

ROCK COUNTY ALLIANCE OF SNOWMOBILE CLUBS

March 3, 2021

Call to Order: at Jake's Junction Pub, Milton, WI by President Erica Keehn

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

Secretary's Report: On file in the secretary's book. - Motion was made by Shaun Eberdt, Scott Johnson seconded to accept the meeting minutes as sent. 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. Scott Johnson seconded it, motion carried.

Pay Bills: Bills were presented for payment. Shaun Eberdt made a motion to pay the bills that have SNARS entries associated with the bills presented. Liz Dettinger seconded it, motion carried.

AWSC Director's Report: Rodney is enjoying the snow up north. May potentially have a Director's meeting at the end of the month, more to come as it is learned.

Trail Report: Open this year for 35.5 days, well above our normal average. Positive comments county wide, both about quality and signage. Had an issue with a dip on Milton trail, that was taken care of. Riders were here all the way from Superior. A tree came down on property owners land. An discussion happened on if tree replacement is under our deductible, it may be better to cover instead of turning into insurance. Mark Hubka will get estimate on tree replacement and bring to next meeting. Due to snowpack we may run into some issues with insurance and crop damage, we will need to keep an eye out on this. Thanks to all for a good year.

President's Report: Thanks to all for your time and effort this season. Sadly we will probably be done or close to done for this year due to potential warm ups. With club reps, is there a preferred method of communication, email, whatsapp, etc. At this time there was no preference. A letter was written to provide to landowners to let them be aware of what is going on within the Alliance. Additional copies will be provided for landowners that do not receive a check.

Groomer Report: A drone followed the groomer (drone operator was in the groomer with Billy) and he wrote up a letter/article for us to use to inform others what we do/groomers do. We can try to get this posted to the website as well. This was done at no cost to us, but used as a donation to us, and business use for the drone operator (name – if you need work, give him a call). North Groomer, knocked 3 teeth of the ring gear, changed u-joints, oil, etc. to get everything back on a standard maintenance schedule. Transmission temp gauge was replaced with an analog gauge. North groomer approx 205 hours. South groomer, put on 24 idlers, replaced back tracks, diff oil got changed, tilt ram for plow unscrewed itself, ram was replaced –

Grooming 193 hours this year. Tractor had about 58 hours this year, it was having issues getting through without getting stuck due to pack/warmth, etc., This year it sat through a lot of the winter. Thank you to all of our groomer operators. We did not make Supplemental this year, we were approximately 45 hours short. With the tractor being down, it hindered us.

Youth Advisor Report: Youth are attending a Zoom call with the KAOS group, updates will come next month.

Old Business: None that was brought back up.

New Business: Sign orders are included with landowners checks. With having a great year, we may not have enough money to cover signs after trail take out as we have used a large portion of the grant used up. There may be some options that we should look into, potentially getting a new tractor, new tucker, used tucker, etc. If we were looking to purchase a new unit we are looking at \$250K. A used Tucker could run approx 2007 long track \$85K, 2010 short track unit for \$84K (each approx 2700 hours). Another unit from South Dakota approx \$40K, but may need about \$10K of work (idlers, etc.). To add tracks to our tractor we are looking at \$90K. If we were to sell our tractor, we may be able to get approx \$30-40K.

For the last few years it has made 2018-\$500, 2019/20 - \$1K to 2020/21 - \$2K for leveling costs. Average repair costs on the Tractor have been minimal (rear end, \$10K, light \$4K). We did sell the old bar tracks from the North Groomer to the Rio club. New Tuckers/tractors, will require DEF. Tucker runs 7 gallons per hour, Tractor runs 4 gallons per hour.

Jeff Kosharek made a motion to purchase the groomer from South Dakota for no more than \$40,500, Shaun Eberdt seconded the motion. (purchase price of \$36450)

Discussion pursued on if we should take action on purchasing a “new” unit.

Vote -

Clinton - Yes

Kosh: – Yes

Orf - Yes

Evans - Yes

Milton - Yes

Snowblowers – Yes

Sno Chiefs – No

Oak Ridge – Yes

Discussion pursued on if we should take action on purchasing a “new” unit.

Alliance members offered a short term loan with no interest, with 5% interest after 60 days if needed depending on where the account was at if we win the bidding. Scott Johnson made a motion to accept the loan if needed, Blaine Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Billie will alert the board if we were to win the Tucker.

Pete Tiffany passed away recently, he was instrumental in the Alliance and Clinton Fencehoppers. Harold Dettinger made a motion to help costs for memorial for Pete Tiffany and Mark Hubka seconded. At the meeting it was tabled until Clinton has time to discuss what they may be doing so we can help/not counteract what is already being done.

Announcements:

Apr 7, Alliance meeting, Milton Snow Riders, 7pm pm at Jake’s Junction Pub, Milton

May 5, Alliance meeting, RCASC – Alliance Building
Sept 1, Alliance meeting, Oaks Ridge Riders

Dan Cullen made a motion to adjourn. Scott Johnson seconded it, motion carried. Thanks to the Koshkonong for providing snacks.

Submitted,

Kate Fuchs
Secretary