

MISORVA
Annual Meeting – Saturday, October 19, 2019 at 10 am
Location: Jay's in Gaylord, MI

- I. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by President Jim Kelts at 10 am.
- II. **Roll Call:** The roll call of the BOD was taken and recorded. Secretary has the recording available upon request.
- III. **Approval of Agenda:**

Motion to accept agenda by Jim Duke, second by Wayne McCarty, to accept the agenda. Motion carried.
Motion to take items out of order by Jim Duke, seconded by Jeff Biggs.
- IV. **Minutes of Previous Annual Meeting:** Minutes were emailed and are available at this meeting. (Placed on file)

Motion by Jeff Biggs, second by Andrea Eder, to accept the minutes. Motion carried.
- V. **President Annual Report. President Jim Kelts. Handout read by President.** (On file)
- VI. **Vice President Annual report. Vice President Dave Campo.** Been a great year and a busy year with all the changes. Glad to be here and let's move this program forward.
- VII. **Treasurer's Report:** Mark Pankner. Second year and it was getting a little easier till the State of Michigan's DNR wanted to audit our trail permit accounts. It was an amazing experience. Communication with the MISORVA office is wonderful. Great working with Jim Kelts who has the organization always on the top of his mind. Two handouts. Funding will continue to be a challenge. Membership is our life blood. We need to reach out to ORV members. Accounting firm Rehmann. Trail permits funds has its own accounts. If you have questions, please contact Mark. (Placed on file)

Motion by Jeff Biggs, second by David Low to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion Carried.
- VIII. **Audit Committee Report. Jim Duke.** Audit started back in June, all records were made available and all questions were answered. Everything is in order.
- IX. **Communications: President Jim Kelts.** New trifold for membership has been printed and are available from the office. Gov. Whitmer created a new position, Office of Outdoor Recreation, and named Brad Garmon as director created specifically to support and build stronger alliances between outdoor recreation, economic development and natural resource stewardship. (speech placed on file)
- X. **Report from The Executive Director, Bill Manson:** Written report. On file. Worked on the transition from MSA to MISORVA. Congressional ride is one of his enjoyable events. Read a draft of the DNR closing trail report. MISORVA BOD had a major discussion about it. MISORVA's BOD feels December 1st to March 31st snowmobiles only on groomed marked snowmobile trails and closed to wheeled vehicle. The MISORVA BOD would like to get ahead of this draft. Since this is an Annual meeting everyone can give opinion. Jim Kelts did comment that we use to have great relationship with the DNR. Currently DNR individuals have been directed that they are not to attend the MISORVA meetings from above.

Motion by Wayne McCarty to accept Bill Manson report, second by Jeff Biggs. Motion carried.
- XI. **Nominations:** Ron Corbett.

President: Jim Kelts agreed to run for president for another year. Nominated by Bruce Reetz and seconded by Dan White.
Vice President: John Newman Nominated by John Griffin, second by Stu Volker and Mark Evans nominated by Wayne McCarty, seconded by Jeff Biggs.
Treasurer: Mark Pankner agreed to run for Treasurer for another year. Nominated by Mark Evan, seconded by Wayne McCarty.
Secretary: Karyn H nominated Jeff Biggs, second by John Houk.
Nominations suspended till this afternoon
- XII. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - A. **Legislative: Chair, Mark Evans.** Members: Bob Meyers, Ron Corbett, Jim Duke, David Low. The last magazine printed the policy of the committees. Two proposals the committee is working on 1) Requirement for individuals to take a training course for both snowmobiling and ORVs. This proposal will be presented at the next meeting; Members suggest a stage phase approach. 2) Address the logging issues such as staging the location of the logs not on the trail, cleaning up the debris from the logging, making sure the contracts are written properly and implemented completely, and holding loggers accountable. Looking into reroutes for safety. A member asked the committee to look at removing the stumps from the side of the trails by loggers. Members suggested that clubs go to the forest logging review meetings. A list is being created for when they meet. **MISORVA currently requests "not allowing wheeled vehicles on groomed snowmobile trails from December 1st to March 31st".** Keeping the trails closed to May is a policy that the DNR is looking into putting into place. The committee will be preparing a report to talk about these issues at the next meeting. Single ORV permit fee, combining the ORV trail permits was requested to be addressed by the committee which will be addressed in the future by the committee.

- B. Membership: Chair, Ron Corbett.** Members: Karyn Hautamaki, Mark Evans, Dan White, Jeff Mariucci, and Jeff Biggs. Membership forms are available. The life blood depends on membership. The larger the membership of MISORVA the greater the clout we have in Lansing. Would like to start tracking the type of membership, snowmobile, ORV or both. Need to grow. Like to know about when dealerships have snow shows so a MISORVA representative could be present to talk about the organization. Considering doing trail stops again.
- C. Publication: John Houk, Chair.** Members: Colleen Campo, Donna Cody, Karyn Hautamaki, Rick Rottier, Lizz Holzwarth, and Sarah Long. Pleased that everyone got the magazine as planned. October issue is out with. Proof for the next magazine is in process. The next issue should be out the first of November. If you have any comments, please contact John Houk. Send articles to the office so Karen can forward it to the magazine editor. March, April, May will focus on the dirt. December, January, and February will focus on the snow.
- D. Trail: Brian Hicks.** The committee is looking at uniformity in signing on trails. Looking into connecting ORV trail so that one can go somewhere and not just in a circle. If there are other issues the Trail committee should look at, please contact Brain Hicks.

XIII. OTHER REPORTS:

- A. SNOWMOBILE GROOMER WORKSHOP:** Groomer Workshop will be held at the Kewadin Casino Sault Ste Marie Hotel on March 5, 6, 7 2020. SAW meeting is Thursday followed by Friday and Saturday workshop. At the Groomer workshop, courses are offered (every year courses are different), groomer machines and drags are available to drive and kick the tires, and vendors are available to ask questions. It is a great place to network with other snowmobile clubs. If you have suggestions for a course, please contact the office. If not getting the groomer Newsletter email, please contact Karen at the office.
- B. ORV WORKSHOP:** Grant Dewitt and Gary Blazer. The first ORV workshop is being planned for 2021. Suggestion for ORVs to attend the snowmobile workshop for ideas. There is used equipment from the snowmobile program that will be retiring. Talks about how to transfer to the ORV program are in process. There is also equipment being used on dirt trails which ORV clubs might be interested in learning about it. Also at the ORV to have different vendors show up to demonstrate what they can offer the program

- C. Bylaws: Jim Duke, Chair.**

Updating Bylaws. Per the Bylaws:

Article XII – Amendments Secgtion1. These bylaws maybe amended by a majority vote of the membership at the annual or special meeting of the general membership. The voting maybe conducted at such meeting provided notice of such changes are provide to members in the association newsletter or other approved publication at least thirty (30) days prior to such meeting.

The proposed amendment was made public 30 days before voting at this general meeting

The proposed amendment would read:

Two eligible members from each district shall be selected to serve as Alternates to elected delegates of any membership category requesting to be excused from a duly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors. The Alternates shall not hold office, nor sit on the Board of Directors, and may cast a vote only in the absence of the delegate they are substituting for. All Alternates must be members of the Michigan Snowmobile & ORV Association with current dues paid. The Alternates names must be submitted to the office and retained on the delegate / alternate roster.

Insertion of the proposal as Section 7 in the bylaws and the renumbering of the current sections 7 -11 to sections 7-12.

Motion to adopt the proposed amendment by Bruce Wood and seconded by John Griffin. Three individuals opposed the vote. Adopted by majority.

- D. Recreation: Rich Rottier, Chair.** Snowmobile ride in February 6, 7, 8, 2020 at Watersmeet Casino. Room reservations must go through the office. More to come. Planning fun run and guided rides. Camp out ORV ride Father day weekend June 19, 20, 21 2020.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Trail Permits:** Bill Manson commented upon the DNR audit. New contract is in place. It has been a struggle since the DNR would not negotiate a contract thus preventing MISORVA from selling trail permits at the Nelson show. MISORVA was also told by a DNR representative that MISORVA was going to have to pay for all the trail permits before the season. This would be a financial burden on the organization and was the reason why MISORVA had members contact legislative representatives. MISORVA does not get any money from the state or from any MI state ORV or snowmobile program. MISORVA funds are obtained from donations, Raffles, merchandize, membership and selling trail permits. The first Trail permit contract was a lot of pages. The DNR wanted access to all MISORVA members and all MISORVA books. In addition, the DNR wanted to preapprove public communications from MISORVA. After negotiations, it was decided to give MISORVA about 20,000 permits and that MISORVA would buy additional lots in cash. The other request removed from the contract. Communications with the DNR is difficult right now. All DNR representatives have been advised not to go to MISORVA meetings and not to write articles for the magazine.

B. BOD nominations and elections for the Districts

District broke off into groups and elected their 2020 membership. Please see the attached excel spreadsheet for 2020 membership.

C. Election of Officers. Jim Duke. Election of officers are at the annual meeting.

President - Motion to close nominations for president and cast unanimous vote for Jim Kelts for President by Karyn Hautamaki and second by John Houk. Motion passed.

Ballots for VP were counted by John Griffin, Jim Dickie and Bruce Wood.

Vice President - Nomination of Vice president. Motion to close nominations for Vice President by Dan Moore and seconded by John Houk. John Newman has been elected for VP. Motion to destroy ballots by John Houk and seconded by Karyn Hautamaki. Motion passed.

Treasurer - Motion to close nomination and unanimous vote in Mark Pankner by John Houk and seconded by Dave Nuechterlien. Motion passed.

Secretary - Motion to close nomination and unanimous vote in Karyn Hautamaki by Brian Hick and seconded by Dan Moore. Motion Passed.

XV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Haywire was the 1st Rail Trail in the State of Michigan 50 years ago. Haywire 50th Anniversary event for snowmobiles is February 29, 2020 from 10 am to 4 pm. Handouts are in the back. Registration forms and additional information is on the webpage.

Pink Ribbon Ride a nonprofit organization which provides direct financial assistance to both men and women diagnosed with breast cancer Snow run event is January 18, 2020 in Gaylord. For additional information go to the website.

Remember to Keep track of your Charity hours

Flyers for membership for the MISORVA are available now.

National Trespass committee is putting on a trespass design challenge. If you would like to submit a design, please go to Snowmobile.org to submit your new design for trespass. Prizes to the top 3 submitted by Jan 15, 2020. Contact Karyn Hautamaki with any trespass issues.

Trail committee would like to propose working on legislative changes to close groomed snowmobile trail based on riding and grooming conditions on Marked groomed snowmobile trail on state land only during snowmobile season with 4 inches of snow. Snowmobile season is December 1st to March 31st which is the grant period for snowmobiles. It is felt that once the groomers start grooming, wheeled vehicles should not be on the trail since wheeled vehicles destroy the hard work the groomers do in making a smooth snowmobile trail. Also need some way to provide communication to riders so they know if the trails are opened or closed. The members feel they need to reinforce this interest from the snowmobile side. Jim Kelts plans to talk with DNR representatives. MISORVA was surprised to learn that the DNR are considering closing the trails to May. MISORVA also reiterated that 50-inch trails and only ORVs trail which are not groomed marked snowmobile trails, ORVs are permitted to ride and they should. We need to make sure that everyone understands the difference. This topic will be considered at the December BOD meeting. Please email Jim Kelts with your comments. At the December BOD meeting members would like to develop MISORVA's direction for groomed marked snowmobile for everyone, snowmobile and ORV members.

Motion to suspend talks to the December BOD meetings by Jeff Biggs seconded by Grant Dewitt.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT: Motion by David Low, second by everyone to Adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned

**** Secretary Notes are not part of the meeting and are added for clarification after the meeting.**

If you cannot make the meeting, please contact the MISORVA Secretary for an excused absence.

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