

Northern Hornshoe Snowmobile Club
Meeting minutes – October 5, 2020
Location : Club Groomer Shed

Meeting called to order by President Keith Weber at 6:12 PM. Tom Lonnborg seconds.

No meeting minutes were provided from the last meeting of the 2018 – 2019 season so there are no minutes to approve.

It was noted that the snowmobiling was awesome last season due to the amount of brushing and grooming that was provided by the club. Thank you to all that worked to make the season great. Unfortunately, covid had prevented club functions from the end of the season including the driver's dinner. A groomer driver's dinner from last season will still be scheduled once things are safer.

John Deere provided 7 ½ hours of work on the groomer. A new PTO joystick was installed as well as 38 other updates to the computer. All issues are straightened out now. Two of the Soucy tracks were damaged from regular use. We were provided one new track at no cost. Soucy will determine if the other is also bad from regular use and if so send a replacement.

With covid affecting everyone, there was a discussion about club meetings. Keith mentioned that in the best interest of all the members that it may be better to hold off temporarily on the current meeting format for a few months. As an alternative, the board will meet every 4 or 5 weeks and meeting notes will be provided. A vote was held and that motion carried. There will be an opportunity to provide questions or comments to the board prior to the meeting via email. An email will be sent out to all members prior to the meeting being held.

The December 7th board meeting may also include the groomer drivers. This will need to be finalized and the drivers will be contacted if this is to occur.

Financial information provided by Terry Lonnborg. The club is financially in good shape. We are still to receive the initial payment from the county for the start of the season.

There is a need for a new secretary for the club meetings. One of the responsibilities will be to take the meeting minutes. No individual had offered to take that position.

All equipment is ready to go for the season. Diesel fuel tank is full as well as the propane for heating the shed. The tires on the drag have been foam filled so there is need to worry about flats.

The club was offered a property right off the grade (trail 17) for \$1.00. There are no facilities on the location. If a decision is made to purchase the property, a shed and clubhouse would need to be constructed. After number crunching it was determined that

it would take approximately \$150,000 for the construction. This cost will be to construct a new shed similar in size to the current one but also including other amenities including rest rooms. No decision has been made as the property offer was just given. We will see what happens this year and possibly pursue the offer next year.

A new remote has been installed in the shed to control the lights, diesel pump and doors. All of this functionality will be controllable from the groomer.

We have a change in the Vilas county contact that we have to work with. In the future, the club will possibly be dealing with the forestry commission.

The groomer will be utilized for at least the next 2 weeks for brushing. For anyone interested, there is a need to complete the snow fence on the trail from just off of the north east end of Pokegama Lake. Need brush cut and poles and fencing installed. This is tentatively scheduled for Thursday the 15th next week. Meet at 9:00 at the shed. In case of rain then the alternate day is Friday.

There was talk of the Raven Lake trail being updated. There is a tree at the end of the lake to possibly be taken down. There has been no word on that yet and this may not occur.

Due to covid and for the safety of the drivers, the groomer will need to be cleaned after each use. Cleaning supplies will be provided as well as sanitizer. Please be diligent about the cleaning. We will all need to be thorough to provide a safe environment for all drivers and to avoid any covid exposure. The last thing the club wants is to have an outbreak that will affect its members.

In addition to the cleaning for covid, all drivers will need to clean up after them selves after each outing. Or there may be a need to rotate members to clean. The tractor needs to have windows cleaned, all garbage picked up and any dropped chips or other snacks will need to be vacuumed from the carpet. Last season the groomer was occasionally left with garbage and food or snack crumbs on the floor. Please respect the equipment.

A motion was made to adjourn at 6:35 PM. Scott Lake seconds.