

Kootenai County
Snowmobile Advisory Board
Minutes of Meeting January 6, 2020

Members Present: Dale Adickes, Ted Burnside, Al Beauchene, Steve Powers, Lavern Welton, Don West and Joe Wuest

Others Present: Dave Bonasera Program Director, Leslie Duncan, Commissioner, Will Klinkefus, of the Kootenai County Sheriff's Department and Ian Cotter, of the US Forest Service, and guest Del Kerr, Rodney Waller & Orin Moses.

Dale Adickes called the meeting to order at 7:05am and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dale asked if there were any additions or corrections to the December 2, 2019 minutes. Steve made a motion to approve the minutes. Ted seconded the motion. The roll was called, and all voted aye, the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Letter of Support/ORMV Grant/KCSO, Dale explained the December meeting agenda did not get out therefore, we needed to ratify the action items of the meeting. Joe made a motion to ratify the Boards action of the December meeting on the letter of support for the KCSO ORMV Grant. Al seconded the motion. The roll was called, and all voted aye, the motion was passed.

Election of Chair & Vice Chair, Joe made a motion to ratify the Boards action of the December meeting to elect the Chair and Vice Chair. Al seconded the motion. The roll was called, and all voted aye, the motion passed

Snowmobile Advisory Board Recommendations, Joe moved to ratify the groomer board action from its December board meeting on the Snowmobile Advisory Board recommendations. Al seconded the motion. The roll was called, and all voted aye, the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Acknowledgement of Service/Del Kerr, Commissioner Duncan presented Del Kerr with a certificate of appreciation and thank you for his service to the Kootenai County Groomer Program.

Kootenai County Sign Grant, Joe indicated he wanted to make a correction on the amount of the ORMV sign grant after talking to Tiffany of IDPR. Joe said we need to approve up to \$18,000 for the ORMV sign grant. He asked Dave for some information on the barricade legs. Ian mentioned he had sent the sign & barricade list for Shoshone and Kootenai County to Joe Al made a motion to recommend the County put in for up to \$18,00 for an ORMV sign grant. Ted seconded the motion. The roll was called, and all voted aye, the motion passed.

Groomer Building on Fernan, Joe indicated he did not get all the cost for the groomer building at Fernan and Joe mentioned he asked the Trails Working Group (TWG) if there were any other groups that could use the building. The TWG did not object to the building being placed at Fernan. Dave discussed the cost of generator and heating. Vandalism of the proposed groomer building was discussed. IAN indicated he passed the paper on the subject to the Ranger.

Over Snow Ride/Skitwish, Orin asked Dave if he would help with taking supplies up to the Skitwish trail Shelter for the ride. Orin also asked the Commissioner if she wanted a ride to the event. Will offered to get her a ride to the Over snow ride if she wanted to go.

Grant for New Pickup/Sand Truck, Dale discussed the grant submittal for the pickup and the sand truck, Dave discussed the need for the pickup and the sand truck, Joe said he discussed the RTP vs ORMV with Tiffany of IDPR and the equipment grant match. Joe made a motion the Groomer Board recommend the grant submittal for an RTP grant with a 50% match for the pickup. Lavern seconded the motion. The roll was called. all voted aye, motion passed. Dale mentioned we should put in for a sand truck this year. Al made a motion to put in for an RTP grant for a sand truck. Steve seconded the motion. The roll was called, all voted aye, motion passed. Joe asked Dave who was going to put in for a grant as it was getting close for submittals. Dave said he would get some information from the Sheriff department.

Del Kerr gave a history of the Kootenai County Groomer Program, He indicated the Program received the first groomer in 1975, Del mentioned the highlights of the program such as implementing the groomer sticker, the ice storm and help he received from the Forest Service personnel. Rodney Waller indicated he wanted to thank the groomer program for what they do for the County snowmobilers and the volunteers that help with the program, Rodney thanked Del for his service.

Reports:

KCSD:

Will indicated four vehicles were stuck up the Bunco and a bunch on Fernan, He would like to have barricades go up as soon as possible. People aren't prepared when they are going up in the mountains, Will indicated the Sheriff Department is ready for the season. Will asked about birming up the road at the top of Fernan to keep vehicles out. Will indicated the vehicle up the Bunco was blocking the road. Will said he hasn't heard back from IDPR regarding towing stuck vehicles on trails.

Forest Service

Ian mentioned there were side by sides up the Bunco that were wider than the 74" rule. Ian discussed the Shoshone grooming. Will indicated the Sheriff Department would put a press release out regarding the widths.

IDPR: none

Directors Report:

Dave indicated the groomers are ready to go. He also indicated some budget line items were wrong. He mentioned a tire fell off the loader which he had repaired.

Members Reports:

Don gave a Avery report. Joe indicated he will send Don Info of the Snowmobile Advisory Board

The next Snowmobile Advisory Board meetings will be held at Elmer's Restaurant at 7:00am on February 3, 2020 and the following meetings, March 2 and April 6, 2020.

Steve made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00am. Lavern seconded the motion. The roll was called, and all voted aye. The motion carried.

Acting Recording Secretary, Joseph H. Wuest