

Meeting at Black Dog Bistro

November 23, 2016

President Scott Kolberg called the meeting to order

Vice President Kevin Kirsch-Reported 84 paid memberships to date; keep sending in your dues if you have not already. We will be sending your AWSC cards out with the newsletter as we receive them. If you don't receive your card, contact Tim via email (tfeldmann23@gmail.com) and he can get you your AWSC number that you will need to order your trail pass.

Secretary Tim Feldmann read the minutes from the October meeting and was approved.

Treasurer Annie Heim was not in attendance; Kevin Kirsch read report and was approved.

From the Trailmaster's Desk; Larry Rietbrock,

The first trail marking weekend turned out real well; although attendance was way down this year. We normally have 25 to 30 people attend and this year we only had about 10. Thank's to those members for helping. The 2nd trail marking was Dec 3rd and we still had a lot of work to do. There was a lot of land that was not plowed and ready to be marked, but now was; Thanks again to those who helped out.

New bridge...The new bridge that I applied for over the Pigeon River due to the mandatory reroute last year has been approved and ordered. There will not be enough time this fall to take on such a large project; so we will be installing it next spring. This will turn out to be a huge fund raising opportunity.

Trail Opening/Closing...On the Northern Kettle Moraine web site www.nkmsnow.com you can sign up for up to date trail opening and closings. You can sign up for text messaging or email. As soon as I open/close the trails in the county; you will receive a message. Please start using this method, the phone line will be discontinued after this season. I am also the person that updates the travel Wisconsin web site for Sheboygan County and that site also gets updated immediately. **Please respect the landowners and stay off of closed trails; riding on closed trails is trespassing.** Even if you see the groomer out does not mean the trails are open. We will send the groomers out first to prep the trails and make sure they are safe.

AWSC Workshop...On October 28th – Nov 1st, I attended the AWSC Fall Workshop. This year at the workshop we learned about the new automated recording system for submitting grooming and non-grooming bills. This system is called SNARS (Snowmobile Automated Recording System). This will make my job, the county administrator's job, and the DNR's job a lot easier. We also had a guest speaker from the Wisconsin Department of Tourism. Did you know that if there was no tourism in Wisconsin, everyone's taxes would be \$660 a year higher? Also, for every \$1 that is spent in your county for tourism, there is an \$8 return for the community. My daughter, Kaitlin Rietbrock, also ran for AWSC Miss Snowflake; she really enjoyed herself and is looking forward to next year's competition.

Club Ride...This year's club ride will be Feb 2nd – 5th 2017 at Whispering Pines lodge in St Germain. This is a beautiful double sided cabin with bedrooms downstairs on both sides and a large loft upstairs on both sides. If we fill the cabins, I am estimating the cost to be around \$85 person for 3 night stay. If you're interested, please call Larry Rietbrock by January 1st to reserve your spot. A \$50 down payment per couple is required. www.whisperingpinelodge.com

Old Business

Snowmobile Safety Class...We had seven kids participate and pass this year's course. Congratulations to all the participants and we would also like to "Thank" the class instructors; Scott Kolberg and Steve and Jayne Scheuren.

Groomer Update...The work is being done on the John Deere groomer to replace the current track belting. Like any project, there have been other items that needed attention. Jerry Thiel and Kevin Kirsch have been hard at work replacing bearings and spindles. Thanks again to anyone that has helped with this project and we look forward to getting this machine back on the trails this year.

Club Building...We talked about rough cost of finishing off the cold storage side of our building. We would eventually like to finish off the walls and ceilings; along with cementing out the floor. After a lengthy discussion; it was decided to wait with this project and see how this year goes. We will keep this project in our 5 year plan and re-visit it this next year.

Club Brat Fry...The club fry will be held February 11th at Bummy's Haus. The brat fry committee has been meeting at 7:00 before each of the last two monthly meetings. If anyone would like to be involved or if you have any suggestions for the fry; please feel free to join us at these meetings.

New Business

Northern Kettles Meeting...Our club is hosting the Northern Kettle Moraine meeting at the Black Dog Bistro at 7 pm on Dec 15th. Let's get a lot of club members at this meeting. This is a good opportunity to see what is happening within the county and the AWSC.

Military Ride Donation...A motion was made and seconded to donate \$100 to the Military Ride, motion was approved and carried. This money goes to offset the cost of this ride which is in appreciation for all the military personal does for us. This is a great group that puts this together each year and hopefully they can continue for many years to come.

Trail Pass...Just a quick reminder on how to obtain your Trail Pass that you will need to ride again this year. Once you pay your dues and receive your yellow AWSC card; go to www.awsc.org and there is a link on the top of the page that says "get your trail pass." Click on that link and it will take you to enter your AWSC number and registration numbers of your sleds. Remember, you need a trail pass for each sled; the fine for not having a trail pass is \$200.50. If you haven't received your yellow card, but have paid your dues; contact Tim and he will get you the number that you need to register. Email is easiest tfeldmann23@gmail.com or 920-980-4358.

Next Meeting, December 21st at the Haven Bar; Brat Fry 7:00; meeting at 7:30

Raffle Winner: Red Dewey, Donated back

Meeting Adjourned: Charlene Dewey and 2nd Jim Schwoerer