

PINAWA TRAILS COMMITTEE MEETING

December 18, 2014

Present:

Denis Sabourin, Chairperson	Brent Henschell, Trapper	Donna Warenko, Trails MB
Romeo Bernardin WCCSC	Chuck Handford, Councillor	Gisele Smith, Secretary
Diann Elliott, TCT/FIT alt.	Marsha Sheppard, TCT/FIT	Glen Snider, Guest

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Under 6. Old Business add: 6.3. No Hunting Zone

Under 7. New Business add: 7.1. Trail Maintenance Protocol

RESOLUTION

D. Warenko, M. Sheppard

Be It Resolved That the agenda be accepted, as amended.

CARRIED

3. Approval of the Minutes

RESOLUTION

D. Warenko, B. Henschell

Be It Resolved That the minutes from the meeting held November 20, 2014, be accepted.

CARRIED

4. Review of Actions

03-May-13	All groups to come up with ideas on how the proposed equipment can be used. M. Sheppard suggested equipment to grade the trail to prevent grass from growing in from the sides, be purchased. It could be a unit similar to that used by the Pinawa Club. Discontinued.
01-Nov-14	B. Skinner – Contact the National Trails Coalition to inquire if the approved funding for the new TCT Trail can be used for the proposed off-road vehicle trail to Seven Sisters. Ongoing. G. Smith will take over this action.

5. Program Reports

5.1. Education

D. Sabourin reported the School Board has received offers from the RCMP and Manitoba Conservation for the provision of educational programs concerning educating students in related safety issues. The School Board declined the offers, unless the courses could be offered separately on a

weekend. B. Henschell agreed to contact Manitoba Public Insurance to inquire about safety courses that may be available.

5.2. Alice Chambers Trail

M. Sheppard suggested a “spur” trail be built rather than the new proposed trail for use by hikers only.

5.3. Trail Maintenance

a) WCCSC Report

R. Bernardin reported the trails are ready and more snow is needed.

b) TCT/Trails Manitoba Report

TCT: M. Sheppard requested an update to the signage at the suspension bridge, which was to be corrected by removing ski trail information. N. Bremner has been in contact with Thompson Designs for the purpose of designing a new sign. G. Smith was requested to inquire if this has been completed.

Trails Manitoba: D. Warenko reported the raffle tickets sales have reached \$1,000, of which 50% will be donated to trail groups. M. Sheppard and P. Chambers have been investigating “cameras” to monitor trail usage. It was noted that “Polar Bear” proof cameras have been used extensively in the Churchill, MB area, with much success. Further investigation is required before a final decision can be made.

c) SnoPALS Report

M. Pellow was not in attendance, however M. Sheppard suggested an alternate trail for the snowmobiles to the diversion dam be considered. Snowmobiles would be permitted to use the Ironwood Trail but it would not be groomed. This suggestion was rejected by members as well as G. Snider who was in attendance as a guest. It was made clear that the snowmobiles like to come to “town” on a groomed trail and the economic benefits are significant.

M. Sheppard expressed concern regarding the damage to trees made by the groomer. G. Snider suggested this may not be an issue as 2013/2014 was an extreme season which presented many obstacles. New groomer operators receive training and are reminded to be careful when in heavily treed areas. The trail will be inspected mid-season to determine if trees are still being damaged.

d) ORV Report

No report.

5.4. Ironwood Trail

M. Sheppard reported four benches of six have been installed along the Ironwood Trail. Culverts for the parking area near the pergola have been purchased. B. Henschell stated the culverts should not pose a problem for snowmobilers. A presentation to the Planning Committee regarding the Ironwood Trail Project will be made in January.

6. Old Business

6.1. Alice Chambers Trail (New) Crown Land Permit

M. Sheppard suggested a “spur” trail be considered for the new Alice Chambers Trail that was denied a permit from Manitoba Conservation. The trail would only be used by hikers. G. Smith will follow up with Lori Ann Kirkwood from Manitoba Conservation concerning the appeal of the Crown Land permit that was denied.

6.2. Proposed Off-Road Vehicle Trail to Seven Sisters

The purpose of this trail was determined to be partially for snowmobiles as a one direction route of the snowmobile trail that is in partnership with the Trans Canada Trail. The new proposed trail would twin the current TransCanada Trail to the west and to the north. Off-road vehicles and snowmobiles will share the trail, if built.

RESOLUTION

D. Warenko, M. Sheppard

Be It Resolved That the network of trails west of the Pinawa Lagoon be twinned for the use of All-Terrain Vehicles, Snowmobiles and the Trans Canada Trail.

CARRIED

G. Smith was requested to apply for a Crown Land Use permit once a copy of the proposed map has been received.

6.3. No Hunting Zone

A request to move the boundaries of the No Hunting Zone by half of a section was considered by those present. G. Smith will obtain an ownership map to determine the property owner. It was also noted that there should be signs at the entrance to the Park, indicating the entrance to a hunting zone.

7. New Business

7.1. Shared Trail Maintenance Protocols

M. Sheppard prepared a document to describe the protocol for trails (maintenance and tread requirements). Each trail user group should have a protocol for each group’s responsibilities and a communication portal for contacting other groups to discuss plans. G. Smith will forward a copy of the document to the committee members.

8. Correspondence.

None.

9. Next Meeting – February 5, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.