

# **VALLEY COUNTRY GROOMER ADVISORY BOARD**

## **NOVEMBER 9, 2023**

Chairman Ron Platt opened the meeting at 7:00 pm at the Valley County Parks and Rec building in Lake Fork. Present were Ron, Terri Klanderud, Mark Sabin, Mark Wood, Ron Theissen, Vic McLaughlin, Larry Meredith, Rick Dolphus, and Larry Laxson. Also present were John McClain, McCall Area Snowmobile Club; and Danny Amen, Valley County Recreation Program.

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

No public comment or changes to the agenda.

### **USFS**

*Payette Forest* - Savannah Steele called and was unable to get back from Boise in time to attend, but will be at the next meeting with the maps to review.

*Boise Forest* – no one was in attendance.

Mark Wood questioned that the Forest Service stated that they were not going to have their winter rangers checking tags and directing traffic in the parking lots. They will be policing the CAT ski area instead. Brundage is a private sector business, it was questioned why our tax dollars are being used to police for them? Terri Klanderud commented that they have funds available to police for a private sector business, but can't live up to their cost share agreements.

**Sheriff's Report**- Kevin said that he may attend next month. Larry questioned if we could get a couple people certified to issue citations, and the answer was "no".

### **NEW BUSINESS**

ISSA/Convention/Groomer Meeting – Terri took minutes at the ISSA Groomer Meeting and emailed them to everyone. Rick Dolphus is the new Region III Rep. The new President is McCall's Scott Chapman, and the President-elect is Justin Abramowski from Magic Valley Club in Twin Falls.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Gordon Titus Expansion- Mark Wood reported they have the green light to start the project, but need \$70,000-\$85,000 to get started. They would like a little more

engineering than a napkin. Mark questioned what kind of a match they would need. Larry thought it would probably go RAC grant and there doesn't need to be a match. Could we get Valley County to write the grant and turn it over to Adams County for their RAC grant funds as well? Larry Laxson will make an appointment to go over to Adams County and talk to Vicky Purdy.

By-pass Update - Ron Platt mentioned he would see if he could get access to the CAT and get it fixed up.

Groomer Maintenance Update – Larry Laxson reported that Peterson's showed up and fixed the two CATS. Larry was impressed with them.

Valley County Programs - Larry is pretty sure he is going procure a PB100. We will get an ORMV grant, with a \$110,000 match; \$80,000 from RAC, and \$30,000 from Valley County. Warm Lake Riders will provide a cover for the CAT.

We are applying for a grant for a skidsteer with a blower, bucket and a trailer that will be used for both summer and winter recreation. The trailer will be able to haul the PB100 as well.

## **COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

Larry Laxson brought the new financial reports from the new system. He is passing out reports that have the "new look". It doesn't have any of the expenses taken out yet, but it gives everyone an idea of what they will look like. Larry is going to hire two trainee's for grooming this year. This is the first year that all of the last years crew will be coming back again.

## **AREA REPORTS**

*Smith's Ferry* – nothing to report

*West Mountain* – firewood is stalked.

*Warm Lake* – needs more snow.

*Donnelly* – having a membership meeting Tuesday night at Idaho Pizza in Eagle.

*McCall Area* – They got the warming hut delivered and it's in place; John put a new floor in it. Green gate parking lot, Mark discussed with Todd Wernex putting in a new gate. He would like a rail fence for a few feet on either end. Mark and Rick Sironen went up and filled in the big mud hole between the two roads.

## **VOLUNTEER HOURS**

Mark Wood

McCall area

Groomer Meeting

3 hours

Mark Sabin		Groomer Meeting	3 hours
John McClain		Groomer Meeting	3 hours
Mark Wood		Firewood	3 hours
		Shack & Rack	18 hours
		Bridge Work	22 hours
Rick Sironen		Shack & Rack	18 hours
John McClain		Shack & Rack	12 hours
		Firewood	3 hours
Ron Platt	Donnelly	Groomer Meeting	6 hours
Vic Greenfield		Groomer Meeting	6 hours
Larry Meredith	West Mtn	Groomer Meeting	2 hours
Ron Theissen	Warm Lake	Groomer Meeting	4 hours
Ron Theissen		Trail Recon	6 hours
Rick Dolphus	Smiths Ferry	Groomer Meeting	5 hours
Terri Klanderud		Groomer Meeting	5 hours
Terri Klanderud		ISSA Groomer Meet	5.5 hours
Terri Klanderud		Minutes, Agenda, etc	4 hours