

Sundowners Snowmobile Club
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October 23, 2017

The regular meeting of the Sundowners Snowmobile Club was called to order at 7:06 pm on October 5, 2017 by President Richard Plautz at Lakeview. There were 23 members present out of the current total membership of 117, with the roll call for elected and appointed positions as follows:

Officers:

President: Richard Plautz ✓
Vice President: Jeff Bartz
Secretary: Brian Gray ✓
Treasurer: Casey Lund ✓

Directors:

Mike Shumaker
Tim Weber ✓
Chris Green ✓
Brian Gessling ✓
Charlie Rusch
Aaron Lenox ✓

Trail Bosses:

Jarrold Bublitz
Mark Oswald
Eric Schmeling
Jon Dibble ✓
Craig Phillips
Mike Shumaker
Seth Green ✓
Jamie Shelley ✓
Aaron Lenox ✓
Jamie Ylvisaker
Ryan Nelson

Appointed Officials:

Trail Chmn: Mike Shumaker
 Jim Swon
Activity Leader:

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Read and accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Read and accepted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- As predicted at the last meeting, we had a warmer than normal September and much of October. Plan to have a snow prediction next month.

ALLIANCE REPORT:

From Bob Bennett:

- Fifteen people attended, representing 17 clubs.
- The new railroad initiative is dead and pursuing legislation to prevent others.
- The state budget was passed and signed by Governor Walker. Snowmobiling impacts include higher labor rates for trail work and eliminating the sunset clause on the trail pass.
- Held elections for officers.
- Next meeting at Edgerton Towne County Club. All Sundowners members are encouraged to attend.

TRAIL REPORT:

- Jamie Ylvisaker can't do his trail segment this year. Kurt Birkett volunteered to take it over.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Brian Gray reported status of the Morris Nelson trail sign:
 - Need a larger, better quality photo for Fetch Graphics, along with a more fleshed-out concept of what we're looking for.
 - A new suggestion surfaced to place a large boulder at the memorial site along the Morris Nelson Memorial trail, to which we will attach a cast bronze plaque with a brief summary of the article about Mo along with the photo from the WSN. Below the plaque we'll attach a sign which will read "The 'rock' of Rock County." This suggestion was approved to replace the earlier idea.
 - Brian will:

- Notify Stacy Lund-Finn at Fetch Graphics that we have decided to pursue a different idea and will not need their services.
- Update the Alliance of our plans.
- Check with Gramke Monuments in Janesville for ideas and costs. **{Brian Gray, Nov 2}**
- Chris Green presented the following Board of Directors (BOD) report:
 - Four of the six directors met at Creekview.
 - They're energized to accomplish some work and represent the overall membership. Please share your thoughts and ideas.
 - The BOD is working on the donations issue:
 - They are weighing good causes versus fundraising requirements.
 - Considering the following proposal:
 - Donations for \$200 or less may be presented and voted on at the same meeting.
 - Donations in excess of \$200 would have to be presented at one meeting and voted on at the next.
 - The idea being to reduce emotional voting.
 - Another proposal was to establish annual limit.
 - Also presented the idea of donation solicitations being submitted to the BOD for review prior to votes.
 - In any case, we need to maximize public relations value for Sundowners and snowmobiling in general for any good deeds, donations or otherwise.
 - Offered for consideration: the BOD acting as activity director.
 - Discussed establishing a fixed location for Sundowners meetings and presented some possible locations. Further discussion by the members present regarding the most suitable meeting locations led to a motion to meet at Lakeview during warmer weather when no heating is required and Creekview during colder weather, which passed. We will continue to support other local businesses that are supportive of the Sundowners by holding special events there.
 - Discussed the idea of holding a monthly meat raffle as a club fundraiser, such as the Fort Drift Skippers do. Bob Bennett reported on the reliability of the meat raffle as a fund raiser. Aaron Lenox offered to hold the raffle at Creekview and assist with purchasing. He and Kurt Birkett will produce a business proposal from the template on our website for evaluation and possible vote. **{Aaron Lenox & Kurt Birkett, Nov 2}**
 - Presented the idea of a smaller-scale raffle for a 120cc class snowmobile. It would be easy to move around to different display venues and tickets would be much more affordable. Several members volunteered to contact various area dealers for quotes and more information. If we decide to do this it would be a good idea to have it ready for the holiday parade November 25.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Should we hold a snowmobile safety class considering declining enrollments and the Sherriff's Department holding three of them? Ultimately voted to schedule a class at a time to be determined in order to keep our instructors' certifications current.
- Some clubs, especially up north, order a number of two-dollar bills, which they exchange with members to spend while snowmobiling. Handling a lot of two-dollar bills helps to illustrate to businesses the economic impact of snowmobiling. While it seems like a good idea, it was decided that we will not do a mass order of two-dollar bills, but rather encourage members to consider doing this on their own.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Snowmobile show in Milwaukee Oct 13-15.
- Fort Drift Skippers meat raffle at the Fort Atkinson VFW, the first Saturday of every month, 3:30 – 5:00 p m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm. The next meeting will be November 2, 2017 at 7:00 pm at Creekview.

Brian Gray
Secretary, Sundowners Snowmobilers

CLUB CONTACTS
(as of Sep 2017)

Officers

President	Richard Plautz	608-213-8898
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Mike Shumaker	608-444-1071
Tim Weber	608-289-6552
Chris Green	608-295-2180
Brian Gessling	608-314-0694
Charlie Rusch	608-449-5210
Aaron Lenox	608-289-1568

Appointed Officials

Trail Chairman	Jamie Ylvisaker	608-931-9714
	Jim Swon	
Activity Coordinator	vacant	

Trail Bosses

Jarrold Bublitz	Mark Oswald	Eric Schmeling
Jon Dibble	Craig Phillips	Mike Shumaker
Seth Green	Aaron Lenox	Jamie Ylvisaker
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- ✓ Submit membership renewal/application online at:
<http://www.sundownerssnowmobilers.com/membership.html> or
- ✓ Complete the form below and bring it to a meeting or mail with \$20 to:

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Membership Form

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____
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 SPOUSES NAME _____