

Valdez Snowmachine Club
Board Meeting
@ Aspen Hotel
2/4/03

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Joe Freitag
Lon Needles
Krystal Hunter
Mike Buck
Jim Gifford
Jim Burzinski
Dave Hunter
Ed Frank
Jeff Saxe
Ron Hoffman
Steve Hood
Tjay Jenn
Curt Wilson
Debbie Needles



Joe Freitag opened the meeting @ 6:10 pm.

- Some of the Jr. racers have not received their Sno-X shirts. (Cody Turner & Ryan Liendeman). Ryan also needs to receive his trophy. Joe asked if the Board thought we should sell the remaining Elks Jr. T-shirts. It was decided that only the kids who raced should be able to get those shirts.
- Laura went over the financials for the past month. (See attached).
- Jim has sent in an application for our FCC license. We should receive it back in about a month. The cost for this was [REDACTED]. We will then have our own frequency.
- The topic of getting a short-term loan from 1st National Bank was brought up. This would give S.A.R. the operating cash to finish using the State Grant money. There needs to be invoices for the total dollar amount before we can submit a reimbursement to the State. There was discussion of borrowing the money to pay the out standing invoices at Beaver Sports from the [REDACTED] we will be getting from the City. It was decided to borrow the [REDACTED] from the City money to pay Beaver Sports. Jim moved that we go ahead with the loan application at 1st National for up to [REDACTED] for future use. Steve seconded it.

- Steve brought the minutes from the Statewide Tracks. We need to get one of our Board Members on this committee.
- The local H.A.M.S. club has offered to help with checkpoints for the Mayor's Cup. They have enough people to cover 4 checkpoints.
- Joe will be writing a letter to Alyeska asking to use their Com. Trailer for the Mayor's Cup this year.
- Joe will also be asking Alyeska about doing some extra snow removal for parking at the pass for the Hill Climb.
- Steve encouraged the Board to contact their homeowners insurance to see if they can offer insurance to cover them as Board members.
- The Website is not being updated in a timely manner. Steve suggested we get with Megan and see if there is an alternative to take care of this. Mike said he would discuss this with Megan.
- The State Race Committee will be holding a meeting next week and Steve will bring up the issue of membership and why we are required to join other clubs to be able to race there. The other issue is the size of the tracks that will be built for the State series races.
- The next Race Committee meeting will be Thursday February 13th @ ATC.
- Burzinski reminded the Board that we need to get the word out about Snowmachine conduct. It only takes one bad incident to give us all a bad name.
- Laura said that Bert Cottle has asked the club if we would be interested in running an ad in the Anchorage paper about weather / riding conditions in Valdez through the month of April. Bert will let us know about the funding for this.
- Lon told the Board that he had heard a few complaints on the Jan. 18th Sno-X. We need to work on the sound system so that the spectators can hear what is going on. We need to produce more brochures to hand out with rider information in it. There was also concern about young kids riding reckless through the pits and parking areas.
- Jeff said that the course for the Mayor's Cup could be lengthened by a couple of miles and that would reduce the number of laps down to 7 or 8. The snow is looking good out on the course.
- We as club members need to talk to our Council people about the young riders in town being given tickets for no driver's license. This is a very serious ticket with lasting penalties.
- Joe will be writing a letter to the Parks & Rec. Dept. asking them to groom the ALPETCO trail twice a week.
- Mike has been holding several S.A.R. meetings and they have been having a good turnout.
- The satellite phones are activated and charged for use.
- The text portion of the S.A.R. brochures are complete.
- There will be a breaking system installed on the ambulance sled.
- Joe will be writing the Board a policy concerning commitment of money / expenditures that would not require Board approval.
- There will be a General Membership meeting and Membership Drive on February 18th @ 7:00pm. This meeting will be held at the Civic Center. Tjay will be heading this up. It was decided that there would be a budget of [REDACTED] for this event.