



Oxbow-Masardis Snowmobile Club Meeting

Minutes 11/14/2023

Meeting began at 6:15 pm

President's Introduction & Report (Scott Soucy):

Trail Routes: Map of current trails reviewed. Names of trails agreed upon and placed on map. ITS 85 will be removed from the Church Trail and will be routed on the Jack Aikens Brook Road north to the junction that goes to Houlton Brook South. The trail from said junction to The Homestead and down to the River Road and access to the river will be 71-A. The River Trail, the Church Trail, the Farm Trail, the West End Trail and the Oak Hill Trail will be designated as local trails for multi-use to attract cross-country skiers, dog walkers, and slow moving snowmobiles.

Bridge Work: Scott headed up a team of volunteers to repair the St. Croix Bridge. They replaced 2x4s with lumber donated by the Daaquam mill. More extensive bridge repair will be needed in the next few years. Scott and Paul also repaired a bridge on ITS 86 near the St. Croix Road. Rubber mats were added to the bridge to help retain snow covering.

Seven Islands: Scott was in communication with Seven Islands and the Ashland Snowmobile Club. There is an administrative fee charged by Seven Island which the two clubs share. Ashland paid the fee this year and OMSC will pay the fee next year. The fee is \$250 this year and will increase to \$300 next year.

Drag and Groomer Maintenance: The Tucker was serviced when it went out for repair in the spring. Scott, Lenny and Martin will service the Pisten Bully in the next few weeks. Lenny will weld the broken cutter back onto the new drag and the drags will be fitted to be swapped to put the heavier drag on the PistenBully. We need lights for the back of the PistenBully and the new drag. George McPherson has a light bar he will donate. Scott is looking for the PistenBully Owners' Manual - please let us know if you have seen it.

Vice President & Project Director (Gary Currier):

Municipal grant: Grant has been submitted and a follow-up call will be made to Joe Higgins to ensure its receipt.

Signage update: Signs are on trailer at Currier Farm and are ready to go.

Secretary's Report (Leslie Currier):

Minutes approved as posted.

Treasurer's Report (Sabrina Soucy):

10/31/23 balance = \$30,529, including equipment grant of \$2000 and loan payment of \$13,000.

TrailMaster report (Lenny Duckett):

Lenny and Scott are sharing TrailMaster duties. If anyone is interested in assisting with grooming, please reach out to Scott or Gary.



Website & Facebook (Seth Thomas):

Both are up to date.

Meetings, Events & Fundraising:

Club meeting, potluck and yankee swap Sat. 12/9 @ 5 p.m. Location changed to Homestead Lodge.

Audrey reminded the members of the timeline for officer voting - February, a nominating committee is elected; March, nominating committee brings forth slate of officers; April, voting for officers.

Club meetings other than the December holiday party will begin at 6:15p at the Oxbow Community Center.

Friends of Oxbow tell us they are planning a winter carnival on 2/17/24 to support the Oxbow-Masardis Snowmobile Club.

Membership (Audrey Currier):

We currently have 50 paid memberships, including individual, family and business memberships.

Building Committee (George McPherson):

A motion was made and approved for a committee to be formed to bring recommendations to the club concerning utilization of club land and buildings. Recommendations to be brought forward at the March 2024 club meeting. George McPherson, Todd Weeks, Scott Soucy and Gary Currier will be part of the committee.

Old Business:

St. Croix bridge repair - see President's report above

Status of club real estate - see Building Committee notes above

Trail route names and labels - see President's report above

Plowing for groomer shed and community center - Scott volunteered his snowblower and Paul Soucy volunteered his time to blow out the parking lot.

Drag and groomer maintenance - see President's report above.

Radios for groomers - The Homestead Lodge will pay the license fees for radios as they work under the same license, approximately \$180/year. Scott will reach out to Kevin at Aroostook Tech to set radios up.

New Business:

Stationery - Seth presented a template for stationery, which was approved.

Logo - Seth is looking for a digital format of the OMSC logo.

Vendor Contact List - Sabrina has a template for a vendor list. Please contact her if you have vendor information.

Mail - For some reason the club mail seems to all be going to Sabrina, even when the name and address is someone else. This is causing confusion and needless running around. Gary to talk to Ashland Post Office to try to rectify the situation.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.