

Minutes from January 7, 2021 Meeting

Sundowners Snowmobile Club

Call To Order: 7:05pm at Fredrick's Supper Club by President Richard Plautz

Roll Call: 35 members present. 8 other club members present also. Elected and appointed positions as follows....President Richard Plautz yes; Vice President Robbie Koepp yes; Secretary Kurt Birkett yes; Treasurer Jim McCue no; Directors Mike Shumaker yes, Tim Weber yes, Charlie Rusch yes, James Rece yes, John Sweeney no, Aaron Lenox yes

Trail Bosses: John Sweeney no; Mike Shumaker yes; Jim Swon yes; Kurt Birkett yes; Tim Weber yes; Mike Bentheimer yes; Rollie Amundson no; Charles Hendrickson no; Jarrod Bublitz yes; Robbie Koepp yes; Archer Radke yes; Brendt Keinbaum yes; Aaron Lenox yes; Craig Phillips no; Jamie Shelley no

Secretaries Report: Announced that we have over 150 members with the AWSC and close to 350 members total counting family. Announced our 3 new sponsors the 59er, the Showboat, and the Harbor Marina. Instructed trail bosses to fill out their trail maintenance log books. Talked about our webpage and the trail open/close status section. A suggestion was made to make the statement more clear. Discussed our new map with sponsors and where to find it on our webpage. Talked about the success of the gun raffle and that the Super bowl raffle is moving along very nicely with ticket sales. Robbie mentioned that Ali is going to run a meat raffle this coming Saturday at Creekview. Report Accepted

Treasures Report: Jim is in Mexico, so Kurt discussed the balances in our accounts. Between checking, savings, and PayPal we have \$11,632.23 as of Dec. 31. Since then we have spent \$3300 on a drag and \$700 to paint it. Report Accepted

Presidents Report: Recognized special guests from both the Milton club and Evansville club who were in attendance for our meeting. Presented a brief overview of factual events that occurred days after the Sundowners voted to exit the Alliance back in Feb. 2020. That discussion lead to a brief Q&A with some of the guests on hand, who were very appreciative of hearing some of the facts the past 9- months of this journey. Discussed the Morris Nelson Memorial that was celebrated the previous Sunday morning, and asked all in attendance to visit the Memorial at some point this riding season, as it truly is a special place to visit and reflect on Mo's accomplishments for all the years and dedication that he fought/negotiated to make the sport of snowmobiling what it is today here in Wisconsin. And we welcomed 3- new members to the Sundowners that evening.

Trail Report: Shoes thanked the groomer operators and trail bosses for the great job they were doing. He mentioned that the facebook world was extremely impressed on how smooth and nice our trails are. He talked on how we need to buy another drag. He also talked about how we are helping to get the trail opened from Milton to Lakeview.

Old Business: Morris Nelson's memorial dedication took place on January 3rd at 10am. It was a beautiful day with over 40 sleds, our 3 groomers, and a fire. We all gathered around the beautiful memorial and Richard started out the ceremony with a fitting story of how much Mo did for our club and the sport of snowmobiling state wide. Sam Landes from the AWSC spoke next for over a hour on the importance of Mo and spoke of many of his accomplishments. Sam's speech was very moving and left us all speechless. Bob Bennett also spoke of some of his stories with Mo and how much he will be missed. Other members spoke of funny stories with Mo. There was a eagle that flew over and a coyote howling in the distance. It was a very well deserved tribute to a awesome man.

New Business: Bob Bennett spoke of safety posters that available. Bob mentioned that he had AWSC raffle tickets for \$100 each. A motion was made and seconded that the Sundowners buy a ticket. Bob also showed the group of another calendar raffle that was available from a great group the American Council of Snowmobile Associations. Bob spoke of the Blue Mounds State Park issue and the importance of going online and submitting your opinion. Jim from the Stoughton Vikings also spoke of the Blue Mounds issue and to go online and submit your opinions to the survey.

Announcements: Next meeting will be Feb 4th at Creekview 7pm.

Adjournment: 8:40pm