

VALLEY COUNTY GROOMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 14, 2019

President Ron Platt called the meeting to order at the Emergency Operations Center, at 7:00 pm on November 14, 2019.

Present were Mark Wood, Mark Sabin, Terri Klanderud, Ron Platt, Larry Meredith, Vic Greenwood, and John Hicks. Also present were Gerry Worley and Dave Looney, Dog Sled Races; Jordan Nielson, Midas Gold; Dave Bingaman and Elt Hasbrouck, Valley County Commissioners; and Kevin Turner, Valley County Sheriff's Office.

Minutes: Mark Wood motioned that we approved the minutes as approved as presented; seconded by Mark Sabin. Motion carried.

USFS: No one was present.

Elt Hasbrouck and Dave Bingaman spoke regarding the postponement of the trial for Larry Laxson to December 19th & 20th.

Changes to Agenda: Ron Platt requested that we add the McCall Ranger District to the agenda as well as the letter of support with Midas Gold. Terri motioned that we add Midas Gold letter to the Agenda; seconded by Mark Wood. Motion carried.

Sheriff Report: Kevin Turner reinforced that they are going to patrol parking lots this year. He has been promoted to Recreation Supervisor. They plan on hitting each of the Fun Run's this year. They will enforce a minimum of six hours a month. During their patrols they will be looking for registration violations and UTI.

Ron discussed how to deal with those that get out on the trails. Ron has some information regarding information how it is handled with other counties with vehicles that are in violation of driving on groomed trails. Discussion took place.

Jordan Nielson talked about the new route for Warm Lake, and the conversations with Idaho Power. Midas would be requested upgrade the existing route, giving consideration to the transmission line construction and the conductors due to the fog.

New Business

Driver's Accountability: Mark Sabin reported on driver accountability; we should create a system of accountability to present to Valley County Parks & Rec to be able to simplify the process.

Mark Wood reported over the last couple of years they are paying approximately \$2400-\$2600 per year for the vaulted toilet (1) and porta-potty's (2) at Francis Wallace, and one at Brush

Creek and Green Gate. Discussion took place regarding the vaulted/portables and funding to clean/stock them.

Operator Maintenance: Ron Platt reported on the maintenance that is being done going forward. Elt Hasbrouck reported that Ray and Rich have gone through testing and are ready to go. Scott has gotten clarification with HR and is able to work. Elt Hasbrouck questioned how we are working with the volunteers and UA testing.

Dog Sled Races: Jerry Worley stated that they have 15 teams already signed up this year. 9 of them are on the 300 mile race; most of them are new. They will be starting at Little Ski Hill. They will have a checkpoint at Smith's Ferry this year. It will start January 28- the races will be January 29, 30, and 31, and the banquet on February 1, 2020. The Forest Service has agreed to give them a five year lease.

Brush Creek Bridge Grant: Mark Wood reported that it is difficult to justify spending that amount of funds. There are several alternative solutions that are significantly better than spending that amount of money.

Maps: Ron Platt mentioned that he made a change on the travel map as DF didn't want to open those roads, they preferred areas where there was no off-trail riding.

Old Business

Parking Lots: Mark Wood was out in the parking lots (Brush Creek & Francis Wallace) and the material that they didn't need is stock piled and there is a significant amount. The McCall Club was given ownership.

Trailhead Updates: Elt Hasbrouck reported that they are logging down at Sage Hen. Elt has worked with the Forest Ranger, Katie Wood, and Sandra Mitchell; they will be having a conference call regarding the end date. The logger will have to close and sign the road until they are finished. The date they are discussing is December 15 or December 20th. Elt will let us know what is decided.

Ron Platt mentioned that we had groomed the airport at Warren for safety reasons and have had some questions surrounding liability. It is in Idaho County. Carole Lundgren has been working to get the authority to sign off on a release.

Ron Platt brought up for discussion for a letter of support for Midas Gold; he will bring a draft to the next meeting.

Mark Wood discussed signage to keep wheeled vehicles off of groomed trails. There is an individual that purchased several old Stop signs that would possibly be available for us to purchase.

Chairman Ron Platt adjourned the meeting.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Mark Wood	McCall Area	Groomer Meeting	6 hours
Mark Sabin	McCall Area	Groomer Meeting	6 hours
Mark Wood	McCall Area	Meetings	8 hours
Mark Wood	McCall Area	Parking lot/groomer work	18 hours
Mark Sabin	McCall Area	Groomer work/mtn	12 hours
John Hicks	McCall Area	Groomer Meeting	6 hours
John Hicks	McCall Area	Financial	4 hours
John Hicks	McCall Area	Hiring pre-work	8 hours
Ron Platt	Donnelly	Groomer Meeting	8 hours
Ron Platt	Donnelly	Blade Research/work	9 hours
Vic Greenfield	Donnelly	Groomer Meeting	8 hours
Larry Meredith	West Mountain	Groomer Meeting	5 hours
Larry Meredith	West Mountain	Meetings	4 hours
Terri Klanderud	Smith's Ferry	Groomer Meeting	8 hours
Terri Klanderud	Smith's Ferry	Minutes/Agenda/Letters	4 hours
Dave Boynton	Smith's Ferry	Wellington park mtn	16 hours