

## ROCK COUNTY ALLIANCE OF SNOWMOBILE CLUBS

April 7, 2021

Call to Order at Jake's Junction Pub by President Erica Keehn @ 7:06pm

**Roll Call:** Alliance officers present: Erica Keehn, Steve Fausanaugh, Jackie Olson, Kate Fuchs. 7 Clubs present; Absent: Rock County Snowblowers.

**Secretary's Report:** On file in Secretary' book. Scott Johnson made a motion to accept the secretary's report as sent out, Blaine Adams seconded, motion passed.

**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. Dan Cullen made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Matt Artis seconded it; motion carried.

**Pay Bills:** Bills were presented for payment. Blaine Adams made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Dan Cullen seconded it; motion carried.

**Directors Report:** A huge thank you to all club members for getting trail in and trail out before farmers got into the fields. Great job with the trails, and it was great to use our own system for a bit. Erica, Rod, Rachel & Tia attended the AWSC Directors meeting. An email will be sent with the full meeting minutes. The Executive Board each got up and spoke about their specialties, and then there were breakouts for each committee. ISC will be happening in Omaha, NE, Rod will be attending with KAOS. Committee chairs got up and gave updates on each committee. Elections were held, Dave Newman kept his position as President, Lauren Levy won the Treasurer position against Andy Melecki., Sue and Lori maintained their positions. Rod will attend ISC in June, Directors meeting in July, Workshop in October at Wilderness in the Dells. Dave Newman went over DNR registration #s – 239K+ sleds registration, up from 220K from last year. AWSC passes up 120 from last year. 64K AWSC passes. DNR sold 79K standard trail passes – miles approved by council 351 miles – deadline is 4/15 to get new miles turned in. Dave N and Don H are part of deer hunting state group to keep an ear to the ground and stay on top of things. Trespassing was an issue throughout the state, ways to try to raise awareness, we use our local enforcement, but biggest use was to use the Social Media available to us. There are discussions to revise the 40' legislation (40' off the roads for trails). Blue Mounds is continuing to move forward. Working on watching UTV use on winter trails. New Glarus – use plan to potentially shut down a 3 block portion where trails currently go through, snowmobiling is not currently in the SW master plan. Please watch out for a survey to make sure that snowmobiling gets put into this plan. Badger State Torch ride was run by vehicle this year, great publicity for the participants. OF the Year awards, deadline is 6/30/31. AWSC raffle tickets, drawing in October, let Rod know if you want a ticket. GPS units were talked about a lot during the meeting, they will be mandated as of 11/1/21. There will be a workshop at Workshop about the GPS units. AWSC Memberships expire 6/30. OWI is back up in front of boards to have it go against license. Antique snowmobile show will be in Marshfield at 8/6-8/8

**Trail Report:** Trail should be all out, make sure that all hours are getting into SNARS. IF there are any sign orders please let Billy know. Koshonong trail will need a bridge, that spans a 12' irrigation ditch, plus both sides. There may be potential to use the old bridge off of Jennifer Thomas property – off of Cty Rd A – 30' bridge with 5' Aprons. While Billy was up in Eagle River, he talked with GPS runner for that area, they are looking at the possibility of putting map sponsors on the GPS mapping app – est cost would be \$10 per map sponsor to be added to the app. With the requirement of these being in groomers by November the use of this specific app may increase.

**President's Report:** Reminder of the importance of communication between the Alliance and the club members. We need to make sure that our members are getting all of the information both at the County and the State level that is being passed along. The importance of surveys from the DNR can keep our trails open vs closed. Over the course of time, we may want to look at the By-Laws for the Alliance and see what we may need to update and change with the times. Kate will send out a copy of our By-Laws and other counties similar to us to the Reps to look over and bring back ideas.

**Groomer Report:** We did not get the groomer, it went for \$40K plus buyer fees so over, \$44K, a club out of Antigo, they have resold it and it went for \$69K-. Trade in Value on our tractor is \$27K, Advertised price should be \$36K, resale cash price \$35K. Its a bit of an oddball as the model was only made for 2 years, however the tractor is worth more now than it was 3 years ago due to current demand, etc. Tracks has a few used groomer units in stock that with money from tractor, and money available in the accounts, we may only need to borrow of \$20K in loans for purchase. If we were to rent through Johnson tractor, the min hour is 200 hours, or you will pay a premium pricing (approx \$18K). Hours that groomer actually ran vs hours person reported to be grooming, there was a lot of discrepancy between the unit and what we said. Each time the unit stops (like a stop sign, etc) you lose a full minute. If you travel less than 2 mph it says you are not moving, so we lose time we are grooming. There were a few times that it says we groomed 9 hours, however we were actually running 12 hours. If you are going over 15mph it does not count that time. Our estimate is approximately 15 hours were not counted. If you are not on your exact trail, that time may not be counted (GPS fencing, covering a section of another county, etc.). This is being watched and discussed with the GPS team.

**Youth Report:** Tia an Rachyl attending the Directors meeting. Annual donation drive will be for Animal Shelters – we will be collecting items until the Fall Workshop. August 14<sup>th</sup> weekend – KAOS camping trip, at Granger's Campground in Oakdale, WI. Rachyl is part of the magazine committee, they are looking for more ride stories, please feel free to send those up. Rachel has been helping to proof the magazine, and will be moving into the chair position for the Magazine. For ISC, Rachel and Tia are 2/6 of the KAOS kids chosen to attend ISC. The girls are wondering if the Alliance can help cover the cost of the ISC registration which is \$265 each. A motion made by Blaine Adams and seconded by Scott Johnson to cover the cost of registration for ISC for Tia and Rachyl.

**Old Business:** Pete Tiffany memorial, more information to come by next meeting.

**New Business:** Maps for next year, do we know how many we have left from this year? Discussion says approx 200. Do we want to use a new map for next year, or use what we have left. For this year we should just reorder the maps we just created this year. We took in about \$5K, and currently spent about \$1900 on maps. Clubs please take a map to your club to verify that there is nothing that needs to be updated/changed and bring this to the next meeting.

Discussion was held on getting credit cards specific to groomer operators to cover gas, parts, etc.

Where are we putting the drags this year. North Groomer drag will stay in that area, but south groomer and North Groomer will be housed at the Alliance building. May need to see if Don Myers to hold drag if needed. Will need to do some things to West Groomer and drag, but this will stay housed at Dave Draves property.

Rodney made a motion, Scott Johnson seconded for the Alliance to cover the food for the May meeting.

**Announcements:**

Alliance Meeting May 5, Alliance, 7:00pm Alliance Building, Clinton, WI

Alliance Meeting, Sept. 1, Alliance Meeting, Oak Ridge Riders

Rod Burzinski made a motion to adjourn. Blaine Adams seconded it; motion carried. Thanks to the Milton Snow Riders. for providing snacks.

Submitted,

Kate Fuchs

Secretary