

Committee Reports

Presidents report -John Newman -See last page

Vice Presidents Report - Jeramey Valley - The Vice President's role is to serve in the absence of the President, and to lead with the officers in guiding the association. To that end, for the past year, I've not had to fill in for John since he's made it to every meeting and, I believe, every function. I did get to fill in for Stephanie as recording secretary for one meeting. With the Officers, we've had bi-weekly meetings. I've also participated in several committee meetings. Budget discussions take up a few of those meetings with one all-day meeting to cover the majority of the planning. That's what the VP has done for MISORVA. Related to that, I grade and maintain trails with our Club. That's 54 miles of ATV Trail that we brush, sign and my son and I grade three times per season. We also do trail repair work, where we bring low spots back up to grade and generally work to stop erosion. We use ATVs, utility tractors, dump trailers, mini-excavators and our grading equipment to make this happen. This fall we've also taken on the snowmobile trails around Atlanta. We've started fall brushing and sign work and are looking forward to grooming this winter. Outside of the trail work, we've also been in attendance at DNR trail maintenance workshops and other meetings.

Treasurer's Report - Mark Pankner

Statement of Activity Through Twelve Months Ending August 31, 2022

	Annual Budget	As of 8/31/2021	As of 8/31/2022
ACSA	\$ 1,500.00	\$2,020.00	\$2,470.00
Board Meetings	\$ 550.00	\$0.00	\$84.95
Campout	\$ 300.00	\$660.00	\$0.00
Clothing & ACC.	\$ 24,000.00	\$25,635.69	\$21,754.65
Annual Meeting	\$ 1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,535.00
Donations	\$ 25,000.00	\$27,514.01	\$43,502.08
Fund Raising Non Dues	\$ 13,000.00	\$13,939.75	\$2,417.64
Grand River Interest	\$ 300.00	\$180.54	\$179.22
Groomer Workshop	\$ 32,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
ISMA Grant	\$ 2,500.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
Membership Dues	\$ 120,000.00	\$126,250.00	\$129,238.00
MSEAF Contract	\$ 35,000.00	\$27,219.87	\$30,374.00
Newsletter	\$ 5,000.00	\$3,200.00	\$6,050.00
Postage - Trail Permit	\$ 8,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,919.00
Ride-In-Functions \$ 5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Ticket Sales	\$ 12,000.00	\$12,730.00	-\$11,125.00
Web Ads	\$ 6,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$4,700.00
Web Links	\$ 6,000.00	\$7,150.00	\$11,800.00
Trail Permits - \$1.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$8,361.00	\$9,422.00
Trail Permit Agents	\$ 24,000.00	\$0.00	\$49,478.54
Agent Processing	\$ 1,000.00	\$2,075.00	\$2,935.00
Internet Shipping	\$ 7,500.00	\$5,035.80	\$0.00

Memorials \$0.00

TOTAL INCOME \$ 338,650.00 \$269,471.66 \$321,735.08

EXPENSE - Administrative Expense

Accountant \$ 3,000.00 \$3,434.68 \$3,595.00

Computer Services \$ 8,000.00 \$15,004.27 \$1,958.68

Insurance & Security \$ 3,300.00 \$4,370.70 \$1,681.00

Office Equipment \$ 8,500.00 \$7,913.25 \$7,473.48

Salaries & Payroll \$ 128,680.00 \$75,200.98 \$94,766.01

Utilities \$ 8,000.00 \$7,971.36 \$6,284.98

Total Adm. Expense \$ 159,480.00 \$113,895.24 \$115,759.15

General Expenditures

ACSA \$ 3,500.00 \$3,405.00 \$3,917.00

ACSA Fly-In \$ 1,500.00 \$0.00 \$0.00

Board Meetings \$ 750.00 \$99.33 \$935.22

Campout \$ 2,500.00 \$1,208.89 \$0.00

Clothing & Acc. \$ 20,000.00 \$22,859.72 \$15,479.88

Annual Meeting \$ 1,000.00 \$500.00 \$833.30

Ex. Dir/Operation Exp. \$ 1,500.00 \$691.41 \$3,640.39

Fund Raising Non Dues \$ 5,500.00 \$6,275.72 \$0.00

Gen Office/Adm Exp \$ 13,000.00 \$13,422.27 \$19,140.92

Groomer Workshop \$ 22,000.00 \$259.80 \$158.89

ISC 2022/Midwest Chap \$ 2,500.00 \$2,951.96 \$3,099.55

Legislative Advocate \$ 18,000.00 \$16,500.00 \$19,761.55

Legislative Ride \$ 5,000.00 \$1,553.40 \$0.00

Membership \$ 1,500.00 \$336.83 \$2,034.55

MSA Vehicle \$ 1,500.00 \$532.58 \$45,632.64

MISORVA Magazine \$ 17,000.00 \$20,941.86 \$21,033.54

E-Newsletter \$ 2,500.00 \$1,360.00 \$195.00

Novi Show \$ 2,000.00 \$0.00 \$884.79

Postage \$ 18,000.00 \$14,088.05 \$10,675.87

Public Relations \$ 2,500.00 \$1,858.03 \$2,118.04

Ride-In \$ 5,000.00 \$0.00 \$0.00

Ticket Sales \$ 12,000.00 \$11,325.00 \$0.00

Web Page \$ 6,000.00 \$6,085.00 \$7,645.00

Trail Permits-UPS \$ 6,000.00 \$4,715.53 \$5,253.25

Total General Expense	\$ 170,750.00	\$ 130,970.38	\$162,439.38
Total Adm. Expense	\$ 159,480.00	\$113,895.24	\$115,759.15
Adm/Gen Total Expense	\$ 330,230.00	\$244,865.62	\$278,198.53
Net Ordinary Income	\$ 8,420.00	\$24,606.04	\$43,536.55

Checking Account Balances As of 8/31/2022

Grand River Checking \$41,324.30

Grand River Trail Acct \$62,775.44

Life Member Savings \$17,037.22

Executive Director Report- Karen Middendorp

2022 Will this be the new normal?

Karen Middendorp Exe Director 2022

This past year has been a very big learning year, due to the continuing restrictions and sudden uptick and down turn of positive cases of COVID, many meetings were held virtually which allowed me to attend literally hundreds of meetings! Actually, a big benefit to me, many I would not have otherwise been able to attend. So, for that extremely small, very tiny piece of COVID I am thankful! Thank you also for allowing me this job, to do what I love every day and sincerely hope you all are as satisfied with my performance as I am to give it.

Virtual and Hybrid meetings have been the norm for longer than we care to remember, while we have been able to gather and ride a few times, it sure will be nice when we finally find that new normal with the meetings.

I continue my position as Region 3 representative on the Snowmobile Advisory Workgroup and have thrown my hat in the ring as a snowmobile or ORV representative on MTAC. I am also pursuing a representative position with NOHVCC, the national association representing OHV. While not elected to the committee yet I do attend all meetings and keep a watchful eye on their progress.

MISORVA has had many successes in the past year! Our membership continues to increase, and we all can thank Brad Beardsley and his committee for their diligence and commitment to the task! You guys have done well again for the second year in a row!

I continue to work with all the committees, as each one is moving along at their own pace, all are making strides for a better MISORVA!

In February, I worked with Legislative Chair Paul Anderson , together we facilitated a legislative lunch. Due to the Covid the Legislative Ride usually held in person with our legislators on snowmobiles was canceled due to a sharp rise in COVID cases. So always thinking on his feet Paul Anderson suggested a Legislative Luncheon! The event was well attended by Representatives, Senators and lots of staffers! Some good conversations and connections were established! The event was held in the Capitol Building and all costs to the association were covered by a grant from the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association. We invited ACSA Exe Director Christine Jourdain and ISMA Exe Director Ed Klim both attended and joined in the education we were hoping to achieve with the legislators! The event was very successful and a great source of networking. We are planning another in person ride for the upcoming season! Fingers crossed that we receive another grant from ISMA! Each year we are able to facilitate a snowmobile ride with our legislators to help them

understand not only why we love motorized recreation of all types but also to observe the economic impact first hand, that motorized recreation is a boost to the economy in Michigan!

We continue to work with Representative Ken Borton and the DNR to pass HB 4535 and HB 4536 through the Senate committee. We are still waiting on the Senate floor for a vote although I do not expect that before elections. The legislation passed through the House with a 101-2 vote! Representative Borton and the others that are helping us pursue the legislation are true champions to all motorized recreation!

MISORVA partnered with Representative Steve Johnson and Representative John Roth, SAW and DNR to introduce HB 4205 & 4206 this legislation allows Free Snowmobile Weekend. This Legislation has passed and the date for Free Snowmobile Weekend 2022 will be Feb 11&12 2023!

There have been many recreational law changes introduced this last year. I have enjoyed working with Paul Anderson and the Senators and Representatives as the legislation is moved along the legislative sequence to become a law. Thank you Paul for your diligence!

State Trail Coordinator Tim Novak has been on board for a few months and is proactively working with MISORVA to plow through some changes, shortcomings and improvements needed in the programs! Recently I had the opportunity to have Tim Novak join Paul Anderson and John Newman, the area Snowmobile trail sponsor and myself on an ORV ride. Tim had only ever been on the old gator that his family had on their working tree farm. He drove my cart and had the best time splashing through the puddles! The rain held off for the most part and while it was cold we had a good ride! Paul pointed out some beautiful areas in the Traverse City area and also some areas that need work. We talked about relationships, accountability and working together to improve the programs and how we might do things a little better together! Tim seems to be excited to experience our recreation and learn about the changes and improvements we would like to see in the future! I invited Tim to the Dec meeting and he took up the offer! So for those of you that plan to attend the meeting in Munising you will have an opportunity to meet Tim as well!

In June I traveled to Iowa to attend the International Snowmobile Congress. At this event all the snowmobile states come together and share ideas and talk with manufacturers. This is an educational event with great speakers and gives an excellent forecast of what we may be seeing in our state either currently or possibly in the near future.. The networking at the event is a wealth of resources of leaders from all the snowmobile states.

We are continuing to keep a vigilant watch on the Camp Grayling Expansion, this could have a large impact on the area trails. We are asking for clearer answers to the impact this will have on the area and until we as an association have the answers to the many questions we remain opposed to the expansion. (see the press release)

Support Your Sport meetings have paused as I pursue some new ideas for the program, stay tuned! Watch the MISORVA calendar on the website for more information!

We have received notification from Tim Novak that the snowmobile trail improvement fund will pay for 2 volunteer registrations from each maintenance club to Groomer Workshop 2023! This event is open to anyone that would like to learn more about the snowmobile program and what our volunteers do to keep us riding! Watch for more information soon!

We have a draft of proposed legislation to remove the sunset clause in the ORV legislation, we are currently working with ORVAW and DNR to establish the appropriate language. This legislation change is necessary to help propel the ORV program forward. ORV trail improvement fund is not going away and therefore we need the sunset removed. ORV travel is here to stay!

Senator Curt VanderWall is seeking a legislative change to help enable law enforcement with ORV travel, SB4003 - it is written with compatible language to the snowmobile law enforcement capabilities.

I attended the Permanent Trails meetings and we are definitely gaining miles! Snow Country Trails Conservancy was instrumental in obtaining an integral part of the trail near Big Bay that will remove 2 road crossings. This purchase was completed in the spring by SCTC and then added to the permanent trail miles managed by the DNR. Should you have a landowner ready to allow the permanent easement please let me know and I will get you to the proper parties!

At the request of the SAW chair, I have been working with a few sponsors and Jessica Holly - State Motorized Trail Specialist on the Snowmobile Grant Handbook. There were many sections that needed language clarification and wordsmithing. Now it will need to work through the rest of the channels in the DNR to eventually get into the hands of the sponsors by next season.

I continue to work with the DNR in the Ride Right Ride Here Program to promote safety and awareness. Although the meetings have not currently started I look forward to working with DNR on a Off Trail Riding team.

Miracle Millions update!

September 24 2021 is a day I don't think I will ever forget. The first ever that I am aware of, the MEDC Grant, 1.15 Million awarded to MISORVA for our trail maintenance volunteers! It is good to see the voice of motorized recreation being heard in other aspects! Motorized recreation & Trail Maintenance groups received a grant for 1.15 million dollars. MISORVA is the facilitator for the grant, all Michigan Snowmobile Grant Sponsors and ORV trail maintenance Groups were eligible to request funds for their club needs that were not provided in the program. For instance, chain saws, pole saws, help with a groomer barn. Perhaps it is safety training, safety lights for a disabled groomer. There are many items that our volunteers need to complete the job they have signed on for that are not provided under the Snowmobile Trail Improvement Funds. The grants are being dispersed and we can see the improvement for the volunteers and the daunting job they do!

This is your membership dollars being used in the best way possible, by working together with our legislators! As our legislators learn more about our chosen recreation they see the value of motorized recreation to the economy and are willing to step up to help.

I want to thank the BOD and the members for the opportunity to work with you and I will continue to work diligently for you, the members and supporters of MY chosen recreation. Karen

Standing Committees

- **Legislative - Paul Anderson ~ Legislative Committee Progress from May – September 2022**

1. HB 4535 – Draft 8 has addressed many of the concerns that other groups have had with the bill. Currently our committee is happy with the current language and is back in the hands of legislators.
2. Bill 1003 was submitted by Curt VanderWall which would allow agencies to deputize a member of the public after training. This already exists in the snow and marine program and works very well. It's now in the hands of legislators.
3. HB4332 ORV Stickers on 2 wheeled vehicle placements have PASSED. You may now place your stickers on the forks of a motorcycle.
4. Future projects include the ORV Sunset which expires in 2024. Still waiting on movement of this change. To my knowledge nobody has picked this up
5. The Legislative Luncheon was held on May 24th in Lansing and was a huge success.
6. Camp Grayling Expansion – Letter of opposition was generated signed by the President and released to the public.
7. The survey we put out to see who was buying permits for what purpose and where they operate their ORV's was completed. SxS's and ATV's were the majority and they used them on Forest Roads and ORV Routes.
8. UP Wild stays on our radar but as of July the Republican-led Michigan Senate approved a resolution to oppose the wilderness designation that was authored by Sen. Ed McBroom, R-Vulcan.

- **Membership - Brad Beardsley ~ Membership Committee year end report.**

We had a great year for membership and this is due to all of us who work to spread the knowledge of what MISORVA does for motorized recreation. As a committee we met almost every month and the all members

attended them, as the chair of the committee I really appreciate that. We bounce a lot of ideas around in each meeting some are good and some are not, some have been tried before with not the best results. IN our last meeting we discussed the biggest win of the year and we all agreed it is the Key Card that will be a real nice perk for our members.

- **Publication - Brad Beardsley ~ Publication Committee year end report.**

I was named the chair of the publication committee a month and a half ago. We have not had any meetings since I was named the chair and I was not a part of the committee earlier in the year so I am unable to relay what they may have worked on this year. I do look forward to the committee writing some articles about MISORVA and making the magazine more about what we are doing and the great opportunities motorized recreation in Michigan.

- **Trails**

- ❖ **Region 1 - Todd Blanchard ~**

- ❖ **Region 2 - Ted Truckey ~**

- ❖ **Region 3 - Jim Berens ~** A few items of interest from 2022...

- ❖ The West shore council (Muskegon area) has a new warming trailer provided by the 231 club to take the place of the TeePee that was so popular for many years in that area.
- ❖ West Michigan Snowmobile council reported that the Tucker groomer received new tracks, and rebuilt the drivetrain, costing around \$33,000. Land was lost near middleville and the clubs are working with the DNR to secure passage through the Barry game area, there is also a long stretch of pavement by the Thornapple river crossing that is needed to connect to the Alto trail. Update-a re-route is in place in Middleville now, still need to remove a few tree stumps this fall.
- ❖ Snowbusters club had a 12ft disc donated to help with trails, and they are getting a roller with the funds from the special grant money. They have a bridge that needs new decking this fall, which will help with their wider grooming equipment.
- ❖ Allegan county and several surrounding counties continue to open more roads for ORV use as the trend for ORV access continues to move into the southern part of the state.
- ❖ The Ride Allegan club held an event that I attended. There were a few others from MISORVA on hand as we were invited to join them for a ride and some group games. I don't have the final count but there were 4 groups of about 12 machines in each group, (SXS, ATVs and me on my motorcycle)
- ❖ The president of the Cycle Conservation Club rode to the event on his adventure bike and addressed the group with words of encouragement.
- ❖ The Silver Lake ORV area is busy as usual. There is a new "dune ready" access this year to help alleviate some lines on the weekends, it was nice to be able to drive right in. There was talk of maybe having a 3 way permit specifically for the dunes with both the ORV required decals and the REC passport on the same sticker. Not sure if that will happen...
- ❖ The ORV parks in region 3 continue to be busy with expansions at holly oaks this summer. There should be more in the future as more land becomes available.
- ❖ I have contacted several clubs in region 3 but have not received a response in time for this report. Hopefully next month I will have more information for everyone.

Other Committee Reports

- **Charity - Kaye Houk ~** Not much to report except that only 15 clubs responded to the request to report their individual volunteer/charity hours to Survey Monkey. Lets hope more clubs will respond next year.
- **Bylaws - Roy Hart ~** The Michigan Snowmobile & ORV Association, Inc. Amended & Restated Bylaws were last approved in General Session on October 23, 2021. Since then no requests for addressing any Articles or Sections have been received by the Committee.
- **Public Relations - Jeff Marriucci ~**
The Public Relations Committee wasn't as active as we'd hoped to be this year. It was our plan to generate a series of articles for publication throughout the year in our magazine, as well as other

publications and social media sites related to snowmobiling and ORV'ing. The goal of these articles were to promote MISORVA, the sport of motorized recreation and educate the riding public on subjects where there appears to be a lot of confusion and ignorance. In doing so we hoped to show the sport that we can be a reliable source of information and truly are here to help. We wanted these efforts to pay off by gaining more members to the association through actively keeping our name in front of everyone, as well as hopefully convert those in the ORV community who still have misgivings about us. As it turns out, there aren't any Ernest Hemingway's on this committee and we struggled to reach those goals and for our efforts have only produced one article which has yet to be published.

On a more positive note, the committee continues to fight the good fight on social media. Whenever one of us sees a post that is incorrect or negative about the MISORVA or motorized recreation in general, we try to provide the correct information in an enlightening way. I'm happy to report that the number of on-line conversations that turn into "battles" or where people would continue to argue against the facts just because they refuse to believe them, is greatly reduced from what it was just a year or so back.

We want to continue our efforts as we go forward and we are always looking for new members who would infuse new ideas into the committee as we work to promote MISORVA, Orv'ing and Snowmobiling.

Presidents Report - John Newman

In addition to phone calls and emails I attended the following events. I tried to remember them all but may have missed a few.

October

MISORVA ORV Ride Gaylord
MISORVA General Membership meeting
DNR Grant Snow Sponsors Pre season UP
Officers Coffee Zoom
Region 2 District 4-6 BOD Elections
ORV Advisory Workgroup (ORVAWG) Teams Meeting
Region 3 District 7-9 BOD Elections
DNR Grant Sponsor Pre Season LP
Grace Performance Open House

November

Region 1 District 1-3 BOD Elections
NOVI Snowmobile Show
NOVI Snowmobile Safety Class
Region 1 District 1-3 BOD Elections
Officers Coffee x2
Michigan Trails Advisory Council Teams Meeting
Support the Sport Zoom
MISORVA BOD Meeting
Sportsmen's Caucus Breakfast State Capital
Saw Equipment Sub Committee Meeting Naubinway

December

Officers Coffee x3
Snowmobile Advisory Workgroup (SAW) Teams meeting
December BOD Meeting
DNR Event Manager Training Class
Western UP Grant Sponsors Teams meeting
Support the Sport x2
OnX Offroad Zoom
DNR Catch Up Zoom Meeting

January

Officers Coffee x2
MISORVA BOD zoom Meeting
DNR Safety Instructor Teams meeting
Snow Trails Conservancy Zoom
Support the Sport x2
DNR Catch up zoom
SAW/ORVAWG Zoom HB 4535 x2
DNR Land Use teams meeting

February

DNR Grant Sponsor Workshop

Officers Coffee x3
Legislative Committee zoom meeting
Miracle Millions Zoom
Support the Sport
Groomer Workshop Zoom

March

Groomer Workshop Zoom
Support the sport x2
March Ride St. Ignace Michigan
Legislative Committee Zoom
MISORVA BOD zoom Meeting
Officers Coffee x2
MSEAF Zoom
Michigan Trails Advisory Comm. Teams meeting
Publication Committee zoom

April

Legislative Committee Zoom
Officers Coffee
ORV Trail Improvement fund
Grant Sponsor Teams meeting
Publication Committee Meeting
Support the sport zoom
Gateway Trail on Belle Isle
Ribbon Cutting ceremony
MISORVA Budget Planning Meeting Saginaw

May

MISORVA ORVAWG/SAW HB 4535 zoom
MISORVA Budget Zoom
ORVAWG Teams Meeting
Legislative Committee zoom
MSEAF Zoom Meeting
Support the sport zoom x2
Public Relations Committee zoom
Miracle Millions Zoom
Publication Committee zoom
MISORVA BOD zoom
Miracle Millions meeting Gaylord
Legislative Luncheon Planning zoom
Legislative Luncheon Lansing
Support the Sport Zoom
May ORV Ride Indian River
MISORVA BOD Zoom
American Council Of Snowmobile
Associations Teams meeting
Officers Coffee

June

Huron-Manistee National Forest
10 year plan zoom
Legislative Committee Zoom
Support the Sport x2
MISORVA BOD Zoom
ORV Safety Instructor Safety
Class by DNR Higgins Lake

July

Officers Coffee x2
ORV Activity Zoom
Support the Sport Zoom

August

Officers Coffee x2
BOD Ride with Ride Allegan
County Group
Legislative Zoom
Support the Sport
MISORVA BOD Zoom meeting
Public Relations Committee zoom
ORVAWG Teams Meeting

September

Officers Coffee x2

SAW Teams meeting
International Snowmobile Hall
Of Fame Induction Ceremony
Eagle River WI
ASCA Trails Committee Meeting
Central UP Grant Sponsor Teams meeting
Western UP Grant Sponsor Teams meeting
Eastern UP Grant Sponsor Teams meeting
North Central LP Grant Sponsor Teams meeting
MISORVA BOD zoom meeting
SW LP Grant Sponsor Teams meeting

October

American Trails Using Social Media
Teams Meeting
Membership Committee Zoom Meeting
Officers Coffee Zoom Meeting
ORV Ride with DNR Trail Coordinator
Tim Novak
Guest speak at Rosco Higgins Trail
Cruisers ORV and Snowmobile Club
Kick off Party

Thank you for all your help and support

John Newman