

VALLEY COUNTY GROOMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

Chairman Ron Platt called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 pm at the Lake Fork Road and Recreation Department building. Present were Ron Platt, Mark Wood, Vic Greenfield, John Hicks, Terri Klanderud, Larry Meredith, Larry Laxson, Mark Sabin, and Rick Dolphus. Also present was Jay Jacques, McCall Area Club; John McClain, McCall Area President, and Carole Lundgren, The Baum Shelter owner.

July & August Minutes – Mark Wood motioned that the minutes be approved as presented; seconded by Mark Sabin. Motion carried.

USFS – No one was present.

SHERIFF'S REPORT – No one was present.

NEW BUSINESS

Attendance & Agenda – Terri Klanderud asked that voting committee members let her know in advance if they are going to be absent from the meeting so that a quorum can be verified.

Trail marker poles at Wellington – Rick Dolphus reported that he had started a project with the Emmett Ranger District and they referred it to IDPR, and it has died. Ron Platt mentioned that Larry Laxson is putting up black PVC pipe and cat eye something. The Payette Forest Ranger likes the idea of having a 10' permanent sliding pole that stays up year round.

Warm Lake Snowmobile Trails – Larry Laxson reported that there was an issue with the alternate trail that was chosen for Perpetua. After talking to the Forest Service Nepa lead, that is not an issue, other than we will gain one mile. Due to no-net-gain, we will be giving up a mile and a half in another location. The final EIS for Perpetua will come out before Christmas.

OLD BUSINESS

COORDINATOR'S REPORT – Brush Creek vaulted toilet will be installed the last weekend in September and they are installing one at Lick Creek. The Granite Goose project is coming out next Thursday.

AREA REPORTS

McCall Area - Mark Wood reported on the Gordon Titus parking lot. Tall Timber is no longer in business. Mark has been working to try to find someone that will be able to excavate. The District Ranger from New Meadows will allow them to go another year.

Francis Wallace parking lot update - Mark Wood informed everyone that Jim Fronk is still in limbo, as they are still waiting for the decision. Mark shared with them a proposed diagram.

The log bridge that they were using for the trail out there – all the logs broke . They pulled all the broken logs out and peeled out another bridge, and they are now prepped for a bridge to be delivered. The cattle guard will be over the ground, not over the water.

John McClain reported that the roof has been repaired. They moved the east side to the west side and then replaced the metal on the east side. They have ordered two pieces of metal that are coming from Franklin to replace a couple pieces that couldn't be salvaged. They need to find someone to remove the debris.

Smith's Ferry – Rick Dolphus stated that the Club does not want to install the liner for the fireplace. Ken Rich donated two cords that were delivered and is sitting up there. Terri reported that their Fall Clean Up is schedule for this Saturday.

West Mountain – Larry Meredith stated that he didn't believe that they have had a meeting.

Warm Lake – No one was in attendance

Donnelly - Jay Jacques reported that a contractor is replacing culverts up on New Business. Discussion took place regarding if the old coverts could be used. Jay volunteered to put them in. Mark Wood stated that a German company has come out with an Avalanche Check Station with a battery that will last 90 days; Mark received a report that they should last over 120 days and was given some information regarding what would shorten the life. He is going to take plastic PVC pipe and use a plastic sign to improve the life span of the battery. There are funds in the Avalanche Fund to purchase three more checkpoint stations.

Vic Greenfield motioned that the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Mark Wood. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

McCall Club Clean up	McCall Area	Groomer Shed Roof	188 hrs
John & Sarah McClain	McCall Area	warped floor in shack	6 hrs

Mark Wood		Groomer Meeting	3 hrs
Mark Sabin			4 hrs
John Hicks			3 hrs
Jay Jacques			4 hrs
John McClain			4 hrs
Randy Morell		Man lift	40 hrs
John McClain		Man basket	40 hrs
Ron Platt	Donnelly	Groomer Meeting	6 hrs
Vic Greenfield			6 hrs
Larry Meredith	West Mountain	Groomer meeting	3 hrs
Rick Dolphus	Smith's Ferry	Groomer meeting	5 hrs
Terri Klanderud			6 hrs
Terri Klanderud		Minutes/Agenda Letters/Meeting	12 hrs