

Meeting at Bummy's Haus

December 16, 2015

Members in Attendance: 16

President Scott Kolberg called the meeting to order

Vice President Kevin Kirsch-117 paid members to date; 5 New Memberships to be voted in-Brad & Gail Homuth, Greg & Kristine Gottsacker, Tim & Tammy Zorn, Alex Yosick, and Eric Leikip. Motion was made to accept new memberships; 1st Troy Schmitz and 2nd Nancy Sixel, Approved.

Secretary Tim Feldmann read minutes from meeting at Black Dog and was approved

Treasurer Annie Heim read treasurer's report and was approved.

From the Trailmaster's Desk; Larry Rietbrock,

Where is the snow and cold weather? Last year we had cold but no snow, this year we don't have either one! What an unusual December! Looking at the extended forecast I am seeing a little colder weather moving in next week. We definitely need some frozen ground before any snow falls or this winter could be a huge mess. All the trail reroutes, bridges, and other trail work is finished; except for 3 fields that still need to be plowed. Who would have thought that on December 23rd we would still have the field leveler on the tractor waiting to level plowed ground? I'm sure sooner or later the cold weather will come and the snow will fall; until then we need to be patient and wait.

When the snow finally falls; please remember to respect the landowners and don't ride on closed trails. Make sure to stay on marked trails and that cutting corners is considered trespassing. For current trail conditions; go to www.nkmsnow.com

Youth club...Any youth between the ages of 12 and 17 looking to join the youth club should contact Jamie Kolberg at 920-946-5823 or Larry Rietbrock at 920-645-5771. They are the future of this club; so let's get them involved early. Kaitlin Rietbrock, the president of the youth club; recently ran for AWSC Miss Snowflake at the fall workshop. She had a lot of fun meeting new people and would like to thank the Lakeshore Driftbusters for sponsoring her and can't wait to run again next year. The club has invited the current Miss Snowflake; Callie Brice from Manitowoc County to attend our brat fry and dance on Feb 13th at Bummy's Haus. She will be there helping with raffles and meeting everyone; please stop in and say Hi.

Old Business

Snowmobile Safety Class...This year we had nine kids that took and passed the Snowmobile Safety Class. The club would like to send a BIG "Thank You" to Steve & Jayne Scheuren and also to Scott Kolberg for teaching the class. Without these instructors volunteering their time; these classes would not be available to our youth.

Brat Fry...Club Brat Fry will be held February 13, 2016 at Bummy's Haus. The sign up sheet for work times has been at the meetings, but will also be in next month's newsletter. We can also use baked goods for the day of the fry; they can be dropped off anytime that morning. If anyone has donations for raffles; please get them to Nancy Sixel or Tim Feldmann. We want to make sure that we recognize everyone that donates to our fry to make it a success.

Club Scholarship...The will again be giving away a \$300 Scholarship this year. Applicant must be graduating High School this coming year and be a club member. Contact Nancy Sixel (565-2318) for essay information, deadline for entries is March 1, 2016.

Club Trip... This year's club ride will be held at Richard's in Dunbar and will be held February 5th-7th 2016. There is a block of 12 rooms reserved under our clubs name. If you are interested in going, please call 1-715-324-5444 to reserve your room; just mention the Howards Grove Snowmobile Club. The prices per night are..1 person \$50, 2 people \$70, 3 people \$80, and 4 people \$90 per room. If you have any other questions; please contact Larry Rietbrock.

New Business

Club Website... The new club website is up and running as of last week. The new site is easier to navigate and is also going to accept pay-pal for membership dues. We should hopefully have that up and running shortly; just working out a couple of the payment details yet. Check it out at www.hgdriftbusters.com; if anyone has any suggestions after they have looked at it; please contact a board member.

Military Ride Donation... Each year there is a Military Appreciation Ride that takes place in Eagle River. Clubs were asked for possible donations to help fund this ride and keep it going from year to year. Motion was made and seconded to donate \$100 to this event; 1st Justin Boedecker and 2nd Charlene Dewey, Motion was approved.

Meeting Start Time... Request was brought up that we look into possibly changing the start time of the monthly meetings from 7:30 to 7:00. Members in attendance talked about request and decided to discuss this more at the March-April meetings. We will not be changing the start times of any meetings this year; will look into it for next year's meetings. There will be more information in upcoming newsletters. This would not be Bi-Law change; so it could be voted on at anytime.

AWSC Membership Cards... If you paid your dues your yellow membership card should be with this newsletter or you should have received it in an earlier newsletter. If you receive the newsletter via email; it will be sent via mail by itself. If you just paid your dues, we may not have your card yet, but we will get it to you. If anyone has questions on how to order your Trail Pass; please contact Tim (980-4358) or via email tfeldmann23@gmail.com.

Next Meeting will be January 27th at Corbin's at 7:30

Raffle Winner: Red Dewey; not in attendance; Roll-over

Meeting Adjourned: 1st Nancy Sixel and 2nd Troy Schmitz

Item for Sale: 1999 Polaris 500 XC with 9,000 Miles; asking \$1,050; Contact Ron Mihm with any Questions (565-2657).

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