

Sundowners Snowmobile Club
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February 5, 2016

The regular meeting of the Sundowners Snowmobile Club was called to order at 7:06 pm on February 4, 2016 by President Richard Plautz at Creekview Par Three. The president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and three board members were present. There were 38 members present out of the current total membership of 121.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Distributed to all members and accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Read and accepted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Received a call from Rollie and Kathie Amundson – they had run into Denny Christopherson, the first president of the Sundowners. He expressed interest in joining us for a meeting, so maybe we could make an event out of it around October where we highlight some of our longer-term members and revisit the history of the club.
 - At 45 years in existence the Sundowners is the longest-lasting club of any kind in Edgerton.
- This is the seventh consecutive Sundowners meeting, during winter months, that the trails have not been open.
- Welcomed new member Tom Melzer and presented him a Sundowners pin.
- Requested an update from the Board of Directors (BOD). Chris Green distributed a combination handout/ballot and reported the following:
 - The BOD met February 3 with the primary focus on the bylaws.
 - Explained the handout/ballot as follows:
 - The top portion served as the ballot to vote on the bylaws change which was first discussed at the January meeting: entirely rewriting Article IV – Elections.
 - Changes term duration for officers and directors from one year to two years.
 - Unlike the discussion last month no officers or directors will be held over from those currently serving. The change will be implemented as follows:
 - For 2016 only, the president, treasurer, two directors and the alternate will be elected for a one-year term and in the future be elected in odd numbered years.
 - The remaining positions will be elected for a two-year term and in the future be elected in even numbered years.
 - The bottom portion contained two issues for discussion that will be presented **for vote at the March meeting**. They are as follows:
 - Issue # 2:** Article IX – Voting, currently requires a majority of members present to constitute a quorum. That standard is rarely met. Proposed amendment is: "At all monthly meetings each member shall be entitled to one vote, with 25% of current membership constituting a quorum. If a quorum doesn't exist the Board of Directors may decide the issue by a 2/3 majority vote of directors."
 - Issue #3:** Proposal is to enhance our voting procedures and promote the social aspect of club membership. The Sundowners would initiate a sign-in roster for each regularly scheduled club meeting. This would help in determining a quorum for voting and also allow for maintaining attendance records. The club would eliminate the monthly drawing for cash, which is

simply an attendance motivation. Instead, upon signing in for a scheduled meeting, each current member would get a token/chip/coupon/ticket for one beverage, good for that date only, at the current location of the meeting. The treasurer would be responsible for paying that tab based on tickets turned in to the bartender upon meeting adjournment.

- Following a good discussion of the pros and cons, members present approved the proposed replacement of Article IV of the bylaws by a count of 25 yes and 11 no. The bylaws will be revised accordingly and added to the website soon.
 - Richard had received three texts requesting he vote as the proxy of the senders. He didn't cast those votes, since not only do the bylaws not allow for any type of absentee voting, but no other absent members had a similar opportunity.

ALLIANCE REPORT:

Morris Nelson reported the following from The Rock County Alliance of Snowmobile Clubs:

- The bill reintroduced by Rep Jacque of DePere that would link all OWI charges/violations has now been assigned a number – AB 803. Current status, along with the complete text of the bill (32 pages, too much to include here), can be found here: <http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2015/proposals/ab803>.
 - Contrary to some claims, AWSC has not taken a position on the bill.
 - The best way to be heard on this issue is still to contact your Assembly representative to express your opinion. If you aren't sure who your current representative is click here: <http://maps.legis.wisconsin.gov/>.
- Trail bosses should be working to get landowner rights and be sure to submit your hours soon.
- During the trial of the riders trespassing on closed trails in the Clinton area the offenders claimed (unsuccessfully) they were not aware they had crossed into Wisconsin. Consequently, the Oaks Ridge Riders from Roscoe have installed a "now entering Wisconsin" sign at the state line.

TRAIL REPORT:

Trails not open.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- John Kinnett of Anchor Inn has offered to provide some supplies for a club bonfire at the old Neville School March 5. More discussion and information at the March meeting.
- Niki Lenox, club member and Creekview co-owner, is participating in the Polar Plunge this weekend as part of a local team headed by Amanda Saunders to benefit Special Olympics. Motion made and carried to donate \$100.
- Its time to sell map ads again, which is a good fund raiser. Anyone interested see Richard for the forms.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Erica Keehn received the AWSC Continuing Education scholarship – the only one awarded. Congratulations Erica!
- Received a thank you card from Gifts for Kids.
- Fort Atkinson Drift Skippers are holding a Radar Run Saturday, Feb 6, at Sunset Bar. Registration begins at 9:00 am and runs are 10:30 – 2:30.

Daniel Lindberg's name was drawn; he was not present, so \$76 will be available for the March meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm. The next meeting will be March 3 at 7:00 pm at Lakeview.

Brian Gray
Secretary, Sundowners Snowmobilers

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