

VALLEY COUNTY GROOMER ADVISORY BOARD

March 11, 2021 7:00 pm

Chairman Ron Platt called the meeting to order at the Donnelly Groomer Garage. Present were Ron Platt, Larry Laxson, Terri Klanderud, Mark Wood, Mark Sabin, Larry Meredith, Vic Greenfield, John Hicks, and Rob Workman. Also present were Jay Jacques, McCall Snowmobile Club; Marvin Limbaugh, Cougar Mountain Snowmobile Club; Ben Esplien, Mountain Meadows Rental; Ron Theissen, Warm Lake Riders, Linda Provancher, Midas Gold/Perpetua; and Dave Bunker, Donnelly Snowmobile Club President.

Approval of February Minutes – Mark Wood motioned that the February minutes be approved as presented; seconded by Larry Meredith. Motion carried

Public Comment – None

Changes to the Agenda – None

USFS

Payette Forest – There was no one in attendance

Boise Forest – There was no one in attendance

SHERIFF'S REPORT – There was no one in attendance

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Review - Larry Laxson reported that we are out of money everywhere. We are up over 1,000 registrations this year. Larry will be recommending that we pay our groomer's \$16.00 an hour in order to help maintain employees. It requires a special skill set. He has an area Budget for us to review.

Larry Meredith suggested that the legislation should have read to increase out of state to \$250.00. When compared to yearly passes at golf courses, etc., we are far below other forms of recreation. Discussion took place regarding fees and the legislation.

Larry Laxson talked about the maintenance that we need to do and the hours that are on the Cats. We are starting to cut back on grooming as we can; there needs to be funds available for Spring Maintenance.

Mark Sabin reported that the Sheriff's Office checked tags in Francis Wallace parking lot over the President's day weekend; out of 1200 sleds, only 30 were non-compliant.

OLD BUSINESS

Legislation/Sticker fee increase - Terri Klanderud talked about the legislation that has passed the House Committee, the House, and the Senate Committee, with a recommendation to approve H229, H86. An email was sent out with the contact information for the Senators to please request that they pass these bills.

Warm Lake Rider's Association – Terri Klanderud reported that the Warm Lake Riders Association has recommended their Club President, Ron Thiessen, to the Valley County Groomer Advisory Board. Terri Klanderud motioned that we write a letter informing the Valley County Commissioners of the formation of the Warm Lake Riders Association and recommend the approval of Ron Thiessen, Club President, to the Valley County Groomer Advisory Board; seconded by Mark Wood. Motion passed. The Warm Lake Riders Association formed in January of this year and has over 60 members.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Larry Laxson reported that the McCall Cat has been moved to Warm Lake to groom as the West Mountain Cat is still down and some of the parts are still not in.

AREA REPORTS –

Smith's Ferry – Dave Boynton has cleared the parking lot.

West Mountain – the Donnelly groomer has been over twice to help groom the trails over there while the West Mountain Cat is down. Larry Meredith spoke about spreading out the impact in the parking lots and riding areas and expanding to Lost Lake and Smoky Boulder.

Donnelly – They are having their Club ride this weekend.

McCall - Larry Stokes contacted Mark Wood to let him know that Channel 20 on the ham radios are a designated emergency channel. You can be fined for using that channel. Mark would like to look into putting up a web cam. There is a meeting scheduled on March 25, with the New Meadows Ranger District, to discuss building out the upper elevation parking lot to the specifications that was originally approved. Mark also discussed parking and grooming of new areas.

Mark Wood reported that they got the Beacon Testing Station set up at Francis Wallace, Brush Creek, and Donnelly.

VOLUNTEERS

McCall Area

Mark Wood	Groomer Meeting	4 hours
Mark Sabin	Groomer Meeting	4 hours
John Hicks	Groomer Meeting	4 hours
John Hicks	Budget/Finances	22 hours
Dan Krahn	Parking Lot/Grooming	26 hours
Mark Sabin	Grooming	78 hours
Mark Sabin	Parking Lot	16 hours
Mark Sabin	Administrative	6 hours

Donnelly Area

Ron Platt	Groomer Meeting	6 hours
Vic Greenfield	Groomer Meeting	6 hours
Ben Esplen	Grooming prv miles/Clearing	288 hours
Ron Platt	Grooming	15 hours
Ron Platt	Admin/Meetings	25 hours
Ron Platt	Grant review	8 hours

West Mountain

Larry Meredith	Groomer Meeting	2 hours
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Cougar Mountain Club

Rob Workman	Groomer Meeting	6 hours
Terri Klanderud	Groomer Meeting	6 hours
Dave Boynton	Parking Lot/Building Mtn	116 hours
Rob Workman	Warming Hut Maintenance	12 hours
Terri Klanderud	Emails/Minutes	4 hours
Terri Klanderud	Legislative/Emails	32 hours