



# Oxbow-Masardis Snowmobile Club Meeting

Business Meeting May 14, 2022

**Meeting called to Order @ 18:01 Eastern by Paul Gray, President.**

**President's Introduction (Paul):**

Welcome to all. Great turnout and thanks for coming. This is an additional meeting primarily focused on setting up some fundraising for this summer, and therefore we scheduled this meeting.

**Vice President (Scott):**

Not too much yet. Likely the weekend of July 16<sup>th</sup> will be the core time. *(See additional information further along in meeting minutes)*

**Secretary's Report (Seth):**

Seth sent out the prior meeting minutes on April 12<sup>th</sup> via email.

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

**Treasurer's report (Lori):**

It looks like we will need to do some 1099 forms for the clubs, related to grooming based on the funding and expenses. Paul suggested to look over Houlton Brook north, so that they can speak with Mark to get an estimated for hours, etc. to deal with the connection to 85N.

**Trail Master's report (Bo):**

Not too much to present at this point. Did a ride around and pulled out the remaining signage. Bo will be reaching out to several people depending on our setup as to how many groomers will be needed to run the machines, etc.

**Membership (Audrey):**

One more additional member joined in April bringing us to a total of 71.

**Website, Facebook, & Givebutler (Seth):**

Not much web. Posted this meeting as well as on Facebook. Traffic down. End of season.

**Meetings, Events & Fund Raising**

Scott spoke to the Pig Roast Event, how many volunteers, what does it entail, etc.

#1 concern that Scott has is the event, or do we wait and do something during the Saturday in season to drive forward, etc.

**Matt Stedman, representing for MSA** and the area provided some comments that summer is often tough, and it may be better to do something during the season.

This could also provide a more captive audience, and related benefits. To get donations for a raffle, 50-50, silent auction, or the like would also be a good option.

Paul noted that we used to do a winter carnival day as part of the season, and it was quite busy. Scott is concerned that we would put in too much effort without enough turn-out if we do it in summer.

Matt thinks that the trailside event would be WAY more influential for doing something like a hotdog roast, willing to put money in the jar, etc. As a club, Ashland is not much bigger however, they are very successful with this event.



The Ashland club speaks to the IGA in town, and they help support the effort since it is a local club. Another option for season would be doing a 50-50 offer during the season either weekly or monthly.

Scott proposes that perhaps we form a small committee for fundraising, to address this and try to build some effort without having to do the entire club.

It could be an exploration during the season of a possible next summer event to gauge interest and possibly sell tickets in advance. Hold on summer event for now, look to in-season.

**August is usually the club BBQ.** *(\*\*\*Post meeting, it was decided by the board the barbeque will be August 6<sup>th</sup> at the Oxbow Community Center, starting at 12-noon.\*\*\*)*

- *The club will provide burgers, hot dogs, water, and lemonade. Side dishes are always welcome!*

**Fundraising/Meetings Events committee** – reach out to Scott (send this information).

Justin, Alicia, Trisha, Seth expressed interest in supporting during the meeting. **If other are interested, please reach out to Scott Soucy.**

Per Matt, Ashland and Portage are going to do their events on the same weekends next year. Something to look at so we try not to have a conflict with exactly next to us.

### **MSA (Matt Steadman):**

The Grass Drags are coming up and we could look at this to sell memberships and possibly food. This could be an option, Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>.

Almost 89,000 sleds were registered for this season. The regular grant should be coming and whatever was submitted for fuel we should likely see. The annual meeting happened recently, with a new election of officers with some changes at a high-level but most positions remain held by the same folks.

They will be trying to get the MSA super raffle tickets out a little earlier this year. They will be doing a search for a new executive in place for MSA, so that they have someone driving operations, vs. the steering committee driving this the last couple of years.

This summer a survey will be sent out from the MSA statewide to the clubs to see what they can do to better support clubs. This will either be sent with the membership packet or before it.

Matt will be raising at the advisory council that they need to do more work on trail counting and traffic load. This would be a better way to see how funds could be distributed along with grooming hours load. Paul asked that Matt spend a couple extra minutes to discuss the grant application that OMSC is making.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Grass Drags**

- Likely would not work well with our club based on the workload for other areas.
- If we are interested in doing a membership run or the like, let Paul or Scott know ASAP!

### **New Business:**

No new business brought up.

*[Bo made motion to adjourn, Trisha seconded. Unanimously passed.] – Meeting Adjourned @18:41*



**Attendance Roster:**

| #  | Name           | Notes                | #  | Name          | Notes                |
|----|----------------|----------------------|----|---------------|----------------------|
| 01 | Paul Gray      |                      | 13 | Jim Carey     |                      |
| 02 | Judy Gray      |                      | 14 | Seth Thomas   | Fundraising Interest |
| 03 | Bo Garside     |                      | 15 | Ann Currier   |                      |
| 04 | Lori Garside   |                      | 16 | Scott Soucy   |                      |
| 05 | Audrey Currier |                      | 17 | Caleb Collins |                      |
| 06 | Justin Burby   | Fundraising Interest | 18 | Hunter Soucy  |                      |
| 07 | Alicia Burby   | Fundraising Interest | 19 | Matt Stedman  | MSA                  |
| 08 | Hunter Soucy   |                      | 20 | Mark Collins  |                      |
| 09 | Paul Soucy     |                      | 21 | Trisha Soucy  |                      |
| 10 | -Cole Soucy    | Family/Child         | 22 |               |                      |
| 11 | Todd Weeks     |                      | 23 |               |                      |
| 12 | Donald Whipple | In memoriam          | 24 |               |                      |