

MISORVA
Board of Director Meeting – Saturday December 7th, 2019
Location: Foggy's Steakhouse Christmas, MI

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by President Jim Kelts at 10 am. The Pledge of Allegiance was given, and a moment of silence was observed for Pearl Harbor remembrance. Introductions of the group were done.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** The roll call of the BOD was taken and recorded. Secretary has the recording available upon request.
Motion by Don Reed, second by Dave Neuchterlein for President to take things out of Order.
Motion Carried
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** *New Business (d) Stutter bumps (e) Awards Program (f) Trail Reports/Website (g) MISORVA logo (h) Clean Snowmobile Challenge (i) BOD change (j) free snowmobile weekend*
Motion by Don Reed, second by Don Britton, to accept the Agenda. Motion carried.
- IV. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** Minutes were emailed and are available at this meeting. (Placed on file)
Motion by Dan Moore, second by Ron Corbett, to accept the minutes. Motion carried.
- V. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Two handouts. Mark went over the Treasurer's Report. Trail Permits are starting to move, after the hold up. The store clothing is doing well. GPS, and map books have been strong.
Motion by Ron Schroeder, second by Don Britton to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion Carried.
- VI. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
- A. **LEGISLATIVE: Mark Evans.** Mark is home due to illness. Ron Corbett asked about the Legislative Ride. Jim has a call into Lee Chatfield's office. More to come.
 - B. **MEMBERSHIP: Ron Corbett.** Ron stated before every BOD meeting at 9am we will have a Membership Committee meeting. Ron plans to put together information to teach people in each district how to market us, and work our shows. If you are interested, please see Ron. The Novi Show was down on Memberships this year, but Trail Permit sales were up.
 - C. **TRAIL COORDINATION: Brian Hicks.** Brian said he's communicated with the Legislative chair a few times over the last month regarding some issues. He is working on a local issue out of Luzerne. One issue by letter has been presented to the group to be worked on.
 - D. **PUBLICATION: John Houk.** John reported 2 issues have gone out at this time. If you have any articles you would like in the magazine, please send them to Karen in the office.
- VII. **OTHER REPORTS:**
- A. **ACSA: Jim Duke.** Jim reported the Board of Directors meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 26 November was cancelled and rescheduled for Tuesday 17 December. The Federal Budget was scheduled to expire on 21 November with a government shutdown but in a last minute agreement by both the House and the Senate, funding was extended again until December 20th for government including Land Management agencies. One of the big issues with the federal budget was what they call the FAST act, or Fixing Americas Surface Transportation. The budget cuts they had in the appropriations committee were just repealed. That is where the RTP money comes from. Recently, the House Natural Resources Committee approved four Wilderness Bills that if designated would protect more than one million acres of public lands from development **and prohibit any motorized access** whatsoever. Lands proposed are all out west, with more than 675,000 acres in Colorado, over 125,000 acres in Washington state, and at least 374,000 acres in California.
 - B. **Charity: Kaye Houk.** Kaye reminded the group every year we ask you to keep track of your volunteer hours. This includes Any Non-Paid hours. Please update your officers lists with the office, as they are the ones who receives this information for the club. This information is used for the International Snowmobile community to explain to their different levels of government how important snowmobiling is as a revenue source, as well as what volunteer work is done. The more information that is provided as statistics to them, the better.
 - C. **Midwest Chapter: Ron Corbett** Ron talked about the two different riding areas now, The Mountain riding areas, and the Trail riding areas. There is a Mountain Riding Summit Feb 21- 23 in West Yellowstone. He explained who is in the Midwest Chapter.
 - D. **By-Laws: Jim Duke.** No new proposals at this time. He explained how to submit any proposals.
 - E. **Friends of the Forest (UP only): Jim Duke.** No meetings lately. Same rules apply as previously reported. All OSV travel is approved in the Hiawatha unless otherwise restricted per area specific. Not allowed in any Wilderness areas or those designated as non-motorized.
 - F. **Groomer Workshop: Don Reed** gave an explanation of the Groomer Workshop. The dates are March 5-7 at the Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie, MI. Many educational seminars, networking, roundtable discussions, the manufacturers, and the equipment.
 - G. **Recreation: Rich Rottier.** Rich gave a flyer to the group for rates and registration. He asked for sponsors for the t-shirts, as well as while at the Ride-In. He asked for sponsors for the games as well, (helpers) He said his email is in the magazine or on the website. The Campout will be at the Headwaters Campground. June 19-21, 2020. There

will be an ORV ride Friday. More information to Come on that. There is a cutoff on the rooms at the casino, which is 2 weeks prior. Rich asked for a few hundred dollars for prizes for the Ride-In.

**Brian Hicks made a motion, seconded by Rick Norey for the Recreation Committee to buy \$200 in prizes.
Motion Carried**

VIII. Old Business:

- A. **ORV- One Permit: Jim Kelts.** Jim stated at the last meeting it was discussed about the need of having one permit. Jim explained a few weeks ago, He and Karen had a meeting with Ron Olson and Jackie Blodgett where they said Why do we need Two permits for ORV's? We were told, we can discuss it. So, more to come.
- B. **Trail Permits: Jim Kelts.** Jim said the contract is all set, thanks to Ron Olson. There will be a new contract signed every year. Dan Moore recommended we go to the fire officers to get them to our meetings, and to the Groomer Workshop. Jim and Karen will continue to improve communication with the DNR, and get them back to our meetings. We have been assured one member from the area will attend. Joe Chavis mentioned the communication issue with the DNR. He called into a program here in the UP, called "Ask the DNR" and posed the question; Is there anywhere on the web that you can go and get trail reports for snowmobiling? He was hoping the answer would be MISORVA has all that. Instead, the answer was contact the Chambers, or local clubs. Where is the Partnership? Jim asked Joe to send him an email with all the particulars on that information. IN the same meeting Jim and Karen had with Ron Olson they talked about grading trails. Several clubs have taken contracts to grade ORV trails in the summer. Which brings up the questions of equipment. We need some guidelines in place. Jim suggested forming a committee for Dual Trail Maintenance.

Rick Brown made a Motion that Dan Moore chair a committee to look into the Dual Use of Equipment on Snowmobile and ORV Trails. Karyn Hautamaki Seconded. Motion Carried.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Executive Director:** Bill Manson retired. We now have a big hole to fill. There are several committees that Bill sat on. Jim has been at the office several days a week. Karen has stepped up and has been filling Bill's shoes. Jim also Thanked Ron Corbett who has been at the office doing miscellaneous odd jobs. Thanks Ron!

**Rick Brown made a motion to make Karen Middendorp Interim Executive Director. Lee Palmer Seconded.
Motion Carried.**

CONGRATULATIONS KAREN!

- B. **DNR: Covered under Trail Permits**
- C. **Dirt Grading: Covered under Trail Permits**
- D. **Stutter Bumps: Don Reed** expressed concern over stutter bumps, in his opinion caused by ORV use. He offered some solutions taken by his club. Any questions, please ask him.
- E. **Awards Program: Jim Kelts.** Jim asked the group if there is still interest in the awards program? We haven't been getting a lot of submissions the last few years. The applications are always on the website. Dave Neuchterlein asked what the cost of the awards program is. Karen said its around \$100 per member. History of the Almost Snowmobiler of the Year award was given.

**Tony Harry made a motion to leave it the way it is now form ORV awards in the summer. John Houk second.
Discussion**

Dave Neuchterlein said this may be a place to scale back due to monetary constraints, and the communication needs to be better. It needs to be advertised better, because several people weren't aware. It was brought up this would be a good membership tool. Mark Pankner said spending a little to Thank our volunteers is money well spent.

Call for the Question. Motion Read. Motion Failed.

Dan Moore made a motion the BOD appoint an awards committee to look at Snowmobile awards and develop ORV awards to be presented at the Annual meeting. John Houk second. Motion Carried.

CONGRATULATIONS KEN MCCRUM 2019 SNOWMOBILER OF THE YEAR!!

- F. **Trail Reports/Website:** The Trail permit pages are up and running thank you Jeremy! Trail report pages are not available or seen on phones, you must use a computer. Each grant sponsor needs to have someone do the trail reports, Extremely Important to update! There is Old MSA merchandise available in the MSA store for a discount.
- G. **MISORVA Logo:** There has been discussion it needs to be changed. Jim said we will have some ideas at the next meeting.
- H. **Clean Snowmobile Challenge: John Houk.** John said its usually at this meeting when they start asking for people who would like to attend the challenge. If you're interested, please contact John.
- I. **BOD Change:** Withdrawn at this time.
- J. **Free Snowmobile Weekend: Jim Kelts.** Jim gave the history of us working on trying to get a free snowmobile weekend. At this past SAW meeting, Ron Olson said we can probably get it done with a Director's Order. Probably not this year, but at least that's something.

K. (Added to Agenda) MSA TRUCK: Jim Kelts said it's time to sell the 2006 Duramax crew cab. There are right around 400,000 miles on the truck now, and it's become a maintenance nightmare, Karen explained the deal she has worked out with Fox Motorsports. They provided a van for us a few years ago when we went to Washington D.C., and have agreed to do something for us. Karen and Jim have a meeting in a few weeks to work out details.

Ken McCrum made a motion to sell the MSA truck, second by Ron Corbett. Motion carried.

X. TRAILS & SAW COMMITTEE REPORT:

REGION 1: Jim Duke. Jim reported most everything was already discussed at the SAW meeting Thursday, but if you have questions, please ask. Of primary interest, however, was the discussion of SAW vacancies. Currently there are three including an at-large position, the grant sponsor position, and one for MISORVA Region 3 due to Mr. Manson retiring. This may change with the request for reassignment by some of the remaining members to fill the vacant positions which may or may not be approved. Applications are available at the MISORVA Office. Appointments are determined by the Chair of the Michigan Trails Advisory Council. Don Britton said the Marquette tunnel is open! Trail 5 is closed to Big Bay due to logging and so is Trail 310.

REGION 2: John Houk made a motion that MISORVA send a letter to with recommendations for those 2 positions to the SAW Committee. Second by Rick Brown. Motion carried. John recommended Jim Kelts. Ken McCrum seconded. Motion carried. Karen Middendorp and Mark Evans are both interested in Region 3.

REGION 3: No report at this time.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT: Jim gave the group the 2020 Meeting Dates. (See Below)

Connie Dillard gave the group information about the Haywire events. This has been 3 years in the making. The Snowmobile Event is February 29.

XII. ADJOURNMENT: *Motion by Brian Hicks, second by Don Britton to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned*

MISORVA Board of Director Meetings:

Jan 11, 2020 - Kewadin Casino St. Ignace, MI

March 21, 2020 - TBA

May 16, 2020 - TBA

July 11, 2020 - TBA

Sept. 19, 2020 - TBA

October 17, 2020 - Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

December 12, 2020 - TBA

*****If you cannot make the meeting, please contact the MISORVA Secretary for an excused absence.*****