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Snowmobile Trails Advisory Council (SnowTRAC) Meeting Minutes 9/19/18

SnowTRAC Members Present:

John Scudder-Chair-Anchorage representative
Dan Mayfield-Mat-Su/Copper River Basin representative

Members not present: telephonic

Teresa Helleck- Anchorage representative
Justin Derr- Southeast representative
Shane Serrano-Rural Communities Representative
Adam Shilman-Mat-Su/Copper River Basin representative

Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Staff Present:

Darcy Harris- DPOR Alaska State Trails Program Manager
Steve Neel- DPOR Grant Administrator
Elise Johnston- Office Assistant II, minutes taker
Matt Wedeking- DPOR, Operations Manager & Deputy Director

Others Present:

Pat Daniels-AGS
Harry Holt-Lake Louise Snow Machine club
John Thomas-Mining Land & Water land sales section
Shelly Ramsey- Caribou Hills Cabin Hoppers

SnowTRAC meeting began at 9:00am where Darcy Harris welcomed everyone and introduced Operations Manager & Deputy Director Matt Wedeking. He thanked everyone for coming and being a part of the council. Updated everyone about the field operations and let them know Wayne Biessel, Mat-Su Superintendent, is retiring in October.

Matt Wedeking left meeting 9:08am

Advisory Board Elections:

John Scudder asked for nominations for chair or co-chair

Teresa Helleck asked what the responsibilities of the Chair and Co-chair are

Dan Mayfield informed her

Teresa Helleck asked what the term of the chair is, and Darcy Harris answered 1 year

Dan Mayfield nominated John Scudder as chair again

Adam Shilman second

John Scudder asked all in favor

Everyone was in favor—6 yes 0 no

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John Scudder asked for nominations for Co-Chair

John Scudder nominates Dan Mayfield as Co-chair and asked for second

Justin Derr second it

John Scudder asked all in favor

Everyone was in favor-6 yes 0 no

Public Comment:

Comments were made that there needs to be more people involved and going to the legislature to enforce registration for all motorized vehicles so that there can be more funding for programs like the Snowmobile Trails Grant Program. .

There were comments about trails being added to the Grooming Pool. Darcy Harris stated that any trail on a legal easement can be added to the Grooming Pool and they simplified the application to 3 pages.

End public comment

Financial Report:

Steve Neel gave a financial report.

The decrease in funding for the grooming pool is approximately \$34,487. DMV collected about \$12,000 less in 2018.

There was no money left over from 2017-2018

DMV collected \$180,100.00 for FY18 leaving \$158,488 available to allocate to grooming and projects after 12% administration allowance was removed.

There was \$416,383.65 requested by the groomers and since there were no other project applications this year, the funding will be distributed equally at 38% of each groomers' ask.

John Scudder made a motion to take a break at 10:00am and back at 10:15am

Dan Mayfield Seconds it

Darcy Harris calls the meeting back at 10:15am

John Scudder asked if there are any conflicts of interest on the board.

Dan Mayfield addresses that he is the president of Big Lake trails but that there is no conflict of interest.

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John Scudder calls to vote of approval of budget – everyone is in favor

Motion passes 6 yes and 0 no

Discussion:

Dan Mayfield said, considering the current funding crisis, he would like to come up with a funding formula for clubs to use when they apply to maintain consistency. Dan also thinks they should hold an annual meeting with the groomers to go over funding requests. There was discussion about how in the past SnowTRAC tried to come up with a funding standard but due to the many variables such as type of machinery used to groom and the area of grooming, it was too hard to come up with a standard that meets all scenarios. In conclusion everyone agreed that a pricing formula wasn't going to work .

There were comments by Dan Mayfield asking if the D-3 form in the application is being utilized. Darcy Harris and Steve Neel said they would check if it is necessary.

There was discussion regarding dealerships enforcing new vehicle registration. Steve Neel commented that the DMV can't differentiate types of registrations.

John Scudder made a motion to adjourn meeting

Dan Mayfield seconds

Everyone in favor- 6 yes and 0 no

Meeting adjourn 11:10am