

Lee River Snow Riders – General Meeting Minutes

Date 11/30/2019

Present: ✓ Absent: x

Brad Wall, President	✓	Brian Smiley, Vice President, Public Relations	✓
Michelle Walker, Secretary	✓	Cindy Emberton, Fund Raising	x
Warren Emberton, Fundraising	✓	Randy Hyra, Safety	✓
Theo Vanderzwan, Grooming	✓	Gerry Roskam, Treasurer	✓
Tim Mandzuk, Buildings	✓	Dave Masniuk, Trails	✓
Denis Rondeau, Light Equipment	✓	Brian Vrooman, Membership	✓
Ken Horn, SnoMan	✓	Darren Kalinski, Entertainment	✓
Gigi Gauthier, Entertainment	✓	Guy Walker, Director at Large	✓

Call to Order	10:01 am
Review & Additions to Agenda	Add Guy Walker as Director at Large. Amend next Executive meeting date to Dec 14, 2019
Meeting Minutes	Distributed as prepared. Accepted by Bob. Seconded by Jerry Taylor. Minutes accepted.
Treasurer's Report	Distributed as prepared by Gerry. Wiped out last year's debt, added loan of \$90K – hope to pay off over 4 years. In good shape for operating costs, even with new equipment purchase and loans. Snoman was good - \$82,000, \$1800 still coming in. Hoping for grants to come in. Advertising up to \$8600. Memberships good. FTW and poker derby will contribute as well. Snoman Raffles coming in, hoping for \$1200. Sold old drag for \$4K. Expenditures – loan was paid off. Overall in good shape. Increased income anticipated from more grooming with new equipment. Accepted by Paula. Seconded by Bob. Carried.
President	Thanks for everyone's help and volunteers. We have the biggest club membership. SnoMan awards – Snowmobiler of the Year – Darryl Mozil , Groomer of the Year - Theo, Club of the Year – LRSR.
Vice President	Let's remember our past founding members, and thank them for all their work starting the club. LRSR has had great publicity in the Clipper, online Snoman article.
Secretary	Nothing to report

Director's/Executive Reports

Brian, Public Relations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted above in Vice President Report
Warren, Cindy Fundraising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2/3 money has been received from sponsors. Tickets for Winner's Choice – 170 books out there now, up from 125 last year. Anna from Trappers selling them. Maps are out. Chili night Jan 25, Poker Derby Feb 15, Hot Dog day Feb 29, Hecla run – Feb 7&8, Farewell to Winter May 2. Next General Meeting – Aug 29, 2020. Sherry Murray to assist with Farewell to Winter prizes. Everyone start gathering prizes, corporate sponsors. Open to suggestions for anyone with experience with caterers. Pinawa Players event had good caterer – Cindy.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50/50 board at meeting, ready for sales.
Gigi, Entertainment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donations accepted for various events. • Open to suggestions for further entertainment ideas. • Hecla run - 25 rooms booked under LRSR. Looking for someone with a trailer, in case of breakdowns.
Brian, Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 216 members paid for already. 95 renewals sent out. If all received, then will be over 350. Shoot for 370. • Anyone wants membership books to have on hand, see Brian.
Theo, Grooming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiting for snow. Currently about 8-10 inches of ice on calm water areas. • Talk to Theo if you want to get on Grooming list, orientation.
Dave, Trails	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A lot of areas with no ice yet.
Tim, Buildings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New wider door on back of groomer shed to accommodate new groomer. • 25 yards of ¼ down on yard around groomer shed • Fire wood supply is good. Need clean up in vicinity of shacks, especially around Rose's and Anson's. Watch for email notice for cleanup crew. Try to reserve paid firewood. • Everything from agenda from last year was completed. • This year - lighting at Alf's, metal siding on Rose's shack due to bear damage. Watch for email for crew to help. • 5 shacks needing weekly maintenance - still need volunteer for Anson's. Have volunteers for all other shacks. • If anyone sees damage on shacks, etc. while riding, let us know asap so it can get fixed before it gets worse. • Thanks to Ray Piper – donated cabinets for shed. • Thanks to Rudi for helping for door installment. • At Alf's, need help with taking down a large spruce leaning towards the shack. Ask Tree Monkey?
Randy, Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good riding, let's keep incidents to a minimum. Be aware of other activities on the ice – skating rinks, ice fishing, especially before stick line is up. • Everyone pack down stick line once it's up. • Guy and Theo took signage course – will share with Randy. • This will help with compliance with audit requirements. • Send any course concerns, safety concerns to Randy. • We only sign hazards on our trails, not surrounding area.
Denis, Light Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repurposing a sled to get firewood, equipment, building materials, etc. out to shacks. • Getting equipment ready for trail clearing – chainsaws, new electric chain saw will be helpful. • Getting sleds tuned up.
Ken, Snoman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the AMM Convention in Brandon, voted majority to approve integration. • Integration explanation – when register sled, separate process to buy a Snopass as well. Integration would get Snopass with registration – no option out. Integration would have economic spinoff for local municipalities. • 35,000 registered sleds in province, only 19,000 have Snopass.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to check box on Snoman membership/Autopac membership in order to receive magazine. Check box to receive notifications online.
Guy, Director at Large	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applying for 2 government grants due in Dec: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$75,000 Provincial grant, \$12,050 RM of Alexander. • Previous RM grants – \$5K one year, \$ 8K another year. • Trucking company has been arranged to transport groomer.
Comments from Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John – New ambulance acquired by RM. Be specific on location when calling in for medical emergencies. Look for a clearing nearby, at least 100 foot circle, where STARS could land. • Denis – 2 years ago, accident during Ride to Eternity, with a young rider injured. Some difficulties accessing emergency services. GPS activated – RCMP able to find them quickly. • Suggestion: Send info package to membership about what to do when come across an accident. • Suggestion: Send email memo to members on how to activate GPS on their phones. • Suggestion: Have sticker to notify on map where our club is. • Big “Thanks” to our groomers, very much appreciated.

Old Business Review

Addition update – Tim	Update already noted.
Donation to STARS \$1000	Done. \$50,000 raised by Snoman.
New Logo update - Brian	Still working on.
Pioneer sale	Sold \$35,000
More trails needed to maximize capital investment	Discussed under New Business
Open house? TBD by executive	Dec 14, 2019 Noon to 3:30 pm
Elections:	VP=Brian Smiley, Treasurer=Gerry Roskam, Trails=Dave Masniuk, Secretary=Michelle Walker, Entertainment= Gigi Gauthier, Membership=Brian Vrooman, Safety=Randy Hyra, Snoman=Ken Horn

New Business

New Logo	Need more time to get it right. No new clothing this year. Membership will review prior to final approval.
More trails needed to maximize capital investment	Due to traffic, some trails need grooming twice per week. With 2 groomers, will maximize km’s and payout from Snoman. Try for 6000km.

Positive talks with Hydro - Brad	LRSR used to groom the tramway, then Hydro took away, shut down trail. Hydro has since set up new substation – now wants trail re-signed. Hydro asked us to fill out application, get trail back from 313 to Point Du Bois. Next step- take trail Point Du Bois to Nopiming, hook up with Tin Shack trail. Takes average 8-10 hours to groom. Plan to name trail after young girl killed in accident on trail some years ago.
Shelter Captains: Anson's, Rudi's, Alf's, Rose's, Joyce's	Confirming captains for each shelter.
New Groomer and Drag purchase	New Groomer. Under 500 hours on used groomer – arriving in Dec. Has joysticks steering, self-diagnostics. New drag - wider, 9 foot. delivered. Got it for \$22000. More cost effective to have newer equipment versus spending maintenance money on old equipment. More comfortable for groomer operators, can also help out other clubs and get mileage.
Open house	Sat Dec 14, 2019. NOOn until 3:30 pm New drag and new machine will be there.

**Next Executive Meeting: Saturday December 14, 2019 9:00 am
Groomer Shed**

**Adjournment: Motion by Darryl, seconded by Bob.
Adjourned at 11:40 am.**