

## MAINE SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION

Director's meeting 567 Saco Pathfinders Saco, Maine

September 21, 2021

At 7:04 PM President Mike Grass Jr. called the meeting to order.

Pledge of allegiance.

Secretary's Report posted on web page, no action taken.

Treasurer's report. Read and placed on file at the office.

President's Comments- Mike Grass Jr.: Around the room introductions.

Attended recent events with great camaraderie. Lexington chicken BBQ and Big Woods Grass Drags.

Executive Vice President-Al Swett: Appreciate the good attendance tonight. Attended the Blue Ridge Riders Annual Pig Roast, it was awesome. Their 50/50 was almost \$2,100. New Portland World's Fair sold \$1,100.00 worth of tickets. Raffle tickets are going like wildfire; it's because of those sleds. Will be interviewing an office applicant tomorrow night.

V.P. Coastal Region-Dave Watson: Thank you extended to the kitchen help, nice job! This clubhouse, Saco Pathfinders was built 49 years ago! Brad B. has a Coastal ride from ITS 89 North to the Canadian Boarder penciled in this season.

V.P. Eastern Region- Eileen Lafland: Things are winding up. At the Eastern Regional meeting in Holden, were fortunate enough to have a dealer bring four sleds, one from each manufacturer. This stirred a lot of interest, people were driving by and stopping. Clubs are doing reroutes. Working really hard on the 395 extension reroute.

Safety AL. Swett: A phone call came in from a Mississippi Combine operator showing interest in snowmobiling. Al said "Come on up, Buddy." Seriously, folks we had six fatalities last season out of 88,000 registrations. They are mostly in January, when riders are rusty and getting back into riding. Time to check the smoke alarms. First aid kits should be available when doing preseason trail work and have one in the groomers.

Steering Committee Chairman-John Monk: LD 280 bill sponsored by MSA. Want to thank Bob and Mary Cortell for speaking for the bill. Their personalized testimony was well received and made a difference. This bill puts the money where it needs to be, on the trails. Club grants have increased from \$180 to \$210 per mile. Candice at the BPR snowmobile program is doing a great job compiling data, knows what clubs are doing for grooming, like how many days, hours, how the money is being used.

The Snowmobile Advisory Council steers the Capital Equipment funding to the applicants that rank highest in score, getting the grooming equipment where it is needed most. The projected budget will double from \$500K to a million, all because of the LD280. This will put newer equipment on the trails. The small clubs work really hard for their funding. The Coastal Region really shows their enthusiasm for this sport. Preparing the trails by signing and brushing, whether they get any snow or a short three-week season, these clubs really show their love for the sport.

MSA is staying neutral with the Sunday hunting bill. During hunting season a lot of clubs do their trail work on Sundays, but we feel we shouldn't tell the landowner what they can and can't do, which could compromise our privilege to use a trail on their land.

MSA is looking for representation at the committee meetings. If interested contact John.

Hall of Fame-Beth Bowie: Reaching out for volunteers for this committee. Can't wait to see your nominations, they do carry over. Looking forward to talking to people at the MSA booth at the New Hampshire grass drags in Fremont N.H. October 8-10. See you there.

Old Business: Super Raffle tickets are selling awesome. Snowmobile show struggling with enough vendor space, but making it work.

New Business: updating our website. The new and improved site will be spectacular. Will be ready in 4-5 weeks. Will have space for more pictures and events. So send them in.

Next meeting October 19 at SAM in Augusta 6:30 no meal.

November - Glenburn Annual President's night.

December - Waterville Elks Club Raffle drawing

January - Western region TBD

February - Eastern region Jo Mary

March - Northern region Shin Pond

Annual meeting Jeff's catering in Brewer

50/50 drawing Bill Brazier won

Pot of Gold -Shirley Bog Hooters unclaimed

Adjourned 8:03

Respectfully submitted,  
Brad Barker, Secretary.