



Oxbow-Masardis Snowmobile Club Meeting

Business Meeting March 08, 2022:

Meeting called to Order @ 18:08 Eastern by Paul Gray, President.

President's Introduction (Paul):

Fair amount to cover this evening, so keeping it short and thanks for coming. Paul specifically thanked Tom Dittus for all his years of service, including VP, past President, etc. Also thanked Audrey for filling in for Seth to cover minutes at the last meeting. Paul also specifically thanked Audrey for her many years of service as treasurer and President. She will continue to cover membership and the club clerk at this time.

Vice President (Tom):

No comments, although will not run for VP again.

Secretary's Report (Seth):

Seth sent out the notes that Audrey took in his absence. All received.

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

Treasurer's report (Audrey):

Good balance. Received in donations, as well as web ads, trail fund boxes (from both Homestead Lodge and Umcolcus). Significant fuel expenditure, as well as maintenance and suppliers for the groomer. Much higher electric for the groomer to be plugged in based on new rate and cold. Good balance still left in the general fund. Also verified the previous month's grooming supplies. Givebutter amount of \$1260 has been transferred but not verified with our bank yet.

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

Trailmaster's Report (Paul):

Season is starting to slow down and has been extremely busy. Seeing a large number of people daily during the week is what we used to see during the weekends. A large number of riders coming through and a lot of positive things about the conditions of the trail, even with the heavy use. Special thanks to the folks running the groomer, Todd, Donald, and Bo. To this time in the season 570.2 hours on the groomer. We do have a couple of issues that have come up with the Tucker in the last couple of weeks. The rear carrier is coming out of alignment (again), even though all the rebushing/shimming was done at the beginning of the season. This is causing a little additional wear however it seems to be not disturbing the track as much as it could have and are groomers trying to keep snow in the track and the SnoCat will have to go back to VT in the Spring for service. Paul is working to see if Tucker will take care of this issue as this is the third year in the row this has happened.

Membership (Audrey):

We have 68 memberships at this time, of all various types (Club, MSA, Business, etc.). Paul asked when the letters go out each year (September).

Website, Facebook, & Givebutter (Seth):

Website Overview - In the last 30 days: 297 site sessions (up 16%), 203 unique visitors (up 2%) with focus on the following pages: Homepage, Club Trail Map, Trail Updates, Events/Meetings.

- There is a clear upward trend to view via mobile (134 sessions), although desktop still rules (163 sessions).
- What is really encouraging is the new visitors to the site, which were 182/203.

Facebook Page: 538 page views in the last month (up 37%), 81 new page likes (up 35%), 84 new followers (up 35%), with significant post reach improvement: 20,470 reached (up 62%). What is super-exciting: post engagement: 2,782 engagements (up 160%), much directly tied to give butter donation push.



Givebutter continues to be successful, although we're seeing more use from direct campaigns. 13 Supporters year to date, all but 10 of which were tied to the fuel cost posts. Total YTD \$1,260.00.

Reading a nice thank you from Bert Schoonover, read this aloud by permission.

Meetings and Events

Paul wanted to thank Umcolcus for hosting the breakfast ride event, we had 26 in attendance.

The next OMSC regular meeting will be on April 12, 2022 (Second Tuesday) and will be at the clubhouse, with a potluck starting at 5:30 and will be the last meeting of the year. Voting for officers to take place at that meeting.

Our annual BBQ will likely be in August, and we will discuss at the next meeting to finalize details.

Fundraising:

Scott Soucy has agreed to head-up fundraising and look for other outside ways to raise funds with different types of events that could benefit the club. He may ask for help in this area and will need to be supported by various club members as things develop.

New Business:

Opportunities related to the groomer. Our groomer is 10 years-old and we are in need of another groomer/equipment. Libby's Camps may be getting rid of a piston bully (1994 machine) that needs some work. Todd took a look at the unit and the frame is in good shape for its age and the price he wants for it. Paul can see where another \$10K might need to be dumped into it to get it to a good operating status. It has some leaks in the hydro gear system, as well as work needed on the fuel activator. It has an 8.3L Cummins motor, and supposedly has had the engine rebuilt in the last couple of years. The 10-ft drag would likely come with the machine and is 2ft wider than the groomer that we currently have for the club.

Paul asked for a motion to look at this machine.

[Seth made a motion to look at the Libby machine, Paul seconded the motion. Motion failed.]

[Seth made an alternative motion to investigate a full second setup including: all procurement costs, insurance, storage, related equipment, maintenance, etc. Sabrina seconded. Motion passed by majority in attendance.]

Information on current setup and costs - For the current drag, we make a yearly payment due in July, for \$9,000. We do expect another \$43,000 in from the state at this point at the end of the season coming in from normal grants. We also have another fuel delivery this week and related costs.

Old Business:

- Someone to be in charge of trail signage
 - Todd has agreed to take over the signage duties, however, help will be needed, etc.
- Writing a grant to help for a second groomer purchase
 - Gary Currier will take a lead in this process and start investigating in more detail, etc.
- Fund-raising and Planning (Scott)
 - Food vendor @ the Grass Drags – nothing else at this time.
- Officer/Board Position Nominations
 - Audrey and Lori took on this responsibility – findings published as:
 - They have coordinated efforts over the past month and have found the following:
 - Paul Gray is nominated for President



- Scott Soucy as VP
- Seth as Secretary
- Lori as Treasurer
- **Paul made a call for nominations from the floor**
[Sabrina motion to close nominations, Todd seconded - Unanimous]

As all positions are running uncontested, the Secretary will place one vote for all at the next meeting to close elections.

[Sabrina made motion to adjourn, Paul seconded. Unanimously passed.] – Meeting Adjourned @ 19:02

Attendance Roster:

#	Name	Notes	#	Name	Notes
01	Paul Gray (President)		13	Todd Weeks	
02	Judy Gray		14	Donald Whipple	
03	Bo Garside		15	Seth Thomas (Secretary)	
04	Lori Garside		16	Juliet Thomas	
05	Hans Wilden		17	- Grant Thomas	Family/Child
06	Audrey Currier (Treasurer)		18	- Hudson Thomas	Family/Child
07	Gary Currier		19		
08	Adam Burke		20		
09	Tom Dittus (VP)		21		
10	Karen Lyon		22		
11	Scott & Trisha Soucy		23		
12	Sabrina & Paul Soucy		24		