

MISORVA
Board of Director Meeting – Saturday May 16, 2020
Location: Zoom Meeting

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by President Jim Kelts at 10:07 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:** *There were no additions to the agenda.*
Motion by John Newman, second by Rick Brown, to accept the Agenda. Motion carried.
- IV. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** Minutes were emailed and are available at this meeting. (Placed on file)
Motion by Rick Brown, second by Mark Pankner, to accept the minutes. Motion carried.
- V. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Four handouts. (Placed on file) Mark gave an overview of the finances. Mark explained the time to close out with the DNR for trail permits.
Motion by Mark Evans, second by Dan White to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion Carried.
- VI. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Karen provided a report to the group by email. (Placed on File) She highlighted recently she met with Representative Tristin Cole about some of our issues. She stressed the importance of going to the town halls with the Senators to meet them and talk to them and tell them How Important Motorized Recreation is to You!
- VII. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - A. **LEGISLATIVE: Mark Evans.** Mark provided a report to the group. (Placed on file) Mark added that all the elected officials would be attending town hall events in the 105th District, and probably Every District with the election. Again, we need to go and meet our representatives, Get Out and Talk to them. See who our friends are.
 - B. **MEMBERSHIP: Ron Corbett.** Ron attended the Haywire event with Jim, and commented they got a few members. He said you have to talk a few times, but you'll get them. He plans on attending the ORV event for the Haywire event. Ron is thinking about the possibility of bringing his trailer. Donna volunteered to work with Ron. Dan asked about the Oakland CO. Park.
 - C. **TRAIL COORDINATION: Brian Hicks.** Brian has nothing to add at this time.
 - D. **PUBLICATION: John Houk.** John emailed a report to the group. (Placed on file) John said the next issue has been proofed and should be in the mail now. If you have anything you'd like to see in the magazine, please let John or Karen know, or send in some articles.
- VIII. **OTHER REPORTS:**
 - A. **ACSA: Jim Duke.** Jim emailed a report to the group. (Placed on file)
 - B. **Charity: Kaye Houk.** No Report
 - C. **Midwest Chapter: Ron Corbett.** Ron said they are working on the by-laws to get in line with ACSA.
 - 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 said it needs to be published.
 - E. **Friends of the Forest: Pete Finch.** Pete Finch reported for the Manistee National Forest. He has a new contact he's been working with, and has had encouraging dialog he said. Communication slowed down as COVID hit, understandably.
 - F. **Groomer Workshop: Don Reed.** Don Reed has resigned. This year the program purchased two registrations for each grant sponsor. That was fantastic. It was great. Karen said it continues to grow. The classes were phenomenal. It's a great event.
 - G. **Recreation: Rich Rottier.** Rich talked to the campground about moving the dates to Sept. or October, and she was fine with that. Stephanie Hubbarth- Bergan recommended we wait for the summer Ride In because of the restrictions still in place at this time due to COVID. It wouldn't be much fun to have a get together if we can't get together. Donna Cody agreed completely, and John Newman said it would make a great color tour.
Motion by Rick Brown, second by Alan Kava to move the Summer Ride In to Sept 11, 12, 13. (amended)
Motion Carried
 - H. **Dual Trail Maintenance Committee: Don Britton.** No report
 - I. **Public Relations Committee: Ron Schroeder.** Ron said he is pleasantly surprised at the ability to put out the fires on social media. Great Job Team!! Jim said be prepared it will probably fire back up again. Ron proposed a campaign called SIN or "Strength in Numbers". The plan is getting everyone involved. The dealers, consumers, Local Businesses, and manufacturers. It's still in the exploratory phase right now, but Ron said we need them to know why they need to know why they need to be a member of MISORVA. Also discussed was the possibility of putting up short videos of what is MISORVA. What can MISORVA do for you on YouTube.

IX. Old Business:

- A. Executive Director:** Jim began by reminding everyone that in December it was agreed Karen Middendorp was going to become Interim Executive Director for a trial basis to make sure she could handle it. He said it was time for the BOD to vote as to that fact. Jim said he would entertain a motion.

*John Newman made a motion to make Karen Middendorp Executive Director. Cheryl Ziola seconded.
Motion Carried*

CONGRATULATIONS KAREN!!!

- B. Computers:** Jim explained to the group that because we didn't have a March meeting and time was of the essence, the Executive Board went ahead and made the decision to purchase the new computers and programs for the office. While the cost may seem high, it has been spread out over 18 months. And it's with our current IT provider, which is a plus.
- C. MAGG:** MAGG program has been put on hold as of now. All Grant Sponsors will have to submit paperwork as they have in the past, or email.
- D. BOD Vacancies:** Karyn Hautamaki said everyone received an email with the vacancies in their district. Please look it over and see if you know anyone who may be interested in filling a position in that district and category. Karen then asked Karyn to speak for a minute about Don Reed. Karyn said what an asset Don was as President during his term, and then turned it over to Jim Kelts. Jim echoed what Karyn said, and said Don wanted to retire and start living life. Mark Evans suggested the officers put something together for Don in appreciation for his years of service.

*Motion by Mark Evans for the Executive Board to get something for Don Reed, second by Lizz Holzwarth.
Motion Carried*

X. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Snow Country Trails:** Rick began that Snow Country Trails was formed in 2003, mainly because the large land owners were selling off the property especially the Upper Peninsula. Rick explained, we (Some of the grant sponsors and MSA at the time) were worried they would lose access to some trails. So they came up with the idea of having a Permanent Trail system. This would be accomplished by either buying a right of way and having it put on the abstract of the property, or, actually purchasing the property, taking out the area we needed for the trail, and then selling the rest. Rick said there is a property in Three Rivers like that now. Rick went over the Board of Snow Country Trails. Rick said he would like the Board to get with the grant sponsors to look at the areas we can purchase. Let's make some permanent trails! Question was sent in from Gary Blazer on when we can get the funding that was already approved last year before the crisis for the trail improvements. The answer is, there is no answer. Probably not for a while unfortunately.

XI. TRAILS & SAW COMMITTEE REPORT:

REGION 1: Jim Duke report emailed to group. (available upon request)

REGION 2: nothing to report

REGION 3: Rick reported there is a trail they are putting towers and power lines down. It should have gone into the rails to trails program. Talk to Paul about it. Mark Evans reported a trail reroute on Trail 59.

- XII. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Stephanie Hubbarth-Bergan questioned the number of BOD meetings per year. She just wanted to make sure there was an even number in both seasons. She brought up trespassing, and the locals in their own areas that disregard these rules. Chuck Pope asked what we can do to further help motorized recreation. Jim said go to these coffee klatches and meet your representatives. That's the best way.

- XIII. DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING:** Karen currently has a block of rooms being held at the Kewadin Casino in St. Ignace, however the room cost is usually outrageous.

*Mark Evans made a motion to plan a Zoom meeting for July, and cancel the zoom if needed. Alan Kava second.
Motion Carried*

- XIV. ADJOURNMENT:** *Motion by John Houk, second by Rick Brown to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 12:41pm*

MISORVA Board of Director Meetings:

July 11, 2020 - TBA

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. ****