

10-18 SAW MEETING ALPENA
10-19 MISORVA ANNUAL MEETING GAYLORD
10-28 BILL MANSON RETIRED GRAND RAPIDS
11-01,2,3 NOVI SNOW SHOW
11-20 DNR/MISORVA MEETING RON OLSON, PAUL YAUK, JACKI BLOGETT, KAREN & MYSELF IN LANSING
12-5 SAW MEETING CHRISTMAS
12-7 MISORVA BOD IN CHRISTMAS
12-12 OFFICE GR NORTHWEST COUNCIL MEETING IN BOONE
1-11 BOD MEETING
2-06, 07, 08, 09 MISORVA RIDE-IN WATERSMEET
02-13 MICHIGAN TRAILS AND GREENWAYS ALLIANCE MEETING LANSING
02-20, 21, 22 LEGISLATIVE RIDE PETOSKEY
02-29 HAYWIRE TRAIL 50 YR CELEBRATION MANISTIQUE WITH RON CORBITT
03-05 SAW MEETING
03-06, 07 GROOMER WORKSHOP
03-12 MICHIGAN TRAILS & GREENWAYS ALLIANCE LANSING
3-17 DNR SKYPE MEETING
03-22 MICHIGAN TRAILS & GREENWAYS ALLIANCE TELE-CONFERENCE
05-13 ORV ADVISORY WORKGROUP CONFERENCE CALL
05-16 MISORVA BOD CONFERENCE CALL
05-20 MTAC & SAW MEETINGS
6/09 MISORVA/DNR CONFERENCE CALL
6/11 ACSA – CONF. CALL
6-17 MISORVA OFFICER CALL
6-24 MISORVA OFFICER CALL
6-25 SAW CONFERENCE CALL

7-01 MISORVA OFFICER CALL

7-08 MISORVA OFFICER CALL

7-08 DNR MEETING YEASNEY

7-15 MISORVA OFFICER CALL

7-16 SNOW COUNTRY TRAILS CONCERNENCY

7-21 DNR/MISORVA CONF. CALL

7-22 MISORVA OFFICER CALL MTAC CONF. CALL

7/29 MISORVA OFFICER CALL

8-05 MISORVA OFFICER CALL

8-12 MISORVA OFFICER CALL

8-18 SNOW COUNTRY TRAILS CONCERNENCY

8-19 MISORVA OFFICER CALL

8-21 DNR/MISORVA MEETING

8-26 MISORVA OFFICERS CALL

8-31 LEGISLATIVE REP. MEETING GAYLORD

9-02 MISORVA OFFICERS CALL

9-09 MISORVA OFFICERS CALL

9-11, 12, 13 MISORVA CAMPOUT

9-16 MISORVA OFFICERS CALL

9-19 MISORVA BOD MEETING

9-23 MISORVA OFFICERS CALL

9-25, 26, 27 INTERNATIONAL SNOWMOBILE HALL OF FAME EAGLE RIVER, WI WITH RON CORBITT

10-7 MISORVA OFFICERS CALL

10-14 MISORVA OFFICERS CALL

Executive Director Report- 2020

ORVAW Meeting - ORV Advisory Workgroup

May 13

- There is a closure on Drummond Island as the water was too high , *not sure if that is over at this point or not..*
- Holly Oaks is set to open in the Fall
- The MAGG reporting system will not move forward this season for ORV or Snow Grant Sponsors.
- DNR printed 60,000 ORV safety handbooks to be dispersed to the community
- Rob Katona reported that there are still lots of trees down in the Western UP
- The Land Use Order from the DNR was presented to the committee, the reaction was very similar to the SAW committee reaction, neither group was impressed with the ideas.
- Please report ORV trail issues to MISORVA office and we will send on to the ORVAW committee. Committee chair Tom Dunn and I had a conversation and while there is no formal Poor Trail Report, we will forward on to the committee as we do with snow.

Sept 16

- Holly Oaks has opened!
- A new trail proposal was presented however the trail has only a 1 year lease and would require a high dollar figure to make the trail usable. The proposal was submitted by the Keweenaw ATV club. This would create a trail to Copper Harbor. The committee declined the trail proposal. They will continue to work with the land owner for a longer lease.
- The MAGG program continues to be on hold.
- ORVAW has formed a sub committee to re evaluate speed limits on trails.
- All ORV safety classes are on hold at this time.

Western UP Citizens Advisory Council

May 20

- DNR - Ron Yesney has been working with this group to recommend that the reimbursement formula needs to be adjusted. WUPCAC feels that the UP clubs need more help as they have less club members. He did advise that while the recommendation can be made it will need approval from the SAW committee and DNR.
- Snowmobile Fatalities are actually 14 not 15 as announced, but the number still may change as reports change.
- Major trail work that has been previously scheduled will likely be pushed back until next year.
- Bond Falls – The group would like to see ORV parking allowed in the lot so visitors can walk to view the falls. This will take a decision and approval from the NRC.
- PA 288 if you would like to make recommendations on the roads or corrections if need be you can use this site https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-350-79119_79148_80679---,00.html recommendations can be submitted until Sept and new maps will be released in April of each year.
- DNR has seen a 250% increase in license sales (fishing, Hunting, Snowmobile , ORV ect all licenses) in the last year.
- Lake Gogebic is ATV -UTV friendly
- WUPCAC is making a recommendation to the DNR to Ban all Aftermarket exhaust. While there are questions on how to adequately enforce the ban the group feels it will be the best way to retain the trails.

July 22

- Western Up is working on, a Tressel deck over the Menominee river, Hancock to Dollar Bay ORV route remains closed due to environmental cleanup. They continue to work with the health dept to get the trail reopened.
- Work will continue on the Felch Grade surface as COVID permits
- Improvements will be made to the Clowry grade as Covid permits.
- Foster City Bridge replacement over the E branch of the Sturgeon River, DNR is trying to get this pushed forward to be ready for snow.
- Working on a reroute for Trail 8 in Baraga due to grooming difficulty due to hills and wet areas.
- Work continues to purchase large tracts of land with permanent trail funds. There are a few preliminary agreements in place. With Lyme Timber and Keweenaw Land Association. Stay tuned.

- ORV trails will continue to install alpha signs. The DNR maps have been updated with the Alpha name and be posted soon.
- Champion to Michigamme a nine mile route is open. Now working to find a route from Michigamme to Baraga.

Eastern UP Citizens Advisory Meeting

- **June 18** – Eastern UP Citizens Advisory Meeting was surprised to hear this group is 11 years old! Lots of conversation on ammo, lead versus Copper. They seem to be seeing an increase in lead poisoning in rehabilitated animals and birds and would like to see more copper ammo used going forward..(I learned more about ammo that I needed for sure 🤔 as my husband doesn't hunt!) There was a free range Elk sighted! That was very exciting as this is a rare occurrence in the past few years! And last FYI. The Shooting range in Marquette will keep moving forward and the funding is from the Trust Fund and the sale of ammo, so the funding is safe!
- **OCT 1** I continue to attend these meetings as they are informative and educational for me.

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- **June 19-** Tourism Industry Coalition of Michigan meeting This was interesting meeting! There are many different tourism groups represented and working together to benefit everyone. Again my first meeting, Each group is expected to give an update on what projects we are working on I suppose in case someone on the group can help or lend expertise. As was the case with the Retailers and CVB. I wasn't quite prepared for an update this time but will be the next one!
- **OCT 1** I continue to monitor the emails sent out regularly and attend these meetings to keep aware of other groups ambitions and activity.

Non Motorized Funding Workgroup

- **June 24-**Non Motorized Funding Workgroup this is a new group that is realizing that there is no funding mechanism for maintenance to their trails and it is becoming a problem. I wanted to join this group as much for learning and I did to be able to help. I am hoping that I may be able to take as much knowledge from them as I can give on how we generate funding mechanisms. First meeting so we will see... this group meets every 2-3 weeks.
- **Oct 1** Meetings continue to move forward. Non Motorized trails have no funding mechanism available to maintain trails, funding is only available to build trails. The Non Motorized groups is looking to implement a voluntary trail permit with funding being made available to maintain these trails.

Trail Permits

- **June 16** - Stacy and I traveled to Lansing to settle up the Snowmobile Trail permits for last season. Stacy completed all the required information and we have received a new contract without change and returned the new signed contract for this upcoming season. At this point I do not have a date on which we can pick up permits.
- **OCT 1**– We have received the first 25,000 permits on Aug 19 2020 and have been shipping out to the agents. The DNR has also contacted all of our agents requesting they buy permits through the DNR website. This has cause lots of confusion for our agents. MISORVA requested a meeting with the DNR to request that MISORVA be the authorized agent for the preprinted permits. This was met with opposition from the DNR but we will continue to push forward working through our legislators.

Saw Meeting

June 25

- Paul Yauk reported that the state is 3.5 Billion in debt and funds are at this point restricted as the upline does not understand our program well enough.

- Paul Yauk also announced there will be No New Equipment Grants and they will focus on refurbishing. *It is my opinion that we need more conversation to help the UPLINE understand that the funding belongs to the snowmobile community. There will be more conversation going forward.*
- For our grant sponsors...you must complete your paperwork in a more timely fashion or be penalized.
- From Snow Country Trails Conservancy.. the Three Lakes property needs to be sold, however at this point there is a flooding issue and the property cant be accessed. There is a meeting coming up with SCTC and the DNR so perhaps we will have more updates after that meeting.
- Trail Sign orders have been approved and will be delivered.
- Trespassing and Back Country riding has lots of use on snowmobile trails. The DNR is working on more improved maps.
- Clubs need to work with the local prosecutor to help with trespassing. It will take the prosecutor to prosecute before we will begin to see change.
- Trails from Baraga to Chassell will be closed again this year.
- Riders need to work with issues in their area and the SAW representative to pass on the information for progress to happen. Should you have good or bad going on please get the information to your SAW representatives.

MTAC - Michigan Trails Advisory Council

July 22

- Work continues on the Master Trail Plan, They will be gathering public input soon the plan hope to have balance for all user groups
 - MTAC will begin a trail volunteer recognition program with one individual or group being recognized.
- Sept 20 was declared Trails Week

Sept 23

- Paul Anderson was recognized as a Trail Volunteer
- ORV permit sales are up
- Concerns brought forth from ORVAW are that unused ORV funds left in the coffers at the rend of the fiscal year are cut again by the formula for the next years budget. This causes concern as the left over funds have already been cut once.
- ORV will return to 1 year grants
- A committee has been formed to work with the department for possible multi year grants.
- To date the DNR has stated that the ORV program will never be allowed to purchase equipment, this decision should be made by ORVAW and the user group.

SCTC Snow Country Trails Conservancy

April

- Bill Manson requested he be removed form the board
- New officers were installed as follows
President – Rick Brown
Vice President – Jim Dickie
Treasurer - Mark Pankner
Secretary – Jim Kelts
Director – Mark Evans
Director Brad Potter
- This board will work proactively with the DNR team to purchase permanent snowmobile trails

Aug 25

- Land purchased in Spurr Twp needs the deed corrected
- Discussion continued on the transfer of the conservancy owned land in the DNR Designated Trails

Sept 28

- Updates on the land purchases and a new possibility of a parcel to be added

Below are the miscellaneous meeting and activities that keep me young!

June 1 - MSEAF Meeting - Providing updates on the Education and Advancement group.

June 11 - Attended ACSA Bod Meeting Jim Duke has already provided the updates

June 11 - I picked up our new loaner trailer from Becks! She is a beauty! Pictures in the Fresh Tracks Newsletter.

July Attended Representative Scott Van Singel reelection open house BBQ . I listened to lots of conversations between his constituents and he, about the items they feel need attention and where they would like to see their district move towards. For any of you that have not yet taken the opportunity to get to know your representatives and Senators I would encourage you to do so, Democrat or Republican, recreation benefits everyone! They will listen and they will get involved if it is good for their District. They may not lead but even if they do not vote against it is a win for recreation!

June 22 - Representative Scott Van Singel requested a conference call to further explain our program concerns. We met with Mark Evans Jim Kelts and myself and a staffer from Rep LaFave and Rep Allor! Good meeting and all seem enthusiastic to help!

July 27 Meeting with Michael Desnoyer Michael and I had a long conversation to help me understand the funding mechanisms and how they work for each program.

August 21 & 22 Nelsons Snomotion The event was on a smaller scale due to COVID 19 but still a good presence! We sold a few permits talked to lots of people and even bought myself a side by side! Hopefully next year they will be able to enjoy the old format we all love!

Aug 31- I attended an Election event in honor of Ken Borton. Ken is vying for Triston Cole's representative seat as Triston is termed out. Ken is a very avid snowmobiler and ready to pick up our support as needed if he wins the election.

Sept 1 Stayed in Gaylord and made personal connection with several area dealers to see how the association could help them.. Very informative and productive!

Sept 14 Attended Representative Steve Johnsons reelection event. Had a good conversation with Senator Aric Nesbit and Representative Luke Meerman about our Wheeled Vehicle legislation and our request to be the authorized agent of the pre preprinted snowmobile permits. Steve Johnson continues to support motorized recreation.

September Our first meeting with Karoub Associates. This is a well know lobby group and hit the ground running. In June our long time lobbyist Noel LaPorte severed the working contract with MISORVA. It was time for him to move on with bigger clients.

So now the day to day.....

First, I would like to THANK YOU ALL for the opportunity and faith you put in me by promoting me to the job of Executive Director. It is a big step and certainly follows some very big shoes to fill. I am thankful and intend to do the best job for all of you! Should I be missing a mark please do me the favor of letting me know where I might be falling short. Feel free to use my cell or email for your concerns.

We are using the Zoom video conference to meet on Tuesdays nights! This has been a great tool for communication with members and non member alike to voice their ideas thoughts and concerns. These calls take place on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Tuesday of each month. The first Tuesday is Region one and the second for Region 2 and the third of course for

Region3. While anyone is free to join any or all calls. If you have not joined look at www.msasnow.org Calendar page for a link to the calls. There is a link to upload the information into your calendar as a reminder as well!

We have been working with Representatives on our legislation changes we are hoping to see. Karoub will be helping that development! The Bills for changing a few laws from a Misdemeanor to a civil infraction are moving forward through the House. Should you want to watch them they are HB 5551-5689-5693- 5780- 5776 and Senate Bills SB-922-923- the senate bills are helmet laws that would allow a person with a Dr order would not have to wear a helmet due to a personal medical issue. None of these pointedly effect our program or will be a detriment.

UPDATE - Senate Bill 922 & 923 are moving along. DNR has reservations with these bills however we have sent our support to move the bills forward. KAROUB has distributed the letter to the Legislators.

UPDATE HB 5551-5689-5693- 5780- 5776 all of these bills continue on the path to law.

We are preparing for the new website and have had several calls with our designer. Our new website will house our data program and will allow members to renew and join easily. We should be live within 2 weeks!

I hope you all are receiving the Fresh Tracks Newsletter. If Not please contact the office and we will get that corrected!

Respectfully submitted
Karen Middendorp
Executive Director

Karen Middendorp

From: Rich Rottier <richrottier@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2020 9:43 PM
To: Karen Middendorp; Karyn Hautamaki; Lizz Holzwarth
Subject: rec committee report

we are on for winter ride in --details are pleasant moose lodge in newberry on feb 4 thru 7--cost is 81-133 for rooms and 100 for meal package--call the office for resevations--we are limited to 100 people for this year--summer ride in is being worked on at this time--having a hard time finding somewhere big enough and can ride out of

Rich

Karen Middendorp

From: kjh64 <kjh64@frontier.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 27, 2020 5:07 PM
To: Karen Middendorp
Subject: Charity report for 2019-2020

For the 2019-2020 season, I reported that Michigan had 99 clubs. There were only 23 that responded to my request to report their non paid volunteer/charity hours. The request for the reporting was from ASCA (American Snowmobile Club Association) and ISMA (International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association).

All in all, out of a total of 32 states, providences and territories that were asked to respond, Michigan was second highest with clubs responding. Not bad, but I feel we can do better!

Lets try harder for 2020-2021 season!

Kaye Houk,
MISORVA Charity Chair

Subject: Publishing Committee Reports Annual Membership Meeting

MISORVA MATERIAL DUE DATES TO KALE FOR 20/21 PUBLISHING SEASON

SEPT/OCT	8/14/20
NOV/DEC	10/16/20
JAN/FEB	1/8/21
MAR/APR	2/19/21
MAY/JUN	4/7/21
JULY/AUG	6/16/21

All content for publication can be emailed to Kale@mspninc.com

This is the schedule that has been set up for delivery of materials to be sent to our editor of MISORVA NEWS.

Kale Wainer is our editor, assigned by MSPN our publisher, printer, and mailer.

Kale has done an excellent job, and is currently working on his articles for the NOV/DEC issue.

If anyone has a suggestion for an article in any upcoming issue, please feel free to get that idea to Kale, Karen, myself, or any member of this committee.

John

Annual Meeting Trail Committee Report

Our committee started a little slow beginning with one member progressing to three members then back to one.

Possible issues to pursue were 1) Interconnecting ORV trails in order to provide cross country style riding 2) Checking that trail monies being spent are properly allocated if "restoration" is involved 3) Modeling ORV permit funding after the snowmobile side getting more dollars spent on trails.

The chair spoke in favor of opening Genesee County roads to ORVs at a Public Hearing. Eventually an ordinance was adopted to open these roads. As a consequence the chair assisted the Village of Otisville in adopting this ordinance as well as a golf cart ordinance.

Additional trail issues have been discussed between a local dirt club and the USFS which are mentioned in the Friends of the Forest report.

The Covid virus mandates have severely curtailed work by this committee.

Annual Meeting Friends of the Forest Report (Mio Ranger District)

The Oscoda County Dirt Club had a visit from USFS representatives (Mio District) who informed us that opening of FS roads had been put on the back burner by "the Washington Office". Later conversation with other MISORVA members indicated that other FS offices claimed the road openings were still on track. Who is to know which is correct? At the same meeting the club was presented with a copy of USFS Cost Share Agreement. This appears to be a silly issue utilizing fake budgets and unrealistic accounting numbers to justify volunteer activity. A result of this meeting was to petition the FS of open three small segments of FS roads to provide safer trails and better access.

The Covis virus has prevented a face to face meeting with FS personnel but communications have continued. The above request is working it's way through the system with a hopeful 2021 approval. The FS has had a tough summer with trail maintenance due to storm damage. The local District has also tried using a smaller tractor and box blade to grade less than 50" trails. This method certainly disrupts much less than bulldozer work and seems to be quite effective. Additional contacts will be made as allowed.

Karen Middendorp

Subject: FW: Committee Reports Annual Membership Meeting Due Sept 30, 2020

From: Ron Corbett <corbettrd@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 1, 2020 9:39 AM

To: Karen Middendorp <karen@msasnow.org>

Subject: Re: Committee Reports Annual Membership Meeting Due Sept 30, 2020

Membership Report:

This year started out with what I thought with great opportunities, however with pandemic restrictions starting in March things changed.

Many of our face to face opportunities were and still are curtailed.

One on one conversations are still our best way of recruiting new members and just because you don't get membership then, you've failed, later conversations could seal the deal.

Look for opportunities and share them, open houses with dealers, swap meets club meetings, social media or other gatherings.

Looking forward to this upcoming year and our organization needs to stay focused on why we support motorized recreation.

Numbers matter (Members)

Ron Corbett Membership Chair