

MISORVA
Board of Director Meeting – Saturday Sept 19, 2020
Location: Zoom Meeting

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by President Jim Kelts at 10:00 am.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Secretary was absent. Recording will be sent for verification of the BOD.
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** *Additions to the agenda. Under new business (c) Karoub; Under Old Business (c) Survey*
Motion by Ron Corbett, second by Rick Brown, 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 Jim Duke, second by John Houk, to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.
- V. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Mark Pankner went over the bank balances with the group. He spoke of the Trail Permit sales, the breakdown of the numbers, and the importance of these sales. And for the first time in a long time, we ended on the plus side for the year.
Motion by Dan White, second by Alan Kava to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion Carried.
- VI. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Karen Middendorp:** Karen apologized for running out of time and not providing a print copy of her report. She said she's been very busy. She spent 4 hours the other day with Nathan working on the programming. Karen has had meetings every Tuesday with the districts, and Wednesday with the officers. She's met with some dealers. She's attended several meet and greets for the Legislators, and she wants to remind all of you to talk with Your Legislators too!
- VII. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - A. **LEGISLATIVE: Mark Evans.** Mark was at a club meeting therefore no committee report was available.
 - B. **MEMBERSHIP: Ron Corbett.** (Copied) Not a much to report, given the health situation we're in. Dealers are saying they are not planning open houses until they have more product. Karen Middendorp worked the Nelsons down sized show two days and I joined her on Saturday. We had some renewals and a few new members sign up. Membership is more of a one on one situation I know I joined the organization because of one person, John West. You all have influence on several individuals and if there in our recreation use that influence. Any ideas you may have or events we could be involved it keep Karen or Ron informed. Our membership is flat right now.
 - C. **TRAIL COORDINATION: Brian Hicks.** Brian has nothing to add at this time.
 - D. **PUBLICATION: John Houk.** (Copied) The Sept/Oct 2020 issue has been mailed and received by most. Work has begun on the Nov/Dec issue. There is an article in the works for a women's ride in the UP, suggested by Donna C. The 2020 CAMP-OUT should also be in that issue. The info for the 2021 RIDE-IN will also be included. Jessica Holley will be submitting an article for the upcoming issue (she had some health issues, so her article was missed last issue) Anyone who has a suggestion for an article, please let us know. The editor will help anyone write a story.
- VIII. **OTHER REPORTS:**
 - A. **ACSA: Jim Duke.** (Copied) Currently looking at holding a face-to-face meeting sometime this fall. No date yet, waiting for the right time when everyone can feel safe to attend. The 2021 ISC Planning Committee had a meeting this month in Omaha and was attended by Vice Pres. Dan Long instead of Pres. Scott Herzog due to the 14-day quarantine if he leaves the state. No word yet on what transpired at that meeting. Saskatchewan has notified the ISC that they are not interested in hosting the 2023 Congress they were offered due to cancellation of the 2020 Congress. Should be in the west but not necessary. The Eagle River Snow Show took place this past weekend and may well be the only one in the Midwest this year. ACSA took advantage of the booth provided and had a big presence there. Still planning to have a silent auction sometime this fall but will be done electronically. Currently waiting on ad content from some of the advertisers and calendars can be printed. Hope to have them out in early November. The anti-snowmobile community is ramping up their push for snow depth and date restrictions out west, mostly in Wyoming forests. Trails Area will be meeting face-to-face on Saturday the 26th in Eagle River, WI
 - B. **Charity: Kaye Houk.** Kay said please have your clubs record their hours. All summer clubs have been doing some things. Write them down.
 - C. **Midwest Chapter: Ron Corbett.** Ron said they plan to get together some time at the ISHOF as time permits. He went on to explain to the group what the Midwest Chapter is.
 - D. **By-Laws: Jim Duke.** The proposals have been printed and are eligible to be voted on at the Annual meeting by the General membership.
 - E. **Friends of the Forest: Jim Duke.** Construction is underway on the Doty Bridge replacement and a reroute is in place for the ORV trail "C". **Brian Hicks.** Nothing to report. **Pete Finch.** The Manistee Ranger continues to be optimistic in getting wheeled vehicle recreation allowed in the Huron Manistee, however sees no movement until after the election.
 - F. **Groomer Workshop:** Karen asked Keith Lynch to help with groomer workshop. Karen and Keith Churill spoke about the ORV Restoration Fund and he said he would be willing to do a class on that. Still looking for a chair.

- G. **Recreation: Rich Rottier.** Summer Ride In went very well. Winter Ride In will be in Newberry. Feb 4-7, 2021 at the Pleasant Moose Lodge. Limit is 100 people for food! Book Early!! Jim Thanked Rich for all of his hard work. Rich said he should know by the Annual Meeting some locations for next year.
- H. **Dual Trail Maintenance Committee: Don Britton.** No report at this time.
- I. **Public Relations Committee: Ron Schroeder.** No report at this time.

IX. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. **District Meetings:** Karen Middendorp says the District Meetings are going well. They happen the starting the first Tuesday of the month with Region 1, the next Tuesday will be Region 2 and then Region 3, until the next month. Karen said they talk about anything and everything. Trails, legislation, grooming, etc. It was decided to allow everyone in at 7pm. There will be links on the website for reminders.
- B. **Ongoing DNR Relations:** Jim Kelts explained the DNR hasn't been playing nice for some time now. More information coming. We will be keeping this under Action items.
- C. **Legislative Dirt Ride:** This has been postponed until 2021.

X. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **MISORVA Committees:** The committees will be changed at the First of the year. John Newman asked if you're interested in staying on a committee, or getting on a committee, please let him know.
- B. **Nomination Committee:** Ron Corbett said he has made several phone calls and talked to lots of people. No one is interested in Secretary at this time. Terri Norey said she will consider it.
- C. **Legislative Survey:** The results from the survey were only 2 returned the survey. Stephanie Hubbarth-Bergan made a recommendation to resend the survey to all the new legislators after the election.

***Motion by Stephanie Hubbarth-Bergan to send survey after election, second by Ron Corbett.
Motion Carried***

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Annual Meeting/SAW/Ride:** The date for the Annual meeting are October 17th, 2020. Kaye asked about the voting procedures, and Karen Middendorp explained how it will work. There is voting capabilities on Zoom.
John Houk made a motion to test vote on Zoom now. Stephanie Hubbarth-Bergan second. Motion Carried
- B. **Take a friend Snowmobiling Week:** This is the International Take a Friend Snowmobile week. You're encouraged to do events with your clubs and take pictures, and send them in to the office.
- C. **Karoub:** Mark Pankner gave history about Karoub and their years with lobbying. They are very well respected in Lansing, and are ready to hit the ground running on October 1st. They are a tad more than what we were paying, but we believe it will be worth the cost. Dan White asked that a letter be sent to our local clubs explaining the value they're getting with the legislators. Mark Pankner recommended trying sponsor a month to the clubs. Pete Finch recommended every Region.

Rick Brown made a motion to hire Karoub, Ron Corbett second. Motion carried.

XII. TRAILS & SAW COMMITTEE REPORT:

REGION 1: Jim Duke (Copied) Participated in a conference call on the Tuesday the 8th with State Senator McBroom, several county road commissioners, and the DNR. Topic was repair of road surfaces at trail crossings and wanting the snowmobile program to pay for it. We explained that we purchase fuel at the same stations, for the same price, and pay the same taxes as all other vehicles, but only get 14% of 2% back in taxes to the program, and have never paid for road repairs. The Senator said perhaps we could look at realigning the funding formula to help some, but Ron Olson said prepare for a big fight from the boaters if there's a possibility they may lose money. Was invited to the Ribbon Cutting Celebration at Holly Oaks that took place on Friday the 11th but was unable to go. It was limited to just 100 and was not open to the public. Phase one of the ORV Park was officially opened on Thursday the 17th. Jessica Holley has posted the Preseason Snowmobile Grant Sponsors meetings to all concerned. There will be two statewide meetings held electronically, by either computer or telephone. The first will be on Wednesday the 23rd from 6:00pm - 7:30pm and the second will be on Thursday the 24th from 11:00am - 12:30pm. The next SAW meeting will be on Thursday October 15th at 10am. It is still planned to be held electronically at this time and I don't expect that to change, but if it does we'll try to notify everyone.

REGION 2: Jim Kelts talked about using flatbed rail cars as bridges. There was a study done in Iowa, that has all kinds of different information. It's in its infancy, Jim K. said.

REGION 3: Karen Middendorp said most everything she's already covered.

- XIII. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Alan Kava reported the South Arm ORV club was able to get the side of M-32 open to ORV use. So now there is access to food, gas, etc. in East Jordan. Mark Pankner let everyone know there are new license plates available for sale in the office for \$15.00. Jearmey Valley reminded everyone to be aware of scams. No officer or BOD should ever ask you for gift cards or anything. And please don't promote or publicize images with mudding, or getting stuck, swamp bog, or anything that can hurt us.

XIV. DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING: Date of the Next meeting will be the Annual Meeting October 17th, 2020.
Location ZOOM Call.

XV. ADJOURNMENT: *Motion by John Newman, second by Ron Corbett to adjourn. Motion carried.*

Meeting adjourned 12:52pm

MISORVA Board of Director Meetings:
October 17, 2020 – Annual Meeting and Election of Officers
December 5, 2020 – TBD

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