



Snowmobile Advisory Council Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2024

Arbor Vitae Town Hall, 10675 Big Arbor Vitae Dr, Arbor Vitae WI and via Zoom

Committee Members Present: Sue Smedegard (Chair), Mike Holden, Sam Landes, Bob Lang, Dale Mayo

Other Council Members Present: Lynsey Burzinski, Joel Enking, Abby Haas, Andy Malecki, Don Mrotek, Holly Tomlanovich, Erica Volker

DNR/Tourism staff attendance: Jillian Steffes, Drew Nussbaum (Tourism), Pat Anderson, Kurt Byfield, Chris Halbur, Jeremy Holtz, Annie Loechler, Jeff Pennucci

Public attendance: Lori Heidemann, Dave Newman and other members of the public

1. Call to order at 9:00 AM

2. Agenda Repair - None

3. Acceptance of minutes of previous meeting

Motion to approve August 2023 minutes by Sam, 2nd by Mike. MOTION PASSED

4. Committee Chair Comments

- **Sue Smedegard** – There have been several conversations over the past weeks regarding the financial document in your packets. We finally have a new accountant who is permanent and has been working with Jillian to get the figures reported to us correctly. That being said, we are starting this meeting with less money that we did last year. Tough decisions will need to be made. We all take this very seriously, no decision will be made lightly.

5. Public Comments

- None

6. DNR Funding Report

- **Grants Report**
 - Snowmobile Trail Passes Sold
 - Snowmobile Active Registrations
 - Snow Supplemental 22-23
 - Snow Supplemental Seasonal History (past 10 years)
- With the reduced snow this season, our trail pass revenue is down. Typically we see \$4 million in trail pass generated revenue, but we're sitting at \$2.5 million. But so far, not expecting supplemental requests, so the funds should 'even out'.

7. Committee member reports, comments and items

- Sam Landes – Some DNR State Properties/Trails direct contracts to Clubs include only funding for grooming. If the entire \$300/mile is not spent on grooming, should they use some of that funding for signs, brushing, etc? Clubs should work with the DNR Property Manager. Those costs are eligible, but make sure the property manager doesn't have other plans for that funding, such as redecking projects.

8. Items for next meeting

- Interest in seeing what other states/territories charge for registration and trail pass. Available via ACSA

9. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Mike, 2nd by Sam. MOTION PASSED