

# **VALLEY COUNTY SNOWMOBILE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**January 14, 2021 7:00 pm**

**DONNELLY GROOMER GARAGE**

**Call Meeting to Order - Ron Platt**

**Approval of December Minutes:** *Rob Workman motioned that the minutes be approved as presented; seconded by Mark Wood. Motion carried.*

**Introductions-** *Present were Ron Platt, Mark Wood, Vic Greenfield, Mark Sabin, Rob Workman, Larry Meredith, Terri Klanderud, Larry Laxson, and Danny Amen. Joel Taylor was present from IDPR; Michael Beach attended via phone call from the Payette Forest Service.*

**Public Comment**

**Changes to the Agenda**

## **USFS**

**Payette Forest**– *Michael Beach commented on the agreement for the wheeled track vehicles over 2,000 lbs; he was being questioned by Brett Barry as to whether or not the Commissioners had the authority to allow that. Larry Laxson commented that by State Code it was a County option and they had previously made the decision to exercise that right.*

**Boise Forest** – *No one was in attendance.*

**Sheriff's Report** - *No one was in attendance.*

## **New Business**

**Parking Lots & Trail between FW & Brush Creek** – *Mark Wood discussed the parking problems in Francis Wallace and Brush Creek. Rental sleds create a big issue in the parking lots. Discussion also took place regarding problems with the registration system. Joel talked about the non-designated area almost exclusively coming from Ada County and out of State.*

**New Snowmobile Ordinance** – *Mark Wood wanted everyone to review the new Snowmobile Ordinance. Anderson Creek was mentioned. The biggest concern is the verbiage regarding how we can control what is going on in the busier parking lots. The parking slots are 54 feet long. The first row of the overnight parking has trailers parked in the middle of it. Calls are coming in asking questions because the information has not been relayed to the Sheriff's Department. Mark Wood and Ron Platt will look at the Francis Wallace and Brush Creek parking lots to review connecting the two parking lots. Approximately 60% is out of state plates.*

**Avalanche Beacon Testers** (from Payette Avalanche Center) *Mark Wood reported that Friends of the Avalanche Center received lot funds and have purchased a board that has several different beacons that can be used. They also purchased five beacon testers and they have two at Tamarak Resort and two were given to the snowmobile community that will be put at Brush Creek and one at Donnelly. They have devised a way to use a battery instead of the solar panels and they will last for approximately two months. The batteries need to be insulated.*

**Donnelly Trailhead** – *Ron Platt discussed the By-pass; Vic Greenfield rode the by-pass and said that it was coming together.*

**DF Grooming Partnership w/Mountain Meadow Rentals-** *Ron Platt informed everyone that Ben of Mountain Meadows has an agreement with DF Development for private tours. Some of our grooming crosses that area. Ron is suggesting that the grooming program coordinate grooming with Ben so that grooming is not duplicated.*

**Lost Lake** – *Ron Platt mentioned that it would be great if we could get over there. Discussion took place regarding grooming.*

**In Reach Products** – *Larry Laxson demonstrated the In Reach Product and it's use and tracking abilities. It's a great tool to insure safety of the groomers.*

**Tag Enforcement** – *Terri Klanderud discussed the issue of the Sheriff's Department not policing the parking lots and not writing tickets. Enforcement in the parking lots has not been observed by anyone. Personal observation is that the compliance is at all time low. Suggestion that legislation be introduced that requires it be added as a line item on the document from the dealer.*

**Booster at Francis Wallace** – *Mark Wood reported for John Hicks on the Booster. When Verizon went to 4G, it meant that our booster is no longer compatible. The Adopt-a-Trail program has purchased the entire 5G conversion kit, which retails for approximately \$600.00. Mark and John Hicks will get it installed when it arrives.*

**Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation** - *Joel shared the designations YTD for 2020-2021, and a YTD comparison. They are finally getting to a point where they can be more pro-active. Discussion took place regarding problems, issues, and corrections with the program.*

## **Old Business**

*None*

## **COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

*Larry Laxson mentioned that they are now grooming day and night to catch back up from the mess from the last storm. The parking lot is going to go over budget because of the issues that the weather has brought.*

*Larry Laxson reported that the Cougar Mountain Club and Cascade Chamber of Commerce had given letters of support for the tag increase.*

**Area Reports:**

*Smith's Ferry* – The groomer goes out every Friday night, and we will groom on Saturday night if it's a three day weekend.

*West Mountain* – No report.

*Donnelly* – No report.

*McCall* – Mark Wood reported that Burgdorf is going to be open for cabin rental only. Only those that rent a cabin are able to use the hot springs pool.

**Groomer Volunteer Activity Reports**

McCall Club	Mark Wood	82 hours	Parking lot
		30 hours	Plowing
		23 hours	signs
		14 hours	Groomer Meeting (3)
McCall Club	McCall Club (5)	47 hours	Club Work Day
McCall Club	Mark Sabin	12 hours	Consultation
		10 hours	research
		14 hours	remove log at Coppett
		56 hours	Grooming
		14 hours	Groomer Meeting (3)
McCall Club	John Hicks	14 hours	Groomer Meeting (3)
		67 hours	Financials (3 months)
McCall Club	Dan Krahn	36 hours	grooming/parking lots/ Trail marking
Donnelly Club	Ron Platt	10 hours	pipe donation
		52 hours	By-pass @ No Business
		53 hours	Grooming
		18 hours	Groomer Meeting (3)
Donnelly Club	Vic Greenfield	18 hours	Groomer Meeting (3)
		14 hours	By-pass @ No Business
West Mountain	Larry Meredith	9 hours	Meetings & research
		6 hours	Groomer Meetings (3)
Cougar Mountain	Rob Workman	12 hours	Groomer Meetings (2)
		4 hours	Opening gates

Cougar Mountain	Rob Workman	7 hours	Wellington park inspec/clean
Cougar Mountain	Terri Klanderud	6 hours	Groomer Meeting
		11 hours	emails/minutes/agendas (3)
Cougar Mountain	Dave Boynton	76 hours	Wellington maint & Surveillance (since Oct)
Cougar Mountain	Dave Boynton	182 hours	Parking Lot plowing (since November)