

Agenda Item	Key Points	Outcomes, Next Steps, Assignments
<b>Call to Order at 2:50</b>	<p><b>Members Present:</b> Gary Hilgendorf, Chair; Bev Dittmar, Larry Erickson, Andy Malecki, Bob Lang, Sam Landes, Dale Mayo, Steve Moran</p> <p><b>Others Present:</b> Cathy Burrow, Faith Murray, Ann Loechler, Ed Slaminski, DNR, members of the public and other council members.</p>	
<b>Agenda Repair</b>	None.	
<b>Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>	Two typos in the February minutes were corrected.	<p><b>Motion:</b> Steve moved to accept the minutes of the February 18, 2017 meeting as amended. Second by Andy. <u>Motion passed.</u></p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Andy moved to accept the minutes of the June 12, 2017 meeting as amended. Second by Steve. <u>Motion passed.</u></p>
<b>Public Comments</b>	<p>A representative from Sawyer County Snowmobile Alliance would like to groom with a heavy-duty truck w/tracks. He asked the Council to classify (set a rate) for this. Gary looked at it and said he didn't think what they had previously determined would work so they need to discuss further.</p> <p>He spoke about the time they spent in MN at the manufacturer checking out the tracks.</p> <p>A representative from Chippewa County asked about the groomer rates and if they were finalized.</p> <p>They have a TS100 Sur Trac and the way the rates are now it's a Class B which he thought would make it too expensive to use.</p> <p>They also have a Sur Trac 110 that is almost identical. They pull the same drag, do the same job, take about the same money to operate. His committee would like the Infrastructure Committee to think about adding another tier in the grooming class.</p>	<p>It was stated that pickup trucks with tracks had previously been placed in the Class B category. However, it may be that depending on size, etc., they may fit in multiple classes.</p> <p>Council stated tracked trucks would be discussed further in the Equipment Rates section of the agenda.</p> <p>Again, it was stated that this topic would be discussed further during the equipment rates section of the agenda.</p>

	They would like the TS100 grand-fathered in as well. At least they'd have some time to try to make other arrangements.	
<b>Chair Comments</b>	Gary asked everyone to stay on topic for the meeting because of the large agenda.	
<b>Committee Member Comments</b>	Larry reported that their Zueterberg track trial has gone very well so far. They have over 700 miles and hope to run it for 1,000 this year. They've been quite satisfied with it.	
<b>DNR Report</b>	<p>Handouts were explained.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trail requirements (Snowmobile Program Guide &amp; Corridor guide)</li> <li>• Equipment Rates</li> <li>• Trail paving MOU &amp; Internal DNR trail paving guidance</li> <li>• Electronic copy of the previous Council minutes was sent out prior to the meeting</li> </ul> <p>SNARS upgrade changes are listed on the Snowmobile Grants page on the Resources tab here:  <a href="http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/documents/snow/SNARS_Upgr adeChanges.pdf">http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/documents/snow/SNARS_Upgr adeChanges.pdf</a></p> <p>Bridge Rehab ranking sheet – Can we stop requiring it, since we typically have enough funds to cover the entire category?</p> <p>Bridge guide updates reported.</p> <p>Process for reconciling GPS/GIS maps.</p> <p>Open Trail definition – to keep requiring counties to provide this data, there needs to be parameters set so the trail open/close dates are consistent throughout the state.</p>	<p>SNARS was left unavailable longer than originally planned due to the budget delay. It will be back up on Tuesday, August 22.</p> <p>Committee agreed bridge ranking would not be required in the bridge rehab category unless funding circumstances change which would require it.</p> <p>The bridge builder and bridge manufacturers lists which are appendices in the Bridge Guide were removed, because that information is readily available elsewhere. Also, the bridge review requirements were updated as follows: It is the sponsor's responsibility to verify the structural adequacy of the stricter. Adequacy can be provided by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An engineered stamped drawing</li> <li>• A manufacturers certification for factory built or component bridges</li> </ul> <p>A process for reconciling the GIS maps will be determined at the next committee meeting.</p> <p>No action was taken on a definition of what constitutes an "open trail."</p>
<b>Grooming &amp; maintenance rates</b>	Grooming rates were changed as previously discussed. The 5 rates that were added after the February meeting were specifically approved.	<b>Motions:</b> Andy moved to recommend the council approve the 5 new rates that were agreed to after the February meeting

(contingent on budget passing with maintenance increase intact). Second by Dale. Motion Passed.

The five rates are:

205 - All tired tractors & skid steers 50-99 HP: \$34

206 - All tired tractors & skid steers 100-149 HP: \$49

207 - All tired tractors & skid steers 150 HP and up: \$56

217 - All tracked dozers, tractors & skid steers 100-149 HP: \$54

218 - All tracked dozers, tractors & skid steers 150 and up HP: \$69

**NOTE:** The entire rate sheet is posted on the Snowmobile Grants page:

[http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/documents/EquipandLaborRates\\_17-18.pdf](http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/documents/EquipandLaborRates_17-18.pdf)

Dale moved to recommend the council grandfather the listed units and any other council declared unit for 5 years provided the unit in question met the old standards in the class. The 5 years starts with the 2017-18 season and the clubs must declare them now. Second by Sam. Motion Passed.

- John Deere Models: 6400, 6410, 5625, 2955
- Case Models: 5130, 5230
- Massey Ferguson 3075-4, 300T
- Ford 7740
- New Holland TS 100 / Sur Trac drag
- New Holland 7740

**Note: the grandfathering does not transfer with a sale.**

In the future, all grooming units will be classified per manufacturer's stated HP.

Long discussion about fully tracked trucks. There was an ask to fund a tracked truck at the Class A rate, the Committee members indicated they want to see equipment proven before they give it extra consideration and places it in a class other than were is would fit on face value. They advised that the company producing the tracks, come to the groomer show in St. Germain to demonstrate the product.

**Rates:**

		<p>Andy moved to recommend the council approve the new grooming rates for the '17-18 season (list provided, contingent on budget passing with maintenance increase intact). Second by Steve. <u>Motion Passed.</u></p> <p><b>Note:</b> The list is provided on the Snowmobile Grants page under Resources:  <a href="http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/documents/EquipandLaborRates_17-18.pdf">http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/documents/EquipandLaborRates_17-18.pdf</a></p>
<b>New miles ranking sheet</b>	<p>The Trail (new mile) ranking sheet was discussed and agreed to by the committee.</p>	<p><b>Motions:</b></p> <p>Andy moved to recommend the council approve the trail ranking sheet as agreed to by the committee. Second by Dale. <u>Motion Passed.</u></p> <p>Trail Ranking spreadsheet is posted on the Snowmobile Grants web page under the Resources tab:  <a href="http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/SnowmobileTrails.html">http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/SnowmobileTrails.html</a>          (Note: snowfall measurements were adjusted after the meeting to coincide with the MRCC mean snowfall map.)</p> <p>The Midwestern Climate Center (MRCC) Mean Snowfall map which is referenced in the trail ranking tool is available at this link:  <a href="http://mrcc.isws.illinois.edu/cliwatch/images/annual_snowfall_normals_8110.png">http://mrcc.isws.illinois.edu/cliwatch/images/annual_snowfall_normals_8110.png</a></p>
<b>Storm damage request review and action</b>	<p>Council needs a policy for when storm damage will be accepted. Will they allow requests to come in at any time or do they Counties need to hold those and adhere to the April 15 deadline?</p> <p>Requests of \$23,271.50 from Vilas County and \$25,220 from Monroe County.</p>	<p>The Council will entertain storm damage requests at regularly scheduled meetings. They will keep open the option of scheduling unanticipated meetings if circumstances warrant.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> DNR committed to create a draft process for consideration at the Feb. committee meeting. It was suggested that it may be possible to incorporate that into the application as an appendix.</p>
<b>Member items</b>	<p>Larry: Michigan took a lot longer to get their trail's open after the big flood last year than Wisconsin did. Good job by the counties and clubs.</p> <p>Interest in seeing the proposed changes to the trail signing handbook and a timeline for completion.</p> <p>Sam:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blue Mounds State Park: We are waiting for a decision on the lawsuit challenging the trail through the park. We expect that to happen before the first of November.</li> <li>• Great Sauk Trail-Wisconsin River Bridge: Wisconsin and Southern Railroad (WSOR), Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission (WRRTC) and WisDOT have a plan set to address the 2 sections and 3 piers that are claimed to be damaged and unsafe. Once that happens, the push for the trail and bridge into Dane County will start.</li> <li>• Sauk Prairie Rec. Area (SPRA): There is still a lingering concern with area snowmobilers on the last-minute decision to remove the first snowmobile trail alternative of being included on the main route. Snowmobilers are fine with the alternative, but will expect that a complete and connected snowmobile trail is a part of the SPRA.</li> <li>• Amery to Dresser-Stower 7 Lakes- We are working hard to get Polk County officials to update their plan and communication with the DNR to implement snowmobile use.</li> </ul>		
<b>Next Meeting</b>	Committee meeting will be Saturday, Feb. 17 <sup>th</sup> at Eagle Waters in Eagle River.		
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