

MAINE SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION  
Director's Meeting 564 Par & Grill in Caribou  
March 13, 2021

At 6:45 President Mike Grass Jr. called the meeting to order.

Pledge of allegiance.

Mike- Thanked the Limestone Snow Hawks S.C. for hosting a great showcase ride today, over 20 sleds. Nordic Lakers-Great lunch. Great trails, thank you for the clubs that groomed last night.

A year ago, last February, the release of the economic evaluation of snowmobiling in Maine for the 2018-2019 season was in the excess of \$606 million, generated by less than \$6 million. This could not be done without so many of you, our volunteers! Then in March we met in Portage, but our plans were pretty much shutdown because of Covid. We pulled in our reigns, to survive. Plans were postponed to hire an executive director, because we were unsure of our fund raising income. We had a decent Super Raffle. Our treasurer's report is very impressive, a lot of hard work done by the steering committee, a lot of cost savings done at the office, so much work done behind the scenes. Eileen has done an excellent job posting membership, almost 12k. Lori H. has done an amazing job as treasurer and editor for the newspaper, keeping us on track. We've done some subtle changes to improve it, like the stories. It takes a lot of team effort to get this paper so we are satisfied.

We are moving forward with the LD-280 An Act to Increase Funding for Snowmobile Trails and Capital Equipment Grants. John Monk has his heart in this, and do I, E-mailing, testing, talking, you name it, to make sure this bill comes out like we intended. Registrations are almost where they should be, down in February but, back up to last year.

I can't thank you guys enough for the fantastic ride today, finishing up on the runway and in front of the Hanger. Talking to Tim at the Bunker Inn, there is so much history at Loring.

Exc. V.P. Al- Thank you all for coming. Thank you for all of your support and doing an outstanding job! You make snowmobiling in Maine the best in New England! No Question! Our steering committee is doing a top notch job. A true team effort- above and beyond. Susan is back in the office part time, but what a difference she has made, making sure the details get done. Snowmobiling in Maine has come a long ways, we are proud that we could and we are doing it. Today we had a great ride, thank you all.

Eastern Region VP Eileen- Matt thank you for great ride today! I want to give Portage a shout out. I was so surprised to enter a membership from Honolulu, Hawaii. That's right Portage Lakers S.C. has a member from Honolulu, Hawaii. Congratulations! Eastern region has been one of those up and down years. Part never got snow, another hit or miss, Millinocket to Shin Pond still have ridding, but starting to show through. Our

region has been working very hard, hoping to have enough snow to open, but have had bare ground, but they were ready.

Coastal Region VP Dave-Northern region have done a great job, ridden up here a lot, thoroughly enjoyed it again. All the trails were nice. I am coastal, 331 miles South. Our clubs are brushed, signed, and ready. In December we got two feet of snow, packed it, and started grooming. Then no more snow. A bunch of dedicated guys, they don't give up! It's been like that for the last 5 years. Dedicated snowmobilers dedicated to Maine snowmobiling. I have a house in East Millinocket, I'd like to give a shout out to East Branch Sno-Rovers & ATV, their trails were incredible, they did a fantastic job with not so much snow. We have the annual meeting, the golf tournament, and the snow show coming up. Can't wait to get together, thanks again for all you do.

Northern Region VP -Matt Northern always looks forward to the showcase ride, to show you folks part of the county that you haven't seen in a while. New destinations way more to ride in the county, interacting with the lack of snow. Thank you steering committee and especially Mike and John for being relentless on LD 280 for the greater good for snowmobiling.

Al-I used to work with Matt's dad -Tim. Tim made a map out of a piece of 100 year old wood in the shape of the State of Maine wooding burner all the ITS trails. It's very much appreciated.

Mike- Secretary's report Accepted as read, a copy placed on record at the office.

Treasurer's report Read and a copy placed on record at the office.

Trail committee Mark C. - Thank you Matt for putting an awesome ride together, all the grooming efforts, trails were amazing. Last month we inspected 3000 miles of trails. It's all volunteers, we check signage, brushing, and grooming. Thank you.

Hospitality Gail-Let the occasion be known and a card will be sent out.

Steering Committee John- From the economic evaluation of snowmobiling in Maine generates the 606 million from registrations and gas tax refunds. This industry would not be possible without the hard work of our volunteers. We are the snowmobiling crown jewel of the New England States. There is so much dedication to this sport. LD 280 is moving right along. What can you do to help? You need to contact your State Senator and House Representative by your town and let them know how you support this bill, then if enough vote for it, it becomes veto proof by the Governor. Phyllis from the Nordic Lakers made my day when she came up to me and said," Good job, Monk!"

Safety Comittee-Al There has been several accidents. So many are from inexperience, new riders on powerful sleds. Five deaths so far this year, last year was a total of twelve.

Old business: The Virtual fund raiser, Facebook Partnership with Outdoor Women- Debbie Gould- was a huge success, brought in over \$21k. Jim Boyce showed us how to “DO THIS” with a finish line kick and put over \$6k into their club.

New Business: Al says we are going to have our annual banquet in Brewer. Make reservations. Dave Watson is working on the silent auction.

A date needs to be set for the golf tournament.

The show will be a huge undertaking for the steering committee.

The steering committee made up of eight of us, who are quite passionate to this sport. Doing the best we know how, what we want is transparency.

We want two full sized sleds, a child's sled, and an enclosed trailer for the super raffle.

Matt- Business nominations for 2021-2022

President Mike Grass Jr.

Executive Vice President Al Swett

Treasurer Lori Hemmerdinger

Secretary Brad Barker

Safety Committee Chair Al Swett

Trails Committee Chair Mark Chinook

Hall of Fame Beth Bowie

Scholarship Trustee Chair Harvey Chesley

Hospitality Gail

Northern Region VP Matt Stedman

Eastern Region VP Eileen Lafland

Western Region VP Jim Boyce

Central Region VP Jack Lord

Coastal Region VP Dave Watson

Bylaws Chair

Fundraiser Chair

Regional Directors

Coastal-Rodney Berry and Eric Perriault

Central- David Cogley, Alan Dugas

Eastern-Paul Bolstridge, Larry Lafland, Gary Doweling, John Monk, Craig Lemieux

Northern- Nick Morrill, Mathew Collin, Lendell Buckingham, Jeff Brooks

Western- Gary Okenquist, Paul Gallant, Jon Wakefield, Roland Bowie

Are there any nominations from the floor 2021-2022 MSA ? (X3)

Nominations cease.

The current slate will be voted in at the Annual Meeting May 1 at Jeff's Catering in Brewer.

50/50 Brad Barker won \$53.

Pot of Gold Saco Pathfinders

Adjourned M/S/C 8:00

Respectively submitted,

Brad Barker