

Lee River Snow Riders – Annual General Meeting Minutes, Groomer Shed

Date 9/5/2020 Present: ✓ Absent: x

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

Call to Order	By President Brad Wall at 10:13
Review & Additions to Agenda	Change meeting location from Bird River Fire Hall to Groomer Shed.
Meeting Minutes	Distributed as prepared by Michelle. Accepted by Guy. Seconded by Lyle Stevenson. None opposed. Carried
Treasurer's Report	Distributed as prepared by Gerry. Reviewed by Gerry, with discussion. Loan is \$140,000. Fundraising was good for last year. Expenses \$128,600. Some uncertainty with fundraising this year and next due to COVID. Topic of extending term of loan will be discussed at next executive meeting, to maintain positive cash position. Insurance costs expected to continue to rise. Hopefully income from SnoPasses will increase. Overall, positive financial position. Accepted by Rudy, Seconded by Chris. None opposed. Carried
President	Thanks for everyone for coming out. COVID will be a challenge this year. Need to have warm up huts open, for safety. SnoMan will be developing COVID guidelines for safe use of huts. LRSR will be developing education emails for members related to COVID precautions while on the trails, hut use. COVID precautions will be developed for the groomer operators, grooming shed, cleaners for shelters. Anticipate a busy season.
Vice President	Not present.
Secretary	Meeting attendance sign in sheet has been waived due to COVID. 30 attendees present, socially distanced within groomer shed.

Director's/Executive Reports

Brian, Public Relations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not present. Has stepped down from Public Relations. • Michelle to complete writing, communications development. • There is a need to further develop and update website. • Trail conditions are not updated on website, but emailed directly to paid club members.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible income stream for occasional website use by non-members – ie. \$2 or 4 per visit (Paypal), or upsell to membership for additional “live” trail status info. • Discussion re: live GPS tracking of groomers, for snowmobilers to exercise additional caution/avoid that trail at that time. • Discussion re: posting groomer schedule on website for awareness.
Guy (interim) Fundraising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking at COVID-safe version of Poker Derby. This may need additional volunteers to manage, “no touch” version of dealing with cards. • May be a challenge to get businesses for advertising, as some businesses have suffered during COVID. Contacting them now. • No Farewell to Winter or Chili night this year. • SnoMan Raffle tickets are ready. Anna will be keeping track of all tickets. This is a good fundraiser. • Extra help with events will be requested, to share the workload. • Some suggestions for online fundraising events – ie. Online 50/50, “scan to win” tickets/raffle, QR code for website or at shelters, etc.
Gigi, Entertainment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last year had some great events: • Chili Night – 115 people attended. • Hecla run -30 sleds, 32 people in total attended. • Hot dog day – 220 sleds attended. • Thanks to all volunteers and sponsors who made these events a success last year. • We will see how things go in terms of scheduling events this year. Perhaps send a survey to membership to see who may be interested in a Hecla run, or other trips.
Brian, Membership (not present – update provided by other Directors).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last year 352 members – a record. This year 141 so far. We have many renewals due, especially the 3 year memberships. Please renew your memberships. Brian will send a reminder email. • Rates for memberships will not be increased. Will remain at \$60 for 3 years. One year for \$25. • Anticipate a busy year this year. Ideas to increase memberships – volunteers at huts for sign ups? Use Paypal account, or etransfer for paperless sign up. • Consider add etransfer folder on LRSR club gmail account, for memberships and also other fundraising opportunities.
Theo, Grooming (not present, update provided by Brad Wall)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not present. • Equipment in great shape. Thanks to all those who maintained it. • Cleats on new groomer were found to be worn. There are new cleats in Calgary. Transportation will be arranged, and work party arranged for swap out. This will be under warranty, a savings of \$15,000.
Dave, Trails	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiting for snow.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestion from membership for more planned and scheduled trail maintenance, ie. Widen curves, mange overhang, etc. Possible additional grant money, approach RM for assistance. May need to hire an excavator. • Consider sending message out to membership for request for bobcats, brusher equipment, etc. and volunteers.
Tim, Buildings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All maintenance was completed last year. Some siding at Joyce's still needed. • Received a gas log splitter on skis. Lots of wood now available at the huts. Hydro cleared the lines by the groomer shed – lots of wood supplied from that still needs to be split. • Please report any damage noticed at shelters. • New COVID precautions will be in place at shelters, with hand sanitizer. • Rose's was painted. Thanks to volunteers who helped. • Stay safe everyone! • Shelter captains from last year – all have confirmed to remain for this year. • Consider additional hooks in shelters for helmets, coats, etc. to assist with social distancing. Concerns for helmets, balaclavas dripping down. Will look for guidelines from SnoMan. • Will need capacity limits in shelters, maintain social distancing. • Will need to consider disinfecting practices for shelters. • A suggestion to consider expanding Joyce's shelter, as it is very busy. Possibly get a grant to support costs. • Suggestion from membership for more yard maintenance around groomer shed during summer months to manage weeds, grass, etc.
Randy, Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All riders will need to adhere to new COVID precautions this season. • Plan for more signage re: COVID precautions in place at huts. • Also plan for dealing for positive case who attended a shelter.
Denis, Light Equipment (not present – update provided by Brad Wall)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All equipment is ready to go. • Likely no new equipment purchases this year. • Disinfection practices will be put into place after equipment use.
Ken, Snoman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application will be made to ERSA, Snoman for new proposed trail.
Guy, Director at Large	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates provided under Fundraising

Old Business Review

New logo	Will be discussed under new business.
More trails needed to capitalize investment	Will be discussed under new business.
Positive talks with Hydro re: new proposed trail	Going well

Shelter Captains: Anson's, Rudi's, Alf's, Rose's, Joyce's	Confirmed again for this year.
New Groomer and Drag Purchase	Done
Open House	Held Dec 14 th , 2019

New Business

New trail update	Used to groom from Riverdale to Point due Bois "old tramway". This was lost to loggers. We may now get this back. Hydro contacted us – trail was rerouted, and are they are now OK to reopen the trail. Trail has been GPS'd. Hydro has already cleared the powerline to Shatford Lake. Shatford lake to Burnik lake needs some further clearing. Plan to apply to Hydro for Tramway, and from Point due Bois to Burnik Lake. MB Conservation has already provided verbal approval. Need to get approval from SnoMan. ERSA meeting is Sept 9 - they need to approve trail/map, followed by SnoMan, Hydro, and final approval from Conservation. Nopiming Club will groom first 3 KM on Burnik lake. We will groom to edge of Burnik lake and come back. Possible future plan to add an additional shelter on Shatford lake, or in that vicinity. Suggestion to name new hut after Ken Horn.
Farewell to Winter	Cancelled this year, due to COVID.
New logo – SRS Signs is also working on it	Logo is close to finalization. Samples will be ready soon for approval. Will incorporate old logo with modern look.
COVID procedures for coming season	Already discussed.
Elections:	MOTION: Motion from Rudy to dissolve positions. Seconded by Derrick. Carried. Elections carried out by Rudy.
President	President – Brad Wall nominated by Paula, Seconded by Guy . No other nominations. Brad will run. Nominated
Buildings	Buildings – Tim Mandzuk nominated by Ken, Seconded by Paula. No other nominations. Tim will run. Nominated
Light Equipment	Light Equipment – Denis Rondeau. Not present. Nominated by acclamation.
Grooming	Grooming – Theo Vanderzwan. Not present. Nominated by acclamation.
Fundraising	Fundraising – Guy Walker nominated by Brad, Seconded by Gerry. No other nominations. Guy will run. Nominated.
Public Relations	Public Relations – Michelle Walker nominated by Guy, Secpmded bY Gerry. No other nominations. Michelle will run. Nominated
Director-at-large	Director-at-large – Paula Johnson nominated by Michelle, Seconded by Guy. No other nominations. Paula will run. Nominated.
	End of elections

Next General Meeting: Saturday December 5th, 2020 10:00 am Groomer Shed

Adjournment: at 11:36 am moved by Paula, seconded by Lyle. Adjourned.