, has worked as a rec safety warden in the field (ATV, boating, crash reconstruction etc.).
- Sound Enforcement
 - Original stationary test was 4 feet high, 4 meters back at 4000 rpms @ 88 DBA. The concern the Wardens had was that at 4000 rpms, most sleds were trying to engage to physically move. Not ideal for either the tester, or the clutch, belt of the sled being tested.
 - The SAE updated J2567 to a 2500 rpm test at 82 DBA that equalized the standard. A safer test.
 - Current sound law states a machine can't be modified, but doesn't address the fact that the current rider may not have been the one to modify it.
- Fatality Summary
 - 2020 calendar year currently at 11. Slight delay in posting fatalities due to procedural change.

7. **Snowmobile LE Issues on the Legislative Front**

- Ch 350 Road ROW
 - Working on changing the 40' setback, DOT is comfortable with eliminating or changing it, but if the trail is <10' from the road, DOT may want to require a permit. Still a work in progress.

8. **Committee member reports, comments and items.**

- Arlyn – Safety program seems to be working
- Andy – When will the sign handbook be printed? Budget concerns (who will pay), and waiting on the 40' rule update. Maybe next year.

9. **Items for next meeting**

- None

10. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Joel, 2nd by Arlyn. MOTION PASSED