

Sundowners Snowmobile Club
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March 4, 2016

The regular meeting of the Sundowners Snowmobile Club was called to order at 7:02 pm on March 3, 2016 by President Richard Plautz at Lakeview. The president, secretary, treasurer, and four board members were present. There were 23 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:

- The bonfire originally scheduled for March 5 has been canceled due to weather conditions. Tentatively considering April 9 (the Saturday after the April meeting) as the rescheduled date.
- Lisa Keehn is appointed as the Sundowners activity leader. She'll be working with the officers and directors but will have a fairly long leash to perform her duties. Among her biggest projects for this year will be planning the Sundowners' 45th anniversary event.
- Contacted all four snowmobile manufacturers making them aware of our 45th and asking what they might do to help. So far Yamaha and Polaris have responded and will make donations, to include large banners for display at the event location.
- The Sundowners express our condolences to long-time member Bill Sund on the passing of his mother.

ALLIANCE REPORT:

- Jon Dibble reported the following from the Alliance meeting:
 - A reminder for trail bosses and chairmen to turn in time and expenses.
 - There is money remaining in the grant, so this would be a good time for major trail expenses like bridge work.
 - Still looking for map ad sales and especially an overall map manager.
- Morris Nelson reported that AB 803 is dead, but could be reintroduced in future legislative sessions.

TRAIL REPORT:

Trails not open.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Chris Green provided an update from the Board of Directors (BOD) and distributed a combination handout/ballot:
 - The BOD met March 2 with the primary focus on the bylaws.
 - Explained the handout/ballot as follows:
 - The top portion served as the ballot to vote on the two bylaws changes which were first proposed at the February meeting:
 - Issue 1—Article V, Meetings, Section 2: Members will be asked to sign in on a roster for each regularly scheduled club meeting. This roster will be used to determine a quorum for voting and also allow for maintaining attendance records. 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 club will pay the tab for the total number of tickets turned in to the bartender after the meeting is adjourned.
 - Treasurer Tom Hutchinson pointed out that the current cash drawing for

attendance costs only a few hundred dollars per year, whereas the proposal would cost over \$1400 per year.

- There was also opposition to having any kind of attendance incentive.
- Issue 2—Replace Article IX, Voting, as follows: 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 two-thirds majority vote of directors.
 - Discussed the difficulty of routinely reaching a quorum and what a better percentage or minimum number might be.
 - Discussed whether we even need to establish a quorum beyond the simple majority of members present, as it currently stands.
- The bottom portion contained two issues for discussion that will be presented **for vote at the April meeting**. They are as follows:
 - **Issue # 3, FOR DISCUSSION: DONATIONS.** Nominations for donations will be presented at a regular meeting for discussion and may be advanced to a vote by a motion and second from the floor. Nominations of \$200 and under will be voted on at the following meeting. Nominations exceeding \$200 will be subject to a vote of the board of directors prior to the next regular meeting.
 - **Issue # 4, FOR DISCUSSION: FUND RAISING/ACTIVITY PROPOSAL.** Any member or officer may propose an activity or fund raising event to further the interests of the club. The initiator must complete an "Activity Proposal," found on the club website, and present it to an officer or board member. Once an Activity Proposal has been turned in, the proposal may be presented as new business during a regular meeting and voted on at the following regular meeting.
- Following a good discussion of the pros and cons, members present disapproved both proposals:
 - Issue 1 – 15 No 7 Yes 1 Abstained
 - Issue 2 – 12 No 11 Yes
- Chris also mentioned some new types of Sundowners apparel sales. The BOD will investigate further.
- A motion was made to establish a counting committee with the responsibility to tally votes for office, bylaws changes, etc. It was not seconded and was overcome by events.
- Nominations were opened for the April election of officers and directors with the following results:
 - President (one-year term): Richard Plautz
 - Vice president (two-year term): Jeff Bartz
 - Secretary (two-year term): Brian Gray
 - Treasurer (one-year term): Tom Hutchinson
 - Directors: Mike Bentheimer, Chris Green, Casey Lund, Craig Phillips, Charlie Rusch, Mike Shumaker, Tim Weber.
 - The top-three vote recipients for director will serve two-year terms.
 - The fourth, fifth, and sixth vote recipients will serve one-year terms, with the sixth serving as alternate.
- In light of the discussion about not needing an incentive for attending meetings, a motion was made to terminate drawing member names to receive cash for attendance. Motion carried.
- Discussed an Activity Proposal submitted by Mike Shumaker to hold another snowmobile raffle:
 - Cost to club: \$300 (about \$9000 including the sled, which doesn't have to be paid for until conclusion of raffle).
 - Personnel needed: Lots of volunteers to sell tickets in general and help take sleds to appropriate events where ticket sales would likely be greater.
 - Proposed dates: late spring through the first week of December.
 - Location(s): Display sled at Lakeview and Anchor Inn, if possible. Discussed a possible life-sized cutout that would be easier to move in lieu of the actual sled.
 - Sell 1200 tickets at \$20 each, since we could have sold more than the 1000 we had last year and the raffle lasts longer this time.
 - Chris Green volunteered to be ticket czar to better manage ticket inventory and sales. Tim

- Weber volunteered to assist.
- Motion to approve the proposal and hold another sled raffle was carried.
- A motion was made to look into the Conservation Club as the venue for the Sundowners 45th Anniversary event. The motion carried and Lisa Keehn will work on it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm. The next meeting will be April 7 at 7:00 pm at Anchor Inn.

Brian Gray
Secretary, Sundowners Snowmobilers

CLUB CONTACTS

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Jarrold Bublitz	Mark Oswald	Eric Schmeling
Jon Dibble	Craig Phillips	Mike Shumaker
Chris Green	Lyle Phillips	Jamie Ylvisaker

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