

MISORVA
Board of Director Meeting (regular) –Wednesday, June 22, 2022
Location: Electronic (Zoom) Meeting

- I. CALL TO ORDER/Welcome:** Meeting was called to order by President John Newman at 6:33 p.m.
- II. ROLL CALL:** The roll call of the BOD was taken and recorded by Secretary, Stephanie Hubbarth-Bergen. The recording is available upon request. Absences include: Sean O'Neill, Ken McCrum, Ron Schroeder, Andrea Eder, Pete Finch, Brian Hicks, Nick Ferrante, and Lee Palmer. Guests include: Karl Davenport and Carly Kraima.
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** New Business additions include: c) Camp Grayling Expansion and d) Full Bloom Raffle. *Motion by Dan White to accept the agenda. Agenda approved as corrected by unanimous vote.*
- IV. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** Minutes were emailed and are available at this meeting. (Placed on file.) *Motion by Randy Belliel to accept the minutes as presented. Motion approved by unanimous vote.*
- V. TREASURER'S REPORT & PAYMENT OF BILLS:** **Mark Pankner.** Balance Sheet and Statements were reviewed. (Placed on file in office.) Mark stated that the fiscal year budget 2022-2023 will be presented at the August meeting allowing time for review prior to the annual General Membership Meeting to be held in October. *Motion by Todd Maschke to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion approved by unanimous vote.*
- VI. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
- a. **Legislative: Paul Anderson.** No movement on any House bills at this time. Paul received a doorbell camera video of several ORVs speeding on a small UP town side-street that can be used as documentation for House Bill 1003 regarding law enforcement.
 - b. **Membership: Brad Beardsley.** Report was emailed and is available at this meeting. (Placed on file.) Carly Kraima stated that commercial memberships have begun to start trickling in to the office.
 - c. **Publication: Ron Schroeder.** No report. Deadline for the next magazine is 8/10/22.
 - d. **Trails Region 1: Todd Blanchard.** No report. Todd is still attempting to contact the local clubs.
 - e. **Trails Region 2: Ted Truckey.** No report. Ted is scheduling a lunch meeting with Greg Kinzer.
 - f. **Trails Region 3: Jim Berens.** Report was emailed and is available at this meeting. (Placed on file.) The Allegan Snowmobile Club is discussions of becoming a dual club.
- VII. OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- a. **ACSA: John Newman.** Karen stated that the International Snowmobile Congress (ISC) was a great event. Next year it will be held in Quad Cities/Moline, IL. There's a push to start Snowmobile Day event here in the US. It will be held 10/29/22. Refer to Karen's recent email from ISMA regarding a grant to host events on this day. Please take the Snowmobile Pledge on-line. Polaris Ride Command is making updates to their system. Take a Friend Week is scheduled for February 11-20, 2023 and Safety Week is January 14-22, 2023. Karen requested that we begin to consider possible dates for the recently approved Free Snowmobile Weekend. There was a break-out session for grant writing. Contact Karen if you would like any of that information. Midwest Chapter has been dissolved. Michigan is part of the newer Trails Group of ACSA. Calendar sales went well this year. David Low and Ed Klim will be inducted into the Snowmobile Hall of Fame.
 - b. **Charity: Kaye Houk.** No report.
 - c. **By-Laws: Roy Hart.** No report.
 - d. **Public Relations: Jeff Mariucci.** Meetings have been difficult to schedule. There are a couple of articles almost ready for posting. Social Media has been quiet.
 - e. **Friends of the Forest:**
 - i. **Ottawa Forest: Ernie Reimann.** Ernie recently attended a meeting with the USFS and their partners (local clubs). They discussed the sustainability of the trails, 10yr trail challenge, funding, etc.
 - ii. **Hiawatha West: Keith Churill.** There is no update on the Trail 7 South wash-out. Miner's Trail/H58 changes are actively being discussed.
 - iii. **Hiawatha East: Roy Hart.** Report was emailed and is available at this meeting. (Placed on file.) ORV Traffic appeared light on Memorial Day weekend, possibly due to fuel prices.
 - iv. **Huron: Gary Blaser.** MI State Police were out in force Memorial Day weekend. Two trail projects are being worked on and should be ready for the fall. Signs are being placed near the Au Sable River prohibiting ORVs. ORV traffic appears light in this area as well.
 - v. **Huron Manistee: Pete Finch.** No report. John Newman joined Pete for the USFS 10yr trail challenge for this area.
 - f. **Snowmobile Advisory Workgroup: Don Britton.** The Equipment Sub-committee recently met. The list will be released soon. Clubs from the January purchase are beginning to see their equipment delivered. The next meeting is 6/23/22.

- g. **ORV Advisory Workgroup: Keith Lynch.** Next meeting is scheduled for 8/24/22. There is a new member on the committee, Trevor Hoefler, out of Kalamazoo. He belongs to Chippewa County SORVA.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Legislative Luncheon: Karen Middendorp.** Incredible event. We planned for 125 attendants and we ran out of food! Many good conversations. MISORVA is well respected in the House. Hopefully we can schedule a similar event to present ORV information. This was a snowmobile informational event but many ORV questions were answered.
- b. **ORV Safety Rental Video: John Newman.** John met with the MDNR Safety Officer. He was not enthusiastic, but it appeared to be a bad time for him. John was told by Jessica Holley-Roehrs/MDNR that her office has videography that was taped prior to COVID that is available. Dave Titus spoke with a rental vendor, Grand Marais Power Sports, which is interested in requiring their customers to watch the video prior to an ORV rental. The video may be completed prior to the next meeting.
- c. **Swap Meet: Karen Middendorp.** No update. This item was tabled at the May meeting.
- d. **Dirt Grooming/Grading Committee: Jeramy Valley.** No report.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **ORV Initiatives: Joshua Driscoll.** Josh stated that our organization needs to improve our active participation in projects and initiatives that explicitly benefit the ORV community. We also need to investigate and improve the perception others have of our support of the ORV sporting community. There was a lengthy discussion of the need to identify the issues necessary to provide goals directly associated with ORV recreation. This committee needs to work with the Public Relations Committee to provide accurate information about these goals as well as our accomplishments. Josh Driscoll will chair this new committee. If you are interested in joining, please reach out to the office.
Motion by Joshua Driscoll to form an ORV Initiatives Committee. Motion approved by unanimous vote.
- b. **ORV Safety Instructor Class: John Newman.** John recently passed this intensive MDNR class. There were 20 individuals at the class, most of which were County Sheriffs.
- c. **Camp Grayling Expansion: Karen Middendorp.** Please view the on-line public input maps regarding the proposed expansion of Camp Grayling. Post comments if you are concerned. Karen placed a link on our Facebook page.
- d. **Full Bloom Raffle: Carly Kraima.** The raffle winners are as follows: 1st (\$5000) – Dean Jeffries, 2nd (\$3000) – Judy Wing, 3rd (\$2000) – Janet Berry. Ron Schroeder suggestion was chosen as this raffle name. He was rewarded with an entry for the raffle. If you have any suggestion for future raffle names, please e-mail them to the office.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT: Dave Titus stated that the recent Blessing of the ORVs in Irons was very successful. 450 admissions with approximately 1000-1200 attendants. Dave Nuechterlein questioned the status of the Miracle Million grant. Karen Middendorp responded that it has been a lot of work reviewing the many requests. Checks should be released soon. Requests ran the gamut from trail maintenance tools to barn improvements. Emerson Corder thanked John Newman for taking the time to answer many of his questions and his willingness to help him understand our organization. Brad Beardsley asked Dave Titus to write an article about the Blessing event for our magazine.

XI. DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING: Electronic (Zoom) meeting on Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. There is a membership ride tentatively scheduled for August 5-7, 2022. John suggested that someone from the Allegan Club put together the ride.

Committee chairpersons are requested to have a written report turned into the office by August 3, 2022.

Reminder: Pursuant to Article III, Section 7 of our By-laws, Board members can miss two meetings during the calendar year. Please make every effort to attend all meetings for the year even if you are late or leave early within reason.

**If you cannot attend, please contact the MISORVA Secretary via email, call, or text prior to the beginning of the meeting. **

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XII. ADJOURNMENT: *Motion by Joshua Driscoll to adjourn. Adjournment of meeting approved by unanimous vote.*

Meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Electronically signed by Stephanie Hubbarth-Bergen on August 10, 2022.

Committee Reports June 22, 2022

Standing Committees

- **Legislative -**
- **Membership – Brad Beardsley -** The Membership committee held our June committee meeting via zoom on 6/6/2022 and was well attended by all members. Our topics of discussion are below.

Key Card: Carly is moving forward with getting the info in the mailing to send out to the commercial members with their annual renewal.

Small Events: My wife and I set up a booth at the Blessing of the ORVs in Irons Michigan on May 29th. It was a very well attended event with roughly 475 ORV, before the blessing our booth saw a decent amount of traffic and most of the people were asking questions about law issues and most took a DNR ORV rules booklet and a copy of our latest magazine. It was nice to see a large event again and this one was ran very well. Thank you to Dave Titus for allowing us to set up a both.

New Business: We had a discussion on expanding our commercial membership. It was determined the best way to contact commercial businesses that are not current members is direct face to face. With only four of us on the committee we will need help with feet on the street to make the initial contact with the businesses in your area.

- **Publication -**
- **Trails**
 - ❖ **Region 1 -**
 - ❖ **Region 2 –**
 - ❖ **Region 3 – Jim Berens** No new news from region 3 to report on at this time. Nothing in the works that I know of. Snowmobile club grant requests are due in July and as far as I know are progressing as they should.

Other Committee Reports

- **ACSA-**
- **Charity -**
- **Bylaws – Roy Hart ~** No activity since last report.
- **Public Relations -**
- **Friends of the Forest -**
 - ❖ **Ottawa -**
 - ❖ **Hiawatha West –**
 - ❖ **Hiawatha East – Roy Hart ~** No activity since last report. *On a DNR related note.... A few CC-SORVA Board members former Trustees met with P.J. Costa (Paul Gaberdiel's replacement) as a "Meet & Greet" and show him some of the trail work done last year. Meeting went well and left with a positive feeling.*
 - ❖ **Huron -**
 - ❖ **Huron Manistee -**

- **SAW ~ Snowmobile Advisory Council** – No meetings since last BOD meeting. Next meeting is June 23 at 10:00AM – 2:00PM

The June meeting will be held in an online format with the opportunity for the public to view the meeting online and provide public comment by telephone. If you would like to provide public comment, please email DNR-Trails@michigan.gov I. Online Meeting Link: [TEAMS Meeting Link II](#).

Audio Only: (248) 509-0316 / Conference ID: 671 371 209#

MISORVA – Miracle Million

The grant has been encumbered according to the clubs request. 76 eligible clubs applied. Notification letters have been sent to the clubs. We are now receiving acceptance information back from the clubs and will begin releasing checks soon.

Free Snowmobile Weekend – Passed and will work with DNR for date announcement

ORVAW ~ ORV advisory Workgroup –