

Sundowners Snowmobile Club - recap of meetings – September 2006 – February 2009

No Records January – August 2006 – Notes end December 2005 and resume September 2006

9-07-2006 20 people present, held at Creekview. Safety course in December by Evansville Club; Clinton club building a new club house; volunteers needed for construction, electrical, carpentry, plumbing. They would like it up by December. Go to alliance meeting if you would like to help. Trail – Shues said trail to Norms may still come about. The bridge is okay'd for Bartz Link. Golf outing needs help. Discussed donations and decided any donations should be limited to \$300 – anything higher the board will discuss before voted on at a meeting. Membership is down, we should push for this. After much discussion on people helping in the club, Morris said he thinks people should help at least once a year. After all, it is everyone's club. Money draw will roll over to \$50.

10- 30 people present, held at Sundown Tavern. Golf Outing prizes listed, Alliance report-Morris is director again; the workshop will be at the end of October; there are still 42 map ads left; next Alliance meeting will be at Edgerton Country Club and Sundowners are sponsoring. Trail report – the Bartz Link has had the bridge approved, Custom Mfg. will build. There are some signs in for the trails – 55 mph signs need to go on all trails. Clinton Club pouring cement the first Saturday of October. They are trying to get a \$5000 grant from Polaris – it also housed the groomer. We want to place an ad in the Winter Section of the Reporter to see if we can pick up more members. Glen Bender motioned to buy \$10 tickets from AWSC for the club only raffle. Also to get 50 - \$2.00 tickets from the AWSC to sell to club members. A portion of each ticket will come back to the club. New owner at Sunset wants to have Radar Run at his place. This will be discussed by the board. Drawing was won.

11-02-2006 27 people present, held at Anchor Inn. Alliance borrowed \$5000 for new groomer building and shed in Clinton. They will pay our club back at 6% interest. Speed limit is 55mph with noise limit in effect. All trails must have their hours and equipment sheets turned in. Radar Run will be at night time at Sunset January 20, on the lake. The Bahama trip given away is going to be taken Jan 29 by Leanne Cantwell. Cost just under \$1500 which was arranged and taken care of by Sue Bartz, Jon Bartz's wife. Much thanks to her. Plugger will be turning all the road signs again. Levi will have signs ready for those marking trails. Jon Bartz is trail coordinator. Club insurance will cost \$513. Tom has AWSC tickets for \$2.00 for sale. We get back a portion of the money. The Nostalgia Run will be January 27. December 7 meeting will be our Christmas Party. Drawing was won. Treats were put on by Anchor Inn.

12-07-2006 Matt will run the cultimulcher. Trails need to be in by December 15th. Because of the Special Season for deer hunting, they can't open until then. Some landowners allow people to hunt on their land so they can't have trails going through them. Up north the trails are not open until December 16th. It's a shame as we had all that beautiful snow. Radar Run meeting for 1/18, need help. Will discuss at next meeting 1/4/2007. Alliance: 55mph in effect, need signs put up. Maps will hopefully be done in January. Landowners leases due. Trails –

hours and equipment used are needed to be turned in. Someone has brush hog, we need it back. Evansville Safety Class already full – are a few openings in Milton.

Next meeting at Oberg's – Norms in February (*This would be Oberg's in January and Norm's in February but there is nothing in the book.*)

(I am assuming the following is the March meeting)

March 2007 Coachman's Inn @ 7:00 26 people present. Alliance report – John B. - registration costs going up, \$15-\$25. Michigan is going up to \$50 next year. Deer hunting zone problems north of Hwy 8. 55 mph one year trial program. Convention March 16-18. Landowner checks ready 4/1. John B. will have them, he will pass them out or out to trail bosses, might also give out turkeys. Trails – good and bad spots. Insurance may be paid by State grant, liability only at this time (trial) Grant that Clinton was looking at from Polaris for their building was turned down. In wrong area. John still has a few maps if a club member needs it. Talked about tractor instead of groomer. Mark and Paul did grooming. South groomer blew the track, Tiffanys drove to Minn. to get new one, fixed by 4pm. New tractor cost would be about \$65,000 compared to a new Tucker is \$140,000. Norm's for breakfast good idea for next year. Nominations. Make portion of trail 'Mark Hanewall' trail, more input next month. Door prize won. \$200 for drinks.

4-5-2007 24 people present. Alliance: Trails ready to close. Mark down what is needed – 3rd groomer is around \$75-\$110,000. Clinton building is done but having financial problems. Asked us to hold off paying back the \$5000 until later when they can afford it. Norm's breakfast earned \$721.49. Gave out turkeys to land owners. Talked about golf outing. Date would be 9/15 at the Country Club. Cost will be \$60.00 per person, includes cart, food and golfing. There will be \$1000.00 for a hole in one. No raffle tickets but need prizes to put on the wheel. Will also be a 50/50 cash prize. There is still clothing available for sale, Steve will have at his shop. Election

9-6-2007 14 people present, held at Creekview. Alliance: Clinton Club house is finished. Alliance has purchased a 3rd groomer \$69,000 plus \$700 for the track. The Clinton fund raiser 10/6. We need to know about reprinting maps. Levi still may have trail signs available. DNR parks person retired. Supposedly we have the bridge ok'd but nothing in writing with this situation. The bridge is actually built already. Golf Outing progressing – need help. AWSC moving to Deforest this winter. Speed limit 55 in effect for three more years. Radar Run in question. Need to check on the insurance and with the Larson's, whether or not they care to hold it there. Our insurance is due in November so must decide next month. Drawing was a roll over to \$50.00.

10-07 24 people present, held at Obergs. Alliance: Talked about raising non-resident fees, but with no budget in sight there will be no raising of fees. Question on groomer insurance; the new groomer will be stored at Bjon's; we will sponsor the next alliance meeting. Also, the bridge in Albion should be intact by the end of the month. We did not send in order

for signs, must get our order in for signs ASAP; thanked all 4 people who showed up at golf outing, more help needed next year. Will have Radar Run, 800' and 50/50 raffle. Motion made to purchase \$200 worth of tickets for Mark H. family benefit. The Kells are talking about having map boxes made for the taverns holding our maps. Draw was roll over.

11/01/2007 32 people present, held at DNA. Trails not open at this time, but are still working on the bridge at Wileman's. We will be working on trails 12/1, Plugger will have breakfast and Bob Morrison will cook. Alliance bought another groomer w/267 hours and 69,000 miles. They will buy another drag for it. Motion to run radar run and buy the expensive insurance. Will be looked in to. Our next meeting will be at Northern Inn and will be the Christmas Party on 12/6. Breakfast fund raiser will be at Norms 2/10. We talked about a club trip. Safety classes will be held by the Clinton Club, and the Evansville club. Anyone who might be interested in running a safety class should contact the DNR. We still have club stickers for \$6.00. Some clothing is also left. Drawing was won.

12/6/07 42 people present, held at Northern Inn. Well attended meeting as was the Christmas Party at Northern Inn. Alliance - 55mph put in effect for the next couple of years. The trail is now open to the north but closed to Clinton and Elkhorn because of the extended deer hunting season. Thanked P. Oswald for fixing and doing the cultimulching on trails; Trail reports – the bridge that was a problem should be done by Saturday. Jon Bartz appointed trail coordinator. Radar Run Jan 26, pits and registration will open at 8:00; Breakfast 2/10 - need to advertise in the Reporter and Gazette – help is needed. Nostalgia run 1/19; motion made and passed to donate \$300 for Toys for Tots. Drawing was a roll over.

1-03-2008 44 people present, held at Finns. Correction on Nostalgia Run – will be at the Red Baron and go to Creek View; thanks to M. Johnson for groomer work; Kells will take care of breakfast at Norms; Shues is in charge of Radar Run which will be 1/26. Steve reminded everyone to police trails to keep land owners happy. They are re-doing guard rails along Hwy 59. If signs fall over, please put them back up. Drawing was won.

2-07-2008 No minutes as Tom and Eileen had car problems and did not make the meeting.

Assuming this is the March meeting as there is no date: 34 people present, held at the Red Baron. Trails closed as no snow – can reopen if snow comes. Alliance report – there is about \$80,000 in bills for State from Rock County grooming. Not sure how much we will get – license fees going up and State needs more money to give to counties for grooming. No amount yet on breakfast from Norms. Nominations. Thanks to Plugger for the pizzas he provided.

4-3-2008 30 people present. Still no total from Norms. Trails – not all out, signs turned by 4/15. Steve gave final report and thanked all who had helped as his time is coming to a close. Alliance: The offices will be moving to Lodi this summer. No non-resident fees for now – may re-look at in the fall, Minnesota does this so we will look at again. Landowner's checks ready; deer hunting is still a problem, might move that back for discussion in October. Golf outing 9/13. Election of officers held. Had to draw three names before a winner was found.

9-04-2008 24 people present, held at Town Country Club. Talked briefly of club history. Eileen Hutchinson presented a plaque for her years of dedicated service. Alliance report: state trail wording needs to be changed; OWI not on licenses yet; non-resident fees will be \$35 per year – alliance dues \$25. We will host next alliance meeting. Golf outing cancelled, need to plan earlier; suggested an activity committee; snowmobile races at T. Olson's in January.

10-02-2008 26 members present, held at Obergs. Snowmobile Safety class instructors needed, contact Casey Lund; briefly discussed trails into town, trail bosses can call Tom Kell for signs and posts. Lyle would still like to set up an activity committee. Radar Run at T. Olson's 1/24, with Shoes as the chairman; Nostalgia ride same day and ends at Radar Run. Club will purchase 100 raffle tickets from AWSC. Breakfast was discussed with Bob Bennett. The percentage of split needs to change due to the difference in club participation. It was agreed we will continue with the breakfast. Tom Hutchinson was selling Snow Chiefs Raffle tickets. Shirts and sweat shirts were talked about; need to clean up 'old stuff' from Mike Dallman's shed. I will get all the dates of our events into the WSN magazine. Money will roll over.

11-06-2008 50 members present. Ashley Kell was named Activity Committee Director. Alliance – Morris reported he attended the workshop in Stevens Point, talked briefly on a draft proposal for sled registration is \$35 if not a club member, AWSC would sell club member stickers for \$15.00. Pay Gary Thalacker \$280 for wheat damage; Snowmobile Safety course early in January; Radar Run – insurance company prefers land vs lake location, and a statement from landowner releasing us of crop damage during the run; voted to pay club insurance, same as last year. We took a show of hands on where to hold our holiday get together and Finns won out over Norms or Creekview. Drawing was won.

12-4-2008 60 members attended, held at Finns, Christmas Party. Alliance – All road signs flipped. There was a section of trail between Hanover and Janesville that was closed due to hunting season. Club received a check from a local doctor for \$300 for being an outstanding club – we in turn donated it to Gifts for Kids; first Radar Run meeting will be held at the Decoy on 12/13; Ashley Kell talked briefly about the snowmobile safety class. Changed next meeting from 1/1 to 1/8, as by-laws state the first Thursday of the month, which would have been New Year's Day. Charlie R. won \$25 and donated it to Gifts for Kids.

1-08-2009 50 members present, held at Coachmans. President presented \$325 check to gifts for kids; maps are being distributed; January 11-17 Snowmobile Safety Week. Alliance: government council wants 2nd OWI on driver's license; Snowmobile Day at the capital should be late in March; DNR will be out on trails; compliment received on our trail system. Trail – move the stop sign and stop ahead at Stark Road; working on getting a trail into town from the south; drainage ditches at Bartz's will be a problem. Races discussed with plenty of help needed. Ashley reported the Snowmobile Safety class had 27 students; breakfast tickets were given out; club voted to make Dr. Beresky an honorary member of the club because of his generous donation.

2-05-2009 47 members present, held at Norms Hideaway. Thanks to all our sponsors who helped at the races; Rock County map boxes are being used with little donation; trail into town from the west had been closed; needs a list of names to be placed on the emergency contacts; received a compliment from some New Glarus riders on how well our trail system is marked. Alliance – Snowmobile Day at the capitol will be 3/26. The convention will be 3/27 & 28 at the Dells. Problem with some vendors selling non-resident trail passes. Trail report – question, if the north groomer goes down do other groomers offer to help. The north groomer was down 56 hours and yes, the other groomers would have come and groomed if needed. A group went to City Hall to get trail in to town, city was more than willing to help; Levi Olson from Alliance was present and asked all trail bosses to mark the exact location of their trails on a map for him. Breakfast at Norms was a success serving 251 people.