

April 22, 2017

# MAINE SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION

## DIRECTORS MEETING

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

At 10:22 am, President David Stevens called the meeting to order.

Secretary's Report - There are no corrections or omissions on the March secretary's report. They will be filed as distributed.

Treasurer's Report, Marion Pinkham read the treasurer's report.

President's Report, David Stevens thanked the MSA staff, executive committee and full board for their hard work and support this snowmobile season.

Executive Director, Bob Meyers, "It's been quite a year". Memberships are up and the snowmobile show was the best it's been in years. Folks were ready to ride. In February the MSA came out with a new online interactive map and its mobile friendly. Legislation is going surprisingly well. The bill to endorse snowmobile noise passed and the bill to reestablish reciprocity with New Hampshire did not pass. Lastly, the MSA office is moving back to the old location by Cony Circle in Augusta.

Vice President, John Monk recognized past presidents with a t-shirt he came up with this past year. He showed everybody a new trailer plate that legislation passed that costs \$25 and is good for five years compared to the current trailer plate. You can get the five-year trailer plate at your local DMV and you can contact John Monk for more information about the plate.

Northern Region, Debbie Long mentioned that clubs have stopped grooming and thanked the volunteers for their hard work and dedication. She also thanked all the northern region directors and David Stevens for all they have done this season. Be all you can be and "Keep on keepin' on".

Coastal Region, David Watson thanked everybody on the executive board, every director, groomer and everybody who helped out throughout the state. It was a fantastic year and looking forward to another great year. Enjoy your summer, polish your sleds and get ready for next year.

Western Region, Roland Bowie thanked all the volunteers and clubs in the western region. "Your dedication and hard work amazes me". He reminded us that the off-season is a great time to work on your equipment. 'It's a lot easier to crawl under your groomer in July than it is in November". Roland mentioned if your club has an ATV club in your area to work together with them. It worked great with his club. They came together to help build bridges and it helps out a lot for everyone. Roland had a pleasure sitting in with the Hillside Family Riders and he was floored by their passion and all the young people who attended. They have a very strong club. He lastly thanked all the people who have helped him during his first year and he's looking forward to next year.

Central Region, Jack Lord brought up a sign issue that both ATV and snowmobiling have. Some areas and intersections have both ATV and snowmobile signs so when the opposite season comes up you think you're on the right trail but you're actually on the opposite season trail. Jack mentioned covering up your club signs when the season is over and vice versa so riders know they're going the right way. Jack had a good winter and put in a lot of time riding. He appreciated everything everybody does for the snowmobiling sport and to have a great summer.

Eastern Region, Eileen Lafland looked around the room and noticed a lot of eastern region clubs who have attended the annual meeting. Downeast clubs being Machias, Cherryfield and Dennysville. Eileen mentioned that the eastern region seemed to be two regions this year. The Millinocket/Lincoln area had snow and the southern area had 4 winters. Snow would come and go. Eileen thanked everyone in the eastern region for everything they have done to keep it the season going. All of Eileen's region directors attended the annual meeting and she gave them all an award for their hard work and being the go to crew for the eastern region.

Finance Committee, Marion Pinkham proposed the new budget for the 2017-2018 upcoming season. Motion from David Cogley to accept, second by Joe McPhail. All in favor.

Scholarship, Dick Peck mentioned scholarship is weak this year. The scholarship is available to MSA members who have held a membership for the past two years.

Trails Committee, Mike Grass thanked his vice chairs. The trails committee had a good season with close to 100% of ITS trails being inspected. Roughly 80% done by sled and the other rest done by either car or truck on the road. Mike had the chance to ride the new ITS85/86 trail on the east side of Greenville this season as well as the ITS87 detour in The Forks/Bingham area and the ITS83 detour in the Bridgewater area. All were signed very well and the impressive bridge in Greenville needs to be seen by everybody.

Membership awards:

Central 1873

Coastal 1697

Eastern 2996

Northern 1784

Western 3255

9452 Family

2188 Business

Top 10 Membership Clubs:

Rangeley Lakes Snowmobile Club

Arnold Trail Snowmobile Club

Madawaska Snowmobile Club

Northern Timber Cruisers

Moosehead Riders

Fort Kent Sno Rider

Penobscot Snowmobile Club

Turner Ridge Riders

Blue Ridge Riders

Border Riders Sportsman Club

Safety, Alan Swett, "When you have a lot of snow, you have a lot of tragedy". There were 9 deaths, 32 search and rescue, 29 non-reported accidents, 34 property damage incidents and 124 personal injuries. Alan was able to meet with many clubs this season to promote safety in the sport and met many new friends. He reminded us to wear our glasses and earplugs while we weed whack this summer.

Fundraising, Bob Meyers mentioned the MSA is getting ready for the super raffle for 2017. The raffle will include snowmobiles, trailer, money and prizes. Tickets will be available by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Hospitality, Therese Lussier: A get well card was sent to Mike Guerrette of Madawaska, Northern Region Director. Mike had a stroke a month ago and is now in rehab in Van Buren. A get well card was sent to John Gray of Belfast, member of the Belfast Area Snow Packers. John had a knee repair. A get well card was sent to Fran Ouellette of East Millinocket, member of the Northern Timber Cruisers. Fran had a hip replacement. A get well card was sent to Sandra Qualey of Sherman, member of the Molunkus Valley Sno-Drifters. Sandra was in the hospital for a few days. A get well card was sent to Roger Rioux of Hebron who had a stroke. A sympathy card was sent to the family of Bob Trask of Wilton. Bob Passed away. He was a long time member of the MSA and former Ski-Doo dealer in Wilton. A sympathy card was sent to Wilfred Small of Palmyra. His wife Joan passed away after a long struggle with cancer. A sympathy card was sent to Mel and Joan Fournier of Millinocket. Mel's brother passed away. He was a member of the Northern Timber Cruisers.

Phil Fletcher Directors Award:  
Bog Hooters Snowmobile Club  
Ossipee Mountaineers  
Bald Mountain Snow Riders  
Glenburn Lakeside Riders  
Tri Town Snow Riders

Special Orders:

Nominations for Executive Committee 2017-2018:

President: John Monk

Executive Vice President: Mike Grass Jr.

Central Region Vice President: Jack Lord

Coastal Region Vice President: Dave Watson

Eastern Region Vice President: Eileen Lafland

Northern Region Vice President: Gary Marquis

Treasurer: Barry Ryan

Assistant Treasurer: Harvey Chesley

Secretary: Candice Pinkham

Central Region Directors: Jerry and Sally Withee, Dave Cogley

Coastal Region Directors: Rodney Berry, John Resmini and Frank Carroll

Eastern Region Directors: Paul Bolstridge, Larry Lafland, Chuck Loring and Gary Dowling

Northern Region Directors: Mike Guerrette, Bob Stepnowski and Mike McNulty

Western Region Directors: Gary Okenquist, Peter Ford, Paul Gallant and Johnny Wakefield

David Cogley motioned to accept the slate of nominees presented by the nomination committee, second by Mike McNulty. Unanimous vote follows.

Motioned by the chair that the Hall of Fame be named a Standing Committee and the Executive Committee be authorized going forward to vote the inductees into the Hall of Fame. Second by David Cogley. Unanimous vote follows.

The meeting adjourned at 11:46 am.

Submitted,

Candice Pinkham  
MSA Secretary