

The April 2 meeting of the Sakakawea Fence Stretchers was held at Southside Max. Brent called the meeting to order. Brent, Rusty, Eden, Renee and Brock answered roll call. The minutes were read and motion to approve by Rusty, 2nd Brock. Motion carried.

Brent brought up changing the annual meeting in the bylaws to sometime in August or September. After discussion, Wayne made a motion to change the meeting to Sept. 10. Heather 2nd. Motion carried.

Brent reported on the commission response from the meeting he attended with McLean County. They were concerned with the legal use of right of way. If necessary, we will contact SND for clarification. Ward County responded with the needing breakaway posts. Temporary posts are exempt. Brent will check with SND.

Brent drove the proposed route and made suggestions of change because of sloughs that would require a lot of landowner permission and also no gas would be available for over 30 miles. Also many felt Plaza should be included and the Benedict /Sawyer should be eliminated for above reasons and the limited use it would get. This was tabled for now.

Discussion of a temporary membership fee for anyone wanting to join now until due this fall was debated. Renee made a motion we charge half price, Heather 2nd. Motion carried.

Our application has been received and Brent suggested someone attend the SND meeting that is held in May or June. All felt this was a good idea and when we find the dates for sure, we will try for representation from Sakakawea Fence Stretchers.

Signage costs were discussed. It would cost roughly 7,400 if all was purchased. Brent suggested we try to get lumber yard, Menards to donate some materials. SND put the word out that we are in need of signage.

Brent found a groomer in Beulah that is able to be leased or lease to own for 12,000. Has 7100 hours. Other leasing options were discussed. The state would

let us use an 8 ft. drag but we would need a 175 hp tractor to pull it. Tabled keeping options open.

We had an open discussion on a few fun run rules. Wayne made a motion that the person must be present to win or it is donated back to the club. Exception, if someone is hurt or has to leave the run early; they will not forfeit the winnings and will be allowed to shake out the remainder of the run. If not present, door prizes will be redrawn. James 2nd. Motion carried.

Brock presented several logos that he had Signs and Wonders draw up. There were six concepts. We voted on a basic oval with color variations. Motion carried by majority vote. We can purchase items from them and also get the digitizing for stitching logos. We agreed on the fee for having this drawn up. Wayne made motion, Renee 2nd. Motion carried.

Eden read the treasurers report and was approved. We have 19 family memberships and 7 individual memberships. Plaza Backroads Bar and Grill gave SFS a \$100 donation. The club members voted to give them a corporate membership. Brent suggested we get a debit card with our checking as some services have to be paid with a credit card. Rusty made a motion we get one, Renee 2nd. Motion carried. We need to get tax exempt status. 501C3.

Trail master, Sylvan, reported all trails are closed for the season!

Heather reported on possible activities we should take part in. Dickens Village Festival was one. We discussed having a food stand during the event. Everyone felt this was a good way to get our name out. Heather will be checking on the specifics of making this happen. We all discussed having a raffle to raise some money. A sled raffle was discussed, a gun night, and a gun raffle. Brent and Renee will meet Friday in Plaza to talk with them on how they run and operate their gun night.

It was suggested that we have a summer get together. A potluck picnic and camp weekend at Douglas Creek was decided on for July 12-14. Specifics will be listed on the website in the near future. Next meeting May 7 at Totten Trail at 7. Meeting adjourned.