



Oxbow-Masardis Snowmobile Club Meeting

Business Meeting April 12, 2022

Meeting called to Order @ 18:09 Eastern by Paul Gray, President.

President's Introduction (Paul):

Welcome to all. Great turnout and thanks for coming. Really nice to see for the annual meeting.

Vice President (Tom):

No comments as not present.

Secretary's Report (Seth):

Seth sent out the prior meeting minutes on April 4th via email. Remove Adam Burke; did not attend. Will try to send earlier for the next month.

[Bo made a motion to approve, Sabrina seconded, unanimously approved by those in attendance.]

Treasurer's report (Audrey):

Presented by Audrey. Good donations from the trail jugs, received grant money, membership money, sled registration money, and the transfer from Givebutter was verified. Operating costs presented, including fuel, grooming, plowing, etc. New letterhead was also ordered for the club. There is also some money still at the Homestead Lodge and Umcolcus, as well as small remaining amount from Givebutter.

[Sabrina made a motion to approve amended report, Bo seconded, unanimously approved by all in attendance.]

Trailmaster's Report (Paul):

Ended up at the end of the season with 626 hours total. There was a track failure after the last meeting which allowed for a few short runs, then we shut down slightly early. So, the usage was on par with the expected ~650-hour average.

The groomer will go back to Vermont, and they will warranty the carrier that is once again out of alignment. The club will have to foot the bill on the track, ~\$6,000. Efforts have been made on a broad level to not approve Tucker Sno-Cats in the state until this repetitive issue seen by many Sno-Cat operators is addressed. This is the 14th track on our machine and Easton has had 12 tracks on their newer unit as well. Easton will be purchasing the older track OMSC had loaned them for an agreed upon \$500. We have not heard from Allagash currently on what they want to do with the track that was loaned to them.

In February a club member raised a concern about a one-way trail setup. Paul addressed this with the member at the time. This member also reached out to Fish & Wildlife to report the problem. No other riders or members have reported this as an issue, nor have we been approached by anyone else on this matter. This has been reviewed and no complaints or issues have arisen. This setup has been deemed safe to use when needed, based around landowner restrictions and usage.

Much of the signage has been removed from the OMSC trail system and picked up, save on the outlying trails where it would have been hard to access at the time. Remaining signage will be picked-up via hard trail access.

Our Tucker will be cleaned-up and prepped for sending to service, along with another club, so we will only pay one-way freight.

Membership (Audrey):

Two more member since the last meeting which brings total memberships to 70 which is an all-time high record.



Website, Facebook, & Givebutler (Seth):

Website Overview - In the last 30 days with season coming to an end:

- 193 site sessions (down 33%), 66 unique visitors (down 71%) with focus on the following page sessions: Homepage (96), Trail and Rider Info (34), Club Trail Map (23), Events/Meetings (21).
- 60% of the visits were from desktop/laptop computers with 40% from mobile devices
- What is really encouraging is still many new visitors to the site: 79%

Traffic to our website comes from: Direct 85, Google/Search 51, MESA.com 31, MSA 16.

Facebook Page: 322 page views in the last month (down 49%), 18 new page likes (down 74%), 84 new followers (up 35%), reach was 10,339 (down 50%). We currently have 2,259 people actively liking/following our page.

Givebutler one more donation of \$50, transfer to our bank account initiated on April 4th.

Meetings, Events & Fund Raising

Scott reported via Paul – looking at July 9th or 16th (likely preference) weekend, for a pig roast and full weekend event. Mike to open the campground, and Scott would open the Homestead Lodge as well. This would help drive traffic in, and there would be donation from the rooms with good support, how the campground would go, etc. is not yet known. It would be more of a full weekend event including music by a free band, bags tournament, etc. We would like to have an additional regular meeting in May to support this effort and do more discussion around planning – likely the second **Saturday, May 14th, at 18:00.**

Our club's annual BBQ is usually in August, and we will discuss at the next meeting to finalize details or if incorporating to the above event.

Old Business:

2nd Groomer for the Club

- The offer on the Libby Machine was voted down. Paul and Todd looked at the Chapman Ridge Runners 200 Piston Bully as a possible second machine. It burns approximately the same amount of fuel as our current groomer.
 - Insurance for the current groomer and drag is \$2200/year and the state pays 70% of that cost, against the grant.
 - This is also a blade machine; with some differing characteristics that could be beneficial.
 - Paul met with Katahdin bank and the following:
 - We owe three payments on the current drag that are still due and rolling the last two payments into this unit as well.
 - 6-year loan (no penalties for early payment): 4.5% is the rate, the new yearly payment would be \$14,300
 - We likely would need to find storage; either locally or rent a space for a small fee.

[Bo made a motion to vote on purchasing the used Chapman unit, Sabrina seconded. The club voted that if all grants come in for the Chapman club's purchase as well as OMSC's grant to purchase that we move forward with the purchase agreement and for The President to sign into the 6-year loan with Katahdin Trust. This loan would have an annual payment that is typically due after state funding is paid to the club.]



New Business:

Paul has one new piece of business, where the Grant for the capital equipment must be written which will be handled by Gary Currier, for the purchase agreement plan as covered under old business. Gary has agreed to be the grant writer for OMSC, handling all grant requests going forward. Paul will also speak with the appropriate selectmen in Masardis to have Gary approved as the project director to represent the OMSC for municipal related grants.

Going forward Todd Weeks will be heading up signage and will address with club member and committee support.

Paul made the announcement that he will be departing from the Trail Master role. Bo Garside has stepped up to the plate and has offered to take over as Trail Master going forward.

Officer/Board Position Elections:

As all positions on the board were nominated and running uncontested the President called for the Secretary to place one vote for each position per the bylaws. The Secretary placed one vote each for the following:

- Paul Gray, President
- Scott Soucy, Vice President
- Seth Thomas, Secretary
- Lori Garside, Treasurer

Elections closed and recorded per this general OMSC meeting.

No further new business.

[Audrey made motion to adjourn, Seth seconded. Unanimously passed.] – Meeting Adjourned @19:41

Attendance Roster:

#	Name	Notes	#	Name	Notes
01	Paul Gray		13	Jim Carey	
02	Judy Gray		14	Marjorie Carey	
03	Bo Garside		15	Seth Thomas	
04	Lori Garside		16	Juliet Thomas	
05	Audrey Currier		17	- Grant Thomas	Family/Child
06	Gary Currier		18	- Hudson Thomas	Family/Child
07	Leslie Currier		19	Hunter Soucy	
08	Paul Soucy		20	Mariah Carroll	
09	Sabrina Soucy		21	Dakota Soucy	
10	-Cole Soucy	Family/Child	22		
11	Todd Weeks		23		
12	Donald Whipple		24		