



# KOOTENAI COUNTY

## SNOWGROOMER

### KOOTENAI COUNTY SNOWMOBILE ADVISORY BOARD

#### **Minutes of Meeting**

Advisory Board Meeting – February 24, 2021  
Kootenai County Search and Rescue Building  
10865 N Ramsey Rd  
Hayden, Idaho 83835

**Members Present:** Dale Adickes, Chairman; Donald West, Vice-Chairman; Steve Powers, Board Member; Lavern Welton, Board Member; Al Beauchene, Board Member

**Members Absent:** Joe Wuest, Board Member; Tom Stangeland, Board Member

**Staff Present:** Lynnell Smith, Administrative Secretary

**Others Present:** Orin Moses, CDA Snowmobile Club; Sergeant Will Klinkefus, Kootenai County Sheriff's Office; Deputy Brett Flecher, Kootenai County Sheriff's Office; Deputy Adam Zitterkopf, Kootenai County Sheriff's Office; Rodney Waller, CDA Snowmobile Club; Nate Sparks, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation

Chairman Dale Adickes called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

Chairman Dale Adickes asked for approval of minutes of the January 20, 2021 meeting.

**Motion:** Al Beauchene moved to accept the minutes as written. Steve Powers seconded. Motion carried.

**Old Business: None**

**New Business:**

**Open Meeting Law Update:** Director Nick Snyder recommended that Advisory Board members attend the open meeting law training opportunities. Director Snyder stated that the Board of Commissioners staff provides training on updated laws and rules regarding public meetings.

**Dale Adickes asked that the Proposed Action Item on sticker fee increase be tabled for now.**

Dale Adickes discussed legislation that proposes raising snowmobile registration to \$49.50 and \$99.00 for rental sleds. Dale stated legislators wanted the non-resident fee to be higher than the resident fee. As a result the Executive Committee, changes were made to the proposed bill as follows:

- Non-Resident sticker- \$59.50
- Resident Sticker- \$35.50
- Rental Sleds- \$65.50

Included is \$1 for IDL, \$1 for Search and Rescue, and \$1 for avalanche centers. If the new proposal passes, the Department would receive three additional dollars per registration. Nate Sparks suggested that Dale and the board contact legislative committee members.

## **Reports:**

**Kootenai County Sheriff's Office:** Deputy Fletcher provided a report on citations and verbal warnings. Deputy Fletcher reported that KCSO is gaining more compliance than in previous years and most violations were from out of state.

## **Public Comments:**

Rodney Waller thanked the groomers for doing a great job and appreciated updates from the department. Rodney Waller appreciates the department providing a website to get information out to users and reports that other people had expressed similar appreciation.

Director Snyder stated that the Department will soon have three certified groomer operators and employees are required sixty-hours of instruction before receiving department Groomer Operator Certification. If snow conditions do not deteriorate with warmer temperatures, the Department may have time to train a fourth operator.

Director Snyder reported that he requested Peterson Equipment provide Pisten Bully maintenance and repair training for eight department employees, to be held at the department shop in Hayden. This will save IDPR travel and per diem costs, while increasing the overall number of employees that receive training.

There was discussion about installing "pack it in pack it out" signs on the doors of warming huts next season and placing smaller trash bags that were easier to remove when full.

It was suggested that groomers could operate at night when it is colder. Director Snyder acknowledged that colder temperatures are preferable, but that it is not possible for department staff to operate at night due to other obligations and responsibilities that require staff to work during the day. Groomer operators currently work 5 AM – 6PM. Director Snyder reported that groomer operators had groomed over 700-miles of trail since the last Advisory Board meeting.

Don West and Nate Sparks offered grooming advice to the department referencing humps in the trail.

Director Snyder thanked KCSO for lending the department snowmobiles in order to remove trees and transport parts to disabled equipment.

Nate Sparks commented that avalanche danger is still very high and snowmobilers should use caution.

Chairman Dale Adickes asked for a motion to adjourn.

**Motion: Lavern Welton moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Al Beauchene all were in favor; the motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynnell M. Smith  
Recording Secretary