

VALLEY COUNTY GROOMER ADVISORY BOARD

MAY 11, 2023

Chairman Ron Platt called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Lake Fork Road & Rec Department building. Present were Ron, Terri Klanderud, Mark Wood, Vic Greenfield, Mark Sabin, Rick Dolphus, and Larry Laxson, Park & Rec Director. Also present were John McClain, President of the McCall Club; Jason Wright, President of the Donnelly Club; and Danny Amen, Valley County Parks & Rec.

Terri Klanderud motioned that the minutes be approved as presented; seconded by Mark Wood. Motion carried.

USFS

Payette Forest - Jason Wright stated that the new McCall Ranger, Dennis Benson will report on July 30, 2023. The new Boise Cascade District Ranger will be Chris Bentley. The Payette Avalanche Forecasting will be upgraded from a Level 2 to a Level 1, and there will be forecasting six days a week next year.

SHERIFF'S REPORT – No one was in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

Grants - Larry Laxson reported that we have received four grants from IDPR - They were for a toilet at Lick Creek, a toilet at Brush Creek, with picnic tables, firepots and hardened pads, and a grant for a lawn mower. We are applying for grants next year of 1.2 million dollars.

The transport trailer is broken in half and needs extensive repair. Discussion took place regarding ideas to fix/replace.

Consolidated Areas – Mark Sabin brought up to the committee to consider making Valley County a consolidated area, instead of having each area separately. Discussion took place regarding the advantages and disadvantages of moving towards that. Mark Wood suggested that it would be important to take the idea back to the Clubs for input as well. Mark Sabin commented that it would make management of the program easier for a future Coordinator replacement. Terri asked that a list of pro and cons be brought to the meetings to evaluate and weigh whether it would be beneficial to the program.

IDPR Snowmobile License Plate Fund – Terri Klanderud mentioned that up to \$100,000 of the license plate fund will be used for snowpoles and signs statewide. Ideas for what is needed will be gathered in each region for IDPR. Please let her know of ideas and needs.

Coordinator's Report – Larry Laxson reported that we are pretty much done on our spring maintenance other than the few items that were not available at the time of maintenance. There are three groomers that will go to Piston Bully school this year.

AREA REPORTS

Smith's Ferry – We are waiting for the roof to be fixed.

Warm Lake – N/A

Donnelly – Jason Wright reported that they have a full executive committee now. Discussion took place regarding purchasing property for a parking lot. Larry Laxson will get Jason scheduled on the agenda for the Commissioners Meeting to discuss parking lots.

West Mountain – N/A

McCall Area – Mark Wood stated the materials were delivered and it was moved to the back side of the fuel shed and some on the forks of the loader inside. They picked up garbage at Brush Creek and Francis Wallace.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Mark Wood	McCall Area	Groomer Meeting	3 hrs
Mark Sabin			4 hrs
Mark Wood		Perpetua Meeting	12 hrs
Chris Swartzhoff		Johnson Creek	8 hrs
Mark Sabin		Meetings/Perpetua	12 hrs
Mark Wood		Parking Lot Clean up	16 hrs
John McClain			16 hrs
Ron Platt	Donnelly	Groomer Meeting	6 hrs
Vic Greenfield			6 hrs
Ron Platt		Meetings/Perpetua	16 hrs
Jason Wright		Groomer Meeting	4 hrs
Jason Wright		Clean Up area	6 hrs
Sharon Bixler	Warm Lake	Research/Groomer for WM LK	11 hrs
Sharon Bixler		Meeting Prep	4 hrs
Ron Thiessen		Research/Groomer for WM LK	11 hrs
Ron Thiessen		Check out trails/maintenance	9 hrs
Terri Klanderud	Smith's Ferry	Groomer Meeting	6 hrs
Rick Dolphus			6 hrs
Terri Klanderud		Minutes/emails	2 hrs
Terri Klanderud		Meetings/ISSA	10 hrs
Rick Dolphus		Parking lot clean up	6 hrs

