

MISORVA
Board of Director Meeting – Saturday July 11, 2020
Location: Zoom Meeting

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by President Jim Kelts at 10:00 am.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** The roll call of the BOD was taken and recorded. A quorum was verified. Secretary has the recording available upon request.
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** *Additions to the agenda. Under new business (b) vote on Legislative issues (c) Permanent Trails fund*
Motion by John Houk, second by Alan Kava, to accept the Agenda. Motion carried.
- IV. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** Minutes were emailed and are available at this meeting. (Placed on file)
CORRECTION: By Rick Brown Under X. Snow Country Trails. It's Three Lakes, not Three Rivers, as it says in the minutes.
Motion by Rick Brown, second by John Houk, to accept the amended minutes. Motion carried.
- V. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Two handouts. (Placed on file) Mark Pankner gave an overview of the finances. Karen and Stacy closed out with the DNR for trail permits. Mark said barring any major catastrophes in the next two months we will end on the black, which is Great News! The largest expense is/was the computers/website.
Motion by Gary Blazer, second by John Newman to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion Carried.
- VI. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Karen Middendorp:** Karen provided a report to the group by email. (Placed on File) She encouraged everyone on the BOD to talk to your Representatives. She said Go talk to the dealers. It's up to US now, as Noel LaPorte is no longer with us anymore. She stressed the importance of going to the town halls with the Senators to meet them and talk to them about how Important Motorized Recreation is to You! Karen ended with Please let her know if there is something you need that she isn't doing so she can, and also, if there is something she IS doing you don't want her to. She is here for YOU!
- VII. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - A. **LEGISLATIVE: Mark Evans.** No Report.
 - B. **MEMBERSHIP: Ron Corbett.** No formal report, however he did speak with Karen about working with some ORV dealers.
 - C. **TRAIL COORDINATION: Brian Hicks.** Brian has nothing to add at this time due to the situation we're in.
 - D. **PUBLICATION: John Houk.** John emailed a report to the group. (Placed on file) Magazine for Aug/Sept has been proofed and has been sent to printer. Colleen Campo asked to be removed from the proofing committee, John Newman's daughter will be added. Jim K. said the magazine will continue on next year as it has this year.
- VIII. **OTHER REPORTS:**
 - A. **ACSA: Jim Duke.** Jim emailed a report to the group. (Placed on file)
 - B. **Charity: Kaye Houk.** Kay received a report back. Out of the 99 clubs in MI, only 23 responded. Out of 3100 total clubs, and only 369 responded. Kay recommends contacting ISMA and asking if they want to continue this.
 - C. **Midwest Chapter: Ron Corbett.** Ron said last meeting was June 17th. Proposed budget was accepted. They are now the Midwest Chapter of ISC. They had the election of officers. Bob King is the Chair, Ron is the Vice Chair, and Mark Hazzard is the Sec/Treasurer.
 - D. **By-Laws: Jim Duke.** There is one proposal at this time. It's the proposal to extend the terms for the President and Vice President from 2- 1 year terms to 4 – 1 year terms. Jim Duke said it needs to be published. It will be voted on at the October annual membership meeting. Rick Brown asked about voting at the Annual meeting if we're not able to get together by then. (EO 2020-15) Get in magazine and Fresh tracks.
John Houk made a motion to allow electronic voting as stated in EO 2020-15 for the Annual Meeting, Rick Brown second. Motion Carried
 - E. **Friends of the Forest: Jim Duke.** Sent in his report. The only thing he added is when the Doty bridge project began, it started at replacement of 300k. Now it's at 1, 360k! **Pete Finch.** Met with Huron Manistee ranger, he's still very encouraged for the legalization of the ATV/ORV on the trail system, but the reality is nothing will be happening until after the election. **Brian Hicks.** Nothing to report.
 - F. **Groomer Workshop:** We're looking for a new chairman now that Don has retired. Please think about someone.
 - G. **Recreation: Rich Rottier.** Summer Ride in is scheduled for Sept 11-13. Winter Ride – In, Feb 13th weekend? Or Feb 20th weekend? Newberry, MI. 50 rooms/100 people. No hotel has been picked yet, More info to follow. Karen recommended avoiding February because of the Legislative rides. The only time in February that's safe is Presidents weekend.
 - H. **Dual Trail Maintenance Committee: Don Britton.** No report at this time.
 - I. **Public Relations Committee: Ron Schroeder.** Ron said thanks to the committee they've outlined the importance of supporting motorized recreation. He was going to do a blitz mailing, but decided to go face to face and see some of them. After talking to some of the dealers, it became apparent after asking to put out applications, Ron had asked about putting out a display table for information, and they said they would have to

talk to the manufacturers. So, Ron plans to contact the marketing /PR departments and ask himself. Karen will put Ron in touch with Ed Klim from ISMA.

IX. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. **District Meetings:** Karen M. said as of now this is not happening. She asked if this is something you all want done. John Newman said they've tried in District 7 but the Gov. has issued several EO's preventing people from getting together. Karen recommended a Zoom call, and offered to facilitate for any district that needs. Just let her know when. Terri Norey is going to try and get one set up for her district.
- B. **Survey:** A while ago Bill Manson had done a legislative survey, and Karen would like to tweak it and send it out again. We need to know who is for motorized recreation, and who isn't.
Joe Chavis made a motion, Dave Nuechterlien second to send the survey. Motion Carried.
- C. **Legislative Dirt Ride:** Karen has been working with Senator Stamas on a dirt ride. If we can't get anywhere this year with Stamas, she will try Senator Vanderwall. She is hopeful to still do one this year. Bryan Hicks asked how a legislative ride works. Karen explained how the snow legislative rides works, and we will plan the dirt rides basically the same,

X. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **Insurance:** Maryanne Noah was going to give a presentation, but opted to wait for a face to face meeting.
- B. **Nomination Committee:** Jim Kelts asked for volunteers for the Nominations committee. This committee is in charge of seeking candidates for the positions of the officers. Ron Corbett, and Rick Brown, and Jim was going to ask Jim Dickie as well. Jim Kelts reported his term was up, and Karyn Hautamaki will not seek re-election. Jeremy Valley will run for Vice President.
- C. **Legislative Proposals:** Jim Kelts explained each of the current Legislative proposals to the BOD. And reminded everyone these are just proposals.
 - a. **Wheeled Vehicles on Snowmobile Trails:** Discussion on Wheeled vehicles by Jeremy Valley. The group he represents would be opposed to this. Karen explained the Land Use Order the DNR had recommended was Dec 1st – May 1st. MISORVA is opposed to that. **We are proposing Dec. 1st to March 31st ON Marked Groomed Trails.**
*Rick Brown made a motion, Gary Blazer second, to accept Proposal 1.
Motion Carried. (3 nays)*
 - b. **Pre-printed trail permits:** We are much more responsible and efficient at sending them out, however, as Jeremy Valley pointed out, the public perception is this is a money grab. We need to change that.
*Ron Corbett made a motion, Rick Brown second to move forward on Proposal 2.
Motion Carried*
 - c. **ORV One permit:** Jim Kelts stated we've heard requests from some asking for one permit, and heard from others saying its fine the way it is. What is everyone's feelings. Karen asked Jeremy or Howard Campbell to join the legislative committee, because their knowledge would be very worthwhile.
*Karyn Hautamaki made a motion to move forward on Proposal 3, Brian Hicks second.
Motion Carried*
 - d. **Establish All Workgroups into Law:** Establish into Law all the different workgroups so they can't be abolished. That would take a change in the law.
*John Houk made a motion, Ron Corbett second to move forward with Proposal 4.
Motion Carried*
 - e. **Free Snowmobile Weekend:** Should have been done over a year ago by the DNR, however they said it will take a law change to get it done. So that's what we need to do.
*John Newman made a motion, John Houk second to move forward on Proposal 5.
Motion Carried*
 - f. **Update the Snowmobile Stationary Sound Test:** When a snowmobile exceeds the noise level, we would like to see a civil infraction that carries a heavy fine. One of the two reasons we lose a trail is loud noise (the other is trespassing)
*Brian Hicks made a motion, second by Gary Blazer to accept Proposal 6.
Motion Carried.*
 - g. **Rental Operations:** There is a one-time \$48 Snowmobile Trail permit, and a one-time ORV Trail permit yearly. We're proposing a possible \$150 permit to Snowmobile Rentals, and \$100 to ORV Rentals. This is a very important change that will require more conversation.
*John Houk made a motion, Gary Blazer second to move forward with Proposal 7.
Motion Carried.*
 - h. **Historic Snowmobile Registration:** Looking at putting a static date of anything before 1992.
*Gary Blazer made a motion, Brian Hicks second to move forward with Proposal 8.
Motion Carried.*

- i. **Discuss Permit Costs:** Permits will be going up yearly due to the cost of living. We will be looking at the numbers now for the best way to sustain the program. (not MISORVA, the Snowmobile Program) We will propose \$65.

Motion by Ron Corbett, second by Rick Brown to move forward with Proposal 9.

Motion Carried

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Budget:** Mark Pankner explained the officers worked on putting together a cautious budget. He went over the budget line by line and answered the questions asked by the BOD. John Newman remarked it's a very lean budget, being \$80k less than less year.

John Houk made a motion to accept the budget as presented, Joe Chavis second. Motion Carried

- B. **Snow Country Trails Conversancy:** Jim gave some information regarding what the purpose of SCTC is and what they plan to do. The purpose is to make permanent trails. He listed the new officers of the Board at this time. Rick Brown is the President, Jim Dickie is the Vice President, Jim Kelts is the Secretary, and Mark Pankner is the Treasurer. Jim K. wanted the BOD to know it's a work in progress, but more to come.

XII. TRAILS & SAW COMMITTEE REPORT:

REGION 1: Jim Duke report emailed to the group. (Placed on file)

REGION 2: Nothing to report

REGION 3: Karen M. said nothing to report. She said she did have an interesting conversation with some friends in Allegan Co. who are working with the commissioners, and they feel they're close to getting them to open the roads to ORV's.

- XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Alan Kava reported attending a Public Comment meeting regarding an ORV connector trail in East Jordan. He said it was well attended, and most were in support. Alan said Tristian Cole was there, as well as the man who is currently running for his spot Ken Borden. He also said it looks like MDOT is onboard as well. Alan asked if we could send a letter of support from MISORVA for the project. Jim K. asked Karen to get with Tristian and do that. Karen said she will also hook Alan up with Tristian to do some videos on motorized recreation.

- XIV. DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING:** Date of the Next meeting will be September 19, 2020. Location TBD.

- XV. ADJOURNMENT:** ***Motion by Rick Brown, second by Dave Nuechterlien to adjourn. Motion carried.***

Meeting adjourned 1:27pm

MISORVA Board of Director Meetings:

Sept. 19, 2020 - TBA

October 17, 2020 - Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

December 5, 2020 - TBA

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