

Snowdrifters Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2019 – Sutliff Bar

Meeting called to order at 7:35 with quorum present.

Welcome to new members / quests

Items to be added to the agenda

Need for a treasurer in April 2020

Equipment usage

No minutes available from November. Table until January

Treasurer's report – Chris read through report on checking and equipment fund. We spent roughly \$2K in fuel in 2019 and asked for more in 2020 in the grant but was not accepted. Rob motioned for approval with Ron seconded. Approved by body.

Reminder to turn in hours for volunteer efforts to Brian S.

Trail report:

- 1.) Bridge on trail #1 Sutliff area. We are going to have to wait until the ground freezes to put in the bridge. John S. commented. He worked with the county to get approval for the trails. This could be a great place to put a semi trailer bridge. Chris noted the new Tucker is 9.5' wide and the bridge needs to handle this. Currently the east end of river bottom is marked with more coming.
- 2.) This year we will still be going into Shueyville via Mohawk road. Derrick has talked to the mayor and we know this will be the last year for this. Currently there are telephone poles that have to be marked.
- 3.) 965 trail – new culvert needs to be clean up. On the northern end it is now on the western side of the road. Be careful of a hole in this area.
- 4.) Ely – from water treatment plan there is tiling around this area
- 5.) North of 600 Acres HOV park – note we can still get through. Kirkwood has agreed to let us come through the area. There will be new barriers put in place that a sled can get around.
- 6.) North Liberty is not marked yet but will be done this weekend.
- 7.) In Fairfax the curve is not marked. This is due to construction
- 8.) North to Jersey's in CR is somewhat marked but there is corn in still. Jappa road needs to be marked still up on 151 to Mt Vernon road
- 9.) North to Van Horne is somewhat marked but not really marked well. There are a lot of space in between signs since it is really an open area
- 10.) There is tiling by Titan Machinery in Blairstown. Please be careful
- 11.) The route to Tiffin off of Swan Lake road and south has telephone poles in the right of way.

Equipment update

- 1.) All items working currently
- 2.) Tucker will be using the old drag that needs to be updated. Needs about \$1500 to resurrect it.

- 3.) We do need a used drag for the new Tucker. They range from \$2,500 to \$5K Hoping to purchase next year.
- 4.) Rob motioned to spend up to \$1,500 to resurrect the old drag with Joe seconded. Motioned passed.
- 5.) Discussion on new mowers for next year. Chris H raised concerned about getting to much equipment. We have mowers that can do the work and we just need to use them. Getting to many pieces of equipment can be problematic. Chris specifically wants to see Huey used. Current mowers are Batwing (good for fields and ditches), Ditch Barber, Huey, Trail Flail. Current discussion to keep as is.
- 6.) Dewey – old groomer. Discussion on keeping this groomer. For this year we will keep the groomer and keep is on the west side on 965 to be used by the crew in this area.

Trail map update – we have roughly $\frac{3}{4}$ full of sponsors. Please have the trail heads review the map after the meeting for updates. We will remove Scales Bend Road as it is not marked and no owners

Fun Run – tentatively planned for January 11th with a membership drive at Bobbers. IF we get snow the event committee should pull together the event. Motion to spend up to \$1K for a membership drive brought forth. Chris motioned with Joe seconded. Motion passed.

Membership – there was a request to send a notice to last year's members that have not renewed. Dean motioned to spend funds to do this with John seconded.

Equipment usage – Must be used by club members only for 3 purposes. The point of contact for the ranger is Chris.

- 1.) Club use – such as mowing or grooming
- 2.) Promotion of the club – such as parades or events
- 3.) Trail work

The county is working on a special permit for snowmobiling off 382 (Sutliff). WE have not heard if this is approved yet.

ISSA event was successful. Groomer class was offered.

Elections will be in April for officers for the club. Chris would like to step away from the role of treasurer.

Vos asked if we could get the ISSA to lobby for changing the policy of leaving the signs up all year. Derrick suggested he reach out to the ISSA directly (president)

Upcoming trainings will be shared including the groomer training and snowmobiling safety class coming up.

Motion to adjourn – Derrick with Scott seconded. No objections.