

North Routt Snow Riders - Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 3, 2023 7:00 PM



Meeting Details:

Location	Steamboat Lake Outpost
Call to order	7:00pm
Attendee's onsite	14
remote	0

Agenda / Minutes:

Agenda		Approved
Minutes	December	Approved

Officers / Department Reports:

Treasurer

Bank balance: \$62,781

State Park

(no report)

Grooming

Budget	Supplement	Spent	Remaining	Notes
216		64	152	

Club tries to groom three days per week
Poles have been planted up to Farwell
418 was marked

Meeting Notes:

- Membership discussed, CSA joined vs Local club joined members. Membership numbers appear to be up slightly over the previous year. CSA rosters to be validated
- Grooming budget and strategies discussed:
 - Stretching out grooming frequency so the club can groom through the season
 - Alternate sources of funds (to supplement the 200 hours)
 - General donation strategies
 - Commercial entities usage and donation expectations

- The group came up with the following guideline: \$10 per day, per sled
 - Donation buckets / signs numbers, placements
 - Direct charging (one member notes that Vail pass requires a pass to use the [Vail Pass Winter Recreation Area](#))
 - Daily \$10.00
 - Season: \$65.00
 - Adjusting grooming operators basis (paid vs. volunteer)
 - Other grant sources
- Club noted that, for budget reasons, the trail to Midnight Ranch (503) will not be a part of the normal grooming plan
- If necessary, the club will insure that the trail system is groomed for the 2023 Poker Run by using its own funding
- The group discussed Groomer costs to be able to develop cost estimates for "grooming requests" etc. The group also added that the operating costs should support the development of a replacement fund. Off the cuff estimates were given at about \$180-225 per hour.
- The grooming team discussed a need for cleaning up low branches and other tree obstacles they are recommending:
 - Finding a better way to mount/encase the chainsaw to avoid rust/corrosion
 - Asking us to consider a pole mounted chainsaw
 - Scheduling special "maintenance" runs, during the day, for tree cleanup etc
- Vista Verde is thinking they are no longer going to groom the trail system, Seedhouse Rd and north, to include the stretch of road Farwell Mountain east on 409. The club acknowledges what a great benefit to the snowmobile community and to the club.. Discussions about how to support this part of the clubs trail system
 - Note that this represents a 12-14 hour new requirement for the club
 - The current snowcat would need to be refueled before returning
 - Maybe add another tank to the snowcat
 - Maybe establish a re-fueling point at Seedhouse Rd.
- The Poker Run is now a club sponsored event. Meetings continue
- It was suggested that the clubs web page get a "remodel"... Brian and Todd volunteered to determine what should be updated etc before any RFP's (Request for Proposals) are generated.
 - **MOTION:** not to exceed \$3,000 - **Approved**

Meeting Adjournment:

Meeting adjourns: 8:15pm

Important Links:

- [North Routt Snow Riders - Home](#)
- [North Routt Snow Riders - Trail Map](#)
- [North Routt Snow Riders - Donations](#)