

The regular meeting of the Sundowners Snowmobile Club was called to order at 7:00 pm on November 2, 2017 by President Richard Plautz at Creekview Par Three. There were 37 members present out of the current total membership of 111, 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 ✓
Kurt Birkett ✓
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:

Richard delivered his much anticipated weather report:

- The past two years' predictions have been right:
 - Two years ago a dismal prediction was borne out by a horrible winter.
 - Last year's prediction of snow in December then warmer and snowless also occurred.
- This year:
 - Around Nov 14-15 we should have a couple of inches of snow followed a small Alberta Clipper.
 - Opening weekend of deer season (starting Nov 18) should continue cold until about Nov 21.
 - Nov 22-24 we could see 3-6 inches of snow.
 - Another blast of arctic air should make the first ten days of December very cold and help to freeze the ground.
 - Finally, around December 15-19 we should receive 6-9 inches of new snow hopefully leading to trails opening Dec 21-22.

ALLIANCE REPORT:

- Rod Burzinski gave a director's report from the AWSC Fall Workshop:
 - Spoke about the change in Miss Snowflake from Erica Keehn to Lynsey Burzinski.
 - Workshop attendance was about 500.
 - Levi LaVallee gave a rousing presentation, including his well known urban snowmobiling in St Paul, MN (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HoZBi04afwc>).
- Levi Olson talked about trail issues:
 - Talked about rates for West Bend insurance at Schwartz and Shea.
 - Crop damage will not be a billable expense in the SNARS program.
 - Suggested that clubs may claim crop damage on their insurance policies with the Alliance covering the deductible.
 - Alliance President Bob Kaiser felt that the Alliance should handle the whole issue with

insurance, but tasked Levi and Jackie to look into that idea with Schwartz and Shea for the December meeting.

- Distributed landowner lists and maps for review and changes, as necessary. Please try to finish and return by the December meeting.
- Requested clubs to begin putting in trails and changing road signs. Bob Kaiser encouraged all club members to be safe putting in trail and expressed his thanks for their efforts.
- SNARS discussion about the rate increases and the addition of an Alliance-level review/approval between the clubs and the county.
- Groomer status is good, with only the torsion bar change required for the north groomer, as explained by Shoes.
- Youth report provided by Lynsey Burzinski and Nikole McElroy:
 - Discussed youth activities at the workshop, including the eyeglass donation drive for the Lions Club.
 - Talked about the annual KAOS ride originating at Lakewood, WI.
- Old business:
 - Levi spoke about the Milton club looking for county-wide standardization to process memberships just twice a month, as their secretary does. The thought being they wouldn't take so much heat for doing it that way if we all did. The idea was widely opposed, with each club preferring to continue doing it their own way.
 - Brian Gray updated the Alliance on the plaque for the Morris Nelson trail (more details below). The Alliance reimbursed \$500, as they had previously voted to do.
 - Brief discussion of safety classes.
- Next Alliance meeting at the groomer maintenance building in Clinton, December 6, at 7:30; hosted by the Janesville Snow Chiefs.

TRAIL REPORT:

- The I-39/90 bridge work will continue around the clock throughout the winter. The DOT would like someone from the club to discuss issues with. Mike Shumaker and/or Jim Swon will contact them. **{Shoes/Swinnie, Dec 7}**
- Discussed an adjustment to the trail near Countryview to be more like it was some years ago.
- Need to relocate part of trail #9 going into Edgerton in the Hain Road area because of some new homes built there.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Aaron Lenox described details of the business proposal he and Kurt Birkett developed for a monthly meat raffle:
 - Described costs and projected earnings – it should be a good fundraiser.
 - Need 2-3 volunteers, who can be solicited a meeting or two prior to each raffle.
 - Would be held at Creekview and Aaron and Niki will order the meat along with their own.
 - Proposed the second Saturday of each month. Upon realizing the potential conflict with the Fort Drift Skippers meat raffle the same day, their president (and Sundowners member) Bob Bennett waived any concern.
 - The proposal passed with a majority vote.
- Brian Gray reported status of the Morris Nelson trail sign:
 - Obtained the article about Mo along with the picture (much better resolution for graphics work) from Lindsey Fontaine, Managing Editor of Wisconsin Snowmobile News (WSN). She also authorized our use and permitted me to edit the text to better suit the plaque.
 - Obtained estimates for four different options – three from Gramke Monuments in Janesville and one from Franklin Bronze Plaques in Franklin, PA (internet). The president and majority of directors voted for the cast bronze plaque from Franklin.
 - It is 26" x 20" plaque with the picture of Mo in bas relief (three dimensional) measuring 7 inches square.
 - Since estimated production time is 6-8 weeks, they also authorized immediate ordering at a price of \$2545. Since the Alliance reimbursed \$500, I'll contact our treasurer Casey Lund to recoup the rest.
 - The plaque was ordered Oct 30, so it will hopefully be delivered between Dec 11-25.

- The sign below the plaque, which will read "The 'rock' of Rock County," will be addressed later once the rock is in place and the plaque is attached. The idea being this could be considered a multi-phased project along the following lines:
 1. Rock and plaque
 2. "The 'rock' of Rock County" sign (type, size, etc.)
 3. Follow on improvements, some of which already suggested:
 - Map board.
 - Solar cell powered lighting of the plaque.
 - Picnic table.
- Shoes has already identified candidates for the rock and will be able to drill the mounting holes to attache the plaque.
- Chris Green presented the following Board of Directors (BOD) report:
 - The idea of a smaller-scale raffle for a 120cc class snowmobile was raised at the October meeting.
 - Several members contacted various area dealers for quotes and more information.
 - The BOD determined the best option was Rock River Marina's offer on a ZR 120. The purpose of the raffle is exposure and awareness of the club in the local area as much as it is fundraising.
 - The sled was purchased, raffle tickets printed, and everything is in motion. (Note: by the end of the meeting all tickets were distributed for sale. Anyone else wishing to get tickets to sell should contact Brian to see who might have tickets to share.)
 - Tickets are \$10 each, or 3 for \$25. Tickets can be bought at Rock River Marina or Creekview, as well as from numerous members. The drawing will be held at 8:00 pm Feb 1 (during our February meeting) at Creekview.
 - The BOD has been working on the donations issue and presented the following for vote on printed ballots:

The proposal is to designate the existing text from Article II – Purpose, as Section I and add Section II, as follows:

DONATIONS. Nominations for donations to charities or causes deemed to be in alignment with the purpose of the Sundowners Snowmobile Club may be presented for discussion at any regularly scheduled meeting. Proposals for donations in the amount of \$200 or less may be discussed and voted upon by members in attendance, with the president determining the outcome. Proposals for donations greater than \$200 will be decided by a 5-person vote of the Board of Directors, taking into consideration all discussion input from the membership. On a case-by-case basis, the Board of Directors may elect to present proposals exceeding \$200 back to the membership for a vote at the following meeting. All solicitations for donations from non-members or entities shall be evaluated by the board and may or may not be presented for a membership vote.

- Ballots were distributed, marked, collected, and counted. The vote was a unanimous 38-0 in favor of the proposal. The bylaws will be updated accordingly.

NEW BUSINESS:

Some trail bosses need stop signs, anyone else needing signs notify Shoes ASAP, so he can pass the requirement to Levi.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Sundowners meat raffle at Creekview Par Three, the second Saturday of every month, 2:00 – 4:00 p m.
- Fort Drift Skippers meat raffle at the Fort Atkinson VFW, the second Saturday of every month (previously erroneously reported as the first Saturday), 3:30 – 5:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm. The next meeting will be December 7, 2017 at 7:00 pm at Creekview Par Three.

Brian Gray
Secretary, Sundowners Snowmobilers

CLUB CONTACTS
(as of Sep 2017)

Officers

President	Richard Plautz	608-213-8898
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Directors

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	Kurt Birkett
Jamie Shelley	Ryan Nelson	

- ✓ 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:

Sundowners Snowmobile Club
PO Box 164
Edgerton WI 53534

(cut on this line)

Membership Form

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____
E-MAIL _____
SINGLE _____ FAMILY _____
SPOUSES NAME _____