



Snowmobile Advisory Council Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday February 10, 2020
Eagle River Inn, Eagle River, Wisconsin

Committee Members Present: Dave Newman - Chair, Mike Holden, Nancy Olson, Jeff Schwaller, Lee Van Zeeland, Bob Lang

Other Council Members Present: Bev Dittmar, Dale Mayo, Arlyn Baumgarten, Tom Chwala, Sam Landes, Andy Malecki, Joel Enking, Sue Smedegard, Don Mrotek

DNR staff attendance: Jillian Steffes, Ed Slaminski, Annie Loechler, April Dombrowski, Marty Stone

Public attendance: members of the public

1. **Call to order at 8:00 AM**
2. **Agenda Repair - None**
3. **Acceptance of minutes of previous meeting**

Motion to approve October 2019 minutes by Lee, 2nd by Jeff. MOTION PASSED

4. **Committee Chair Comments - Dave Newman**
 - Legislation AB692/SB623 to raise grant funding cap has passed the assembly, will be available to the senate Feb 11 through 20th.
 - *(Post-meeting update, legislation passed both senate and assembly and was signed into law by the Governor on March 4th as Act 141)*
 - An ad hoc group reviewed SNARS entries including non-supplemental counties, to review accuracy and consistency of maintenance entries. Overall entries were well done but had no hour breaks in groomers for some counties. Some double entries were also observed (human error). Some groomers are still not tracking to the tenth of the hour, and should be. Still some excessive machine hours vs. human hours but overall improvement from previous years.
5. **Public Comments**
 - Holly Tomlanovich (Vilas County Supervisor) expressed concern that the increasing cost of groomer machines is problematic for the clubs. Used machines are \$60k at a minimum, and new machines are \$230k to \$250k. Presented a letter from the Sno-Eagles snowmobile club.
6. **DNR Funding Report**
 - HANDOUTS
 - 2019-20 Snowmobile Funding Summary
 - Snow Supplemental Audit Results 2018-19
 - Snow Supplemental Seasonal History (1990 through present)
 - Snowmobile Trail Passes Sold

- Snowmobile Council “New Miles” Funding Recommendations, with status update on those that have been formally written
- \$3.5 million paid out in supplemental for 18-19, the highest year yet.

7. Committee member reports, comments and items.

- None

8. Items for next meeting

- None

9. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Lee, 2nd by Mike. MOTION PASSED