

VILAS COUNTY RECREATIONAL TRAILS SAFETY COMMITTEE

Minutes of November 20, 2014 Meeting

Vilas County Courthouse, Conference Rooms 2 & 3, Eagle River, WI

PRESENT: Rocky Cafferella, Chair; Kim Simac, Vice Chair & Equestrian Rep; Art Kunde, VC Supervisor; Dale Mayo, VC Parks & Recreation Administrator; Gina Egan, VC Public Health; Gerard Ritter, VC Sheriff's Dept.; Cindy Burzinski, VC Tourism/Publicity; Dennis Horan, VC Alliance VP; Tim Price, DNR Law Enforcement; Stan Guif, Alliance Rep SW; Holly Tomlanovich, Alliance Rep SE; Rogert Flaherty, ATV Rep; Jeff Currie, Bike Rep

EXCUSED ABSENCE: Leo Crawley, Alliance Rep NW; Mike Keintz, Alliance Rep NE.

GUESTS: Ray Wolfe, LDF Law Enforcement

Meeting called to order at 9:31am by Chair Cafferella

Verification of posting of meeting - Mayo

Approve agenda to be discussed in any order at the discretion of the Chair. Motion by Kunde. Second by Simac. Motion carried.

Approval of minutes from the September 18, 2014 meeting. Motion by Burzinski. Second by Kunde. Carried.

Budget Report – Mayo – Opening Balance of \$1092.58. Income – Sayner Barnstormers donation. Balance of \$1292.58. Discussion regarding advertising costs.

Public Health – Egan- Will know shortly the exact amount available from the Child Mortality Grant Program.

DNR Report – Price – Currently looking for an Arbor Vitae location for the Safety Message Trailer. Cafferella suggested just north of Hwy70 & 51 intersection. He will work with Guif to come up with a location both north & south of that intersection. Another location might be near Akins Hardware in Conover. Balance of banners arrived. Simac reported that Decker's will continue displaying the Safety Spots on their "Robo Tron" During the Derby at the Track. Suggestion of Safety bracelets, button or key chain with safety message. Use of the QR code or YouTube video.

Alliance Report – Tomlanovich – Held Wednesday night, November 19, 2014 in Manitowish Waters. Full time Recreation Officer passed by County Board. Sayner Barnstormers donated \$200 to the Safety Committee. Trail Inspections start December 1 with trails set to open December 12 conditions permitting. Cross Country Cruisers have a 40" X 8' safety trailer available for use throughout the County. 889 attended the AWSC Workshop held in late October. Supplemental payout expected to be around 64-65%. 4 Counties in the State now have TIN's. AWSC has 25331 members as of 10/31/14. The AWSC Youth Group now has 43 Youth Members, each representing a County in Wisconsin. AWSC Silent Auction to fund Scholarship Program brought in \$4000. There is a VIP Ride in Hayward in February.

Advertising, Public Relations – Mayo – TV Safety Spots will start 12/12/14. Oneida County logo is still a work in progress. Spots will still move forward. PSA spots continue to be recorded. Posters & coaters were delivered to the Clubs at the 11/19/14 Alliance meeting.

Sheriff's Report – Ritter – Working on the hiring of the Recreation Officer position. 11/24/14 is the deadline for applications. He is also working on other resources. Oneida County has a vehicle that may be available to Vilas County. With snow there has been some riding in the ditch lines of the highway right of way which is legal. Price noted that there is no off trail riding allowed on Federal or State Forests. Can off load on logging roads. County land no going around gates or berms. Wolfe – Waiting for sled to have beginning season maintenance. Discussion on new sled registration program beginning 7/1/15 & lake ice

conditions and signing of same. Tomlanovich -Trails on lakes are signed by the businesses on those lakes

Recreation Administrator Report – Mayo – Noted that Vilas County is one of the few Counties that inspects its Funded Trails each season before opening. Trail signing discussion.

ATV Report – Flaherty – No update at this time. Cafferella talked about the sign placement & confusion as to direction placed on those spurs off of County Hwy A Routes. Flaherty said they are working on a numbering system to eliminate the confusion.

Bike/Ped Trails reports – Curries – Passed out a Safety Packet & update of GHT trails.

Equestrian Trails Report – Simac – Nothing new to report for this meeting.

Member Items – Kunde revisited ice conditions and suggested a PSA to cover ice travel in general by all. The PSAs in placing currently are for snowmobiling. Ritter – Promotion with a TV news story or Press Release to the media. A Press Media to the news media will be developed.

Date for next meeting – Thursday, December 18, 2014 - 9:30am – Vilas County Courthouse Rooms 2 & 3.

Adjourn – 10:45am am by Chair Cafferella

Respectfully submitted by Holly A. Tomlanovich