

## Iowa Snowdrifters May 2017

Calling meeting to order at 7:30

Motion to approve the meeting minutes. Chris motioned with Jeff seconded. Motioned passed.

Treasures report read through. Motion to approve from Ron with second for Joe. Motion passed.

Need to check with the ISSA for hours. Derrick to check.

DNR request for grant read through. Putting in a request for a rental tractor (\$2,500). Grant is due June 1<sup>st</sup>. Trail development for this year we did not put any money in for grants. We did not put any money in for bridges. If we need to buy something we will need to approve this fall. Anything over \$250.

Clothing for the fall will be the same logo with no sled. Black. Bring samples of sweatshirts (cloth and wicking) along with long sleeve shirt.

Scholarships this year – 5 students to be awarded \$500 each. \$1k left in account for next year. We will be raising money from golf outing and 50/50s at events.

### Johnson County Board of supervisors provided an overview of their work in the area.

Welcome Brad Friedoff from Jonson county Conservation group. He presented how the board is working on multi-purpose trails in the area including where we currently mark. The Johnson County Board of Supervisors will be hiring another person that will be located around Sutliff. The county will not be plowing rural bike trails. MaHaffey bridge trail will not be plowed so we can continue to use this. There will be an underpass by the MaHaffey bridge when they put in the trail along with a parking lot where they were staging materials. Large box culverts will be in place for us to use. Brad suggested that we get on other transportation committees around the area.

Ely to Solon trail will be open to sleds along with the solon chip trail. They will build a new bridge and pull the current pilings. There will be a 10' chip and a 10' concrete trail. Rich Barta has been supportive of building extra trail. They will build an extended culvert by 600 acres where we currently have a bridge. All bridges will be rated for 10 ton capacity. Trying to get back to West Liberty.

NL to Mahaffey – 10' trail. Will follow the right away. The hold us currently is with the Corps of Engineers who need to provide input. Hope to build this fall or next spring.

By the Sutliff Bridge they are building a wetland to increase storage for Coralville Lake. Doing some clean up this area and pulled out waste in the area. Might improve the area for snowmobiling depending on how it is completed. Snowdrifters need to make sure to let JC know where we are marking.

Friends of Coralville Lake is working on a multiple purpose trail on the south side of the lake. This would be from Mahaffey Bridge to Bobber ideally. Some challenges getting through.

ISSA completed a survey to all clubs. Snowdrifters had the highest number of responses. Chris Willey (President) was in DC talking with legislators about snowmobiling. Next month there is an international meeting in Canada which ISSA is attending. No ISSA meeting this month. Next ISSA meeting in in June.

Sarah is going to nominate our club for club of the year thought the ISSA.

Membership drive is being discussed for this fall. If you have ideas for promotions to get people to join the club. If you register by Dec 1<sup>st</sup> you get a ½ price Snowdrifters membership. Possible raffle of a cabin up north or a free stocking cap for every member. Ron questioned if the membership drive worth it? Discussion. Suggestion on having a lunch after a trail work day. We are looking for the people and not the money so our model is to return the money back to the member in the form of benefits.

Derrick discussed town ambassadors and the need to build this program. We will set up a meeting in the fall with the ambassadors. Suggestion from Brad is to get business owners to go with you.

### Events

Tractor pull – still need \$1,500 sponsors. IMS is going to provide a bull dozer this year. Cedar Valley Trail Riders would like to use the dozer this year. Propose inviting the land owners to the tractor pull.

Trail sign order turned in and accepted. 500 signs requested. Need to check if they accepted the custom signs (Derrick)

Motion to adjourn Jeff with Rob seconded. Motion passed.