

ROCK COUNTY ALLIANCE OF SNOWMOBILE CLUBS

January 6, 2021

Call to Order: at American Legion, Orfordville by Vice President Steve Fausnaugh @ 7:05pm

Roll Call: Alliance officers present: Erica Keehn, Kate Fuchs, Jackie Olson, Steve Fausnaugh. 8 clubs present, 0 Absent.

Secretary's Report: On file in the secretary's book. Motion to accept by Scott Johnson, seconded by Shawn Eberdt, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Copies of the treasurer's report were distributed. Jackie Olson read it, a copy is on file in the secretary's book. Shawn Eberdt made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Rodney Bursinzki seconded it, motion carried.

Pay Bills: Bills were presented for payment. Shaun Eberdt made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Mark Hubka seconded it, motion carried.

AWSC Director's Report: Survey is open until 1/10/21 for submission to keep the spur open in Blue Mounds, this is the time to share our voice. Please take the time to get this completed. We will stay posted on where this goes from here. AWSC – scholarships are due 1/7/21 due by 4pm. Snowmobile Friendly had to be turned in by 1/4/21. A few directors will be getting together this weekend as the Directors meeting was canceled. We have a Youth Rep position open, please talk with your clubs. Amazing work for our members to get together and complete the task of getting work completed on the groomers, and out and grooming. Please keep supporting our on trail supporters. Rod has a few ACSA calendars available if wanted.

Trail Report: Trails were open for a few days, so it was great to see them open. Had a few weather issues with freeze/thawing. A few issues with riding off trail was reported by the County/Sheriffs. Due to many riding outside of the stakes is what prompted the trail closing. Due to northern trails being closed, we had an epic amount of sleds on the trails. There are a few difficulties in the Milton area with lease changes. For the section of the trail between Hwy 59 and the railroad bed into Milton, Koshkonog was not able to get a hold of a landowner so they closed the trail. Sundowners marked the section of trail that was not approved by the landowner for Kosh, and also onto another landowners property. Harold Dettinger talked with the connecting landowner and he was not contacted by anyone prior to trail being put in. Trail closed signs were removed, and then replaced. Shoes continues to ask people, not part of Kosh club, as to why the trail will not open. Everett will communicate with the County as to what we can/should do with this section of trail as trespassing is involved, opening and closing trails, without permission from the remainder of lease holders, etc. We need to decide how to handle these types of situations. The County is aware of the issue, there were a lot of allegations, the sheriffs department was contacted by a member of sundowners to open the trails. There were then discussions that that member was told to open the trails. In further discussions with the County, this permission was not granted or discussed. There is a political side of things, and we need to discuss and figure out how far we want to go with things. We are

a ground of VOLUNTEERS, and not a paid board. Discussions have been held as to what are we in this for. We are doing this for snowmobiling, being able to use the trails, wrenching on equipment., this is snowmobiling. The possibility is there that the Sudndowners will continue to use this tack to have us lose landowners, etc. Currently due to the flooding in that area, we should have enough to keep the trail closed signs up until we are aware of other decisions by the County, etc.. Thank you to Koshkonong club for getting the trail closed sings back up, and being on top of issues. How do we stay on top of issues or potential future issues with trail closed issues.

SNARS should depositing to account later this month for trail put in that has been turned in..

President's Report: WE had a ot of activity on the FB page on where to part, lots of messages, most all messages were positive. Great to see all of the activity. Received an email this morning from Kurt B from Sundowners, if they can enter in the SNARS data and we would submit it. AT this time they have no funding available as they canceled their contracts, etc. Have a great season, and ride for me :(

Groomer Report: GPS units are in all of the Groomers, there have been a few GPS Geofencing issues, which is common, we need to work with Nathan to get fixed, overall pretty quick fix once we get in touch with them. The North Groomer drag has been fixed by Billie Slater, we moved from potentially scrapping this piece, to hopefully being able to use this for another 5-10 years. The pan and blades are all new. Discussion to give Billie Slater funding for the work he completed on the North Drag, a Motion was made by Scott Johnson to donate \$250 to Billie Slater for work performed, Shawn Ebert seconded. Motion passed. We had two work days on the Groomer, the front tracks are on, all idler wheels were updated to the new poly wheels. 32 wheels were swapped between front and back tracks. Thanks to all who volunteered their time, equipment, etc. The North Groomer will need a new alternator, otherwise its in good shape. I was brought up to potentially get first aid kits in the groomers, with thermal blankets, etc, have us prepared for the worst, and hope to never have to use it.

Youth Advisor Report: Tia gave the report, we are looking for your representatives for Rock County, need to be between 14-18, and want to make friends from all over the state. WE want to continue to keep the youth involved in Rock County. KAOS youth leadership ride has been canceled, the youth will try to do things over Zoom to get people together and work on leadership skills. Rachyl and Rodney will be doing the Badger State Torch Ride again this year, its a two day ride, starts in Wausau and ends at Eagle River. There are a few stops along the way, to talk with reporters, see other clubs, etc. Thank you again to Rock County for continuous support.

Old Business: Maps are currently at a standstill, the base maps we were planning on using do not have enough resolution to provide the accuracy needed on the map if made bigger to be able to list road names, etc. Need to work with a County employee to see if we can get a better resolution county sent over to be able to work with. Other option would be to use old base map, strip all old information and use this, but not all roads will be correct/updated. Anticipation was that we would receive a map that had the snowmobile GIS superimposed. Is there an option to get the GPS information from our groomer, currently may not be able to build a good map Estimated time for printing is 2 weeks from when we get it to the printer. Last option would

be to pull the plug and remove the map for this year. Estimate for maps is 3500 \$2119 or \$0.61 – 2000 is \$1737 or \$0.87/ea. Last time we ordered 3500, estimate we have 700 left. We need to have a cutoff date of when to stop waiting for a new map, and after this date we move forward with using last used base map. Date of 1/15/21 to receive new GPS prior to moving on with using old map information after contacting board and updating as necessary. Motion made by Rodney Bursinzki, seconded by Mike Britton, motion passed.

New Business: Billie Slater brought up to have a small committee to speak/work with Sundowners to see if we can find a resolution to the issues surrounding the Alliance and Sundowners. No one knows that the answer is, but maybe we can find the olive branch to see what we can do to make this end. Billie Slater is planning to attend the meeting of Sundowners meeting on 1/7/21. What that committee looks like, we need to determine, and figure out. We need to figure out a basic agreement, to end the issues/fighting, etc. We want the ability to take the high road and be professional about this. If we do get this set up we should have a mediator involved to make sure things are kept on track. It was brought up by Kate to see if Sam Landes would be willing/able to be the mediator.

As a reminder the way our Alliance works, no club gets paid for the work that is completed, the clubs volunteer their time and equipment, then submits the time into SNARS. The payment from SNARS gets paid to the Alliance and then used to fund things like groomers, fuel, signs, bridges, etc.

Announcements:

Eagle River vintage This Weekend

Eagle River Derby Following week

1/30/21 – Vintage Ride, Clinton, snow dependent – Registration 10am – ride at noon.

Feb 3, Alliance meeting, Evansville Sno-Devils, 7:00 pm at Red Barn **Location Change**

Mar 3, Alliance meeting, Koshkonong, Jake's Junction Pub

April 7, Alliance Meeting, Milton Snow Riders

May 5, Alliance Meeting, TBD

Safety Courses

1/9/2021

Rodney Burzinski made a motion to adjourn. Shawn Eberdt seconded it, motion carried. Thanks to the Orfordville Country Riders for providing snacks.

Submitted,

Kate Fuchs
Secretary