

Law Enforcement Committee of the  
Snowmobile Recreation Council Meeting  
Sunday, August 20, 2017

Dale's Weston Lanes  
Mountain Bay Conference Center  
5902 Schofield Avenue  
Weston, WI 54476

Attendance: Mike Holden, Bev Dittmar, Dave Newman, Nancy Olson, Arlyn Baumgarten, Gary Eddy (DNR)

Minutes

1. Call to Order – Committee Chair, Mike Holden at 6:19 pm
2. Agenda repair
3. Acceptance of previous meeting minutes  
Motion: Dave Newman  
Second: Nancy Olson
4. Public comments:  
Dale Mayo asked about the status of the 40-foot trail rule from WI DOT. Gary Eddy explained that there was no update since our last meeting. Cathy Burrow explained that she had heard that WI DOT was currently working on a recommendation.
5. Committee Chair report – Mike Holden expressed concern with new LED lights being bright and blinding at night. Mike suggested that the Snowmobile Safety instructors could possibly start recommending dimming of high beams when approaching others.
6. Council member reports/comments  
  
Dave Newman: Snowmobile enforcement hours concern. With the new DNR warden positions added, will there be sufficient snowmobile hours/funding available for them to work snowmobile enforcement.  
  
Dave Newman: New “VOID” laser cut on stickers is a good idea. If someone tries to remove a decal or trail pass, the “VOID” part of the sticker comes off. Dave was wondering if AWSC should represent the WI DNR at the International Snowmobile Administrator’s Association meetings if Cathy Burrow or Gary Eddy can’t attend. There was concern expressed from an individual with grooming due to groomer vs. snowmobile fatality last season. Dave believes this was an isolated incident and nothing needs to be changed.
7. Department report including the 2016-17 Annual Safety & Enforcement Report. Gary Eddy reported there were 16 fatalities, up slightly from last season. Speed-Alcohol-Nighttime Use continue to be the leading contributing factors.
8. Items for next meeting. Trail Signing Handbook changes be brought back to the council for review.
9. Adjourned at 6:36 pm. Motion by Dave Newman, second by Nancy.