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### September 2022 Meeting Minutes

The scheduled meeting was held on September 13, 2022 at the Mitchell Hill BBQ. The meeting was called to order by Nick Bickford at 7:05 pm. There were 20 members present. Nick reported that due to the accident, Carl Peaslee and Deb will have a long recovery ahead and he most likely will not be able to fulfill the duties of Southern District Trail Manager. We will need volunteers to step up and fill the void.

#### Secretary's Report

Ginny Abresch presented the April meeting minutes to the membership. Copies of the minutes were available on site and were also posted on the website for members to review before the meeting. Bob Bickford clarified a section of the Trail Master's Report to read: Last summer we applied for the RTP Grant for this summer. The Camp Pride Trail reroute and 14 gates were funded. This year we applied for \$80,000 in RTP grant funds toward a new groomer for next year, the 23/24 winter." This correction will be noted and added to the April minutes.

*The minutes were accepted as read, with corrections to be made to the April minutes.*

#### Membership Report:

Deb McLaughlin reported that we have 15 members so far. The newsletter was mailed over the weekend and delivered to local members today. She will monitor the memberships coming in to determine if it will be worth the cost of mailing in the future. The newsletter is posted on the website.

*Membership report was accepted.*

#### Trail Master Report:

Bob Bickford reported that 90% of the Camp Pride Trail is complete. We have received \$26,000 reimbursement from the RTP grant. We budgeted \$4,300 for the new gates, \$700 for posts and \$3,600 for the gates themselves. Bob received a new quote for \$5,110. RTP money can only be used for Certified American Steel. Glass, plastic and lumber may become restricted soon. There

are no rules yet, so we can get a bye on that. Summer GIA went towards improvements on Moose Mountain and Corridor 22 and Trial P352. We will apply for Winter GIA for \$62 an hour. Bob requested that if anyone knows of any new landowners to please let him know. He has to submit the names of landowners to the state for insurance coverage. Jim Matthews has 31 more signs ready to go, seven more to paint and 8 left will be done this weekend. There are 5-6 still available. Jim suggested we offer 5 Kiosks to area businesses. The sites for the kiosks are Webster Rd & Corridor 22, the cabin, the Den, Moose Mountain and Johnson's. The kiosk at the Den is reserved as a "dedicated to". A motion was made to request businesses to sponsor a kiosk for \$300. It was unanimously approved. Mike G's work was completed this summer on Middleton to Corridor 22, Mt Jessie – trails to the ledges, Camp Pride is all new – for the groomer and riders, an improved trail on Moose Mountain, the new Blueberry Trail has incredible views and Farmington is not sure yet. The groomer have been schedules and pushed back several times at B&B, they are backlogged right now due to labor shortages. It was suggested that some knowledgeable members can spend some time during the Oct work parties working on the groomer.

*Trail Master Report was accepted*

Treasurers Report:

Deb McLaughlin reported our bank account is balanced through to 9/13/2022. We received \$26,398 in Summer GIA. We paid \$495 for director and liability insurance for 2023. There is a total of \$34,530.37 in the checking account and \$4,033.40 in the Capital Fund for a total of \$38,563.77. Deb was directed to move \$5,000.00 from the Checking acct to the Capital Fund before the next meeting. The UTV loan was paid off to TD Bank as of April 2023.

*Treasurer's report was accepted*

Old Business: None

New Business:

Adopt A Highway program is October 2 Ginny will contact local High Schools for students looking for Community Service credit hours. There is no work party scheduled for Columbus Day weekend. Work parties will be Sundays Oct 16,23, and 30. More details to follow.

Jay St. Lawrence will organize the raffle again this year. He still has tickets from last year.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Abresch