

Sundowners Snowmobile Club
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January 6, 2018

The regular meeting of the Sundowners Snowmobile Club was called to order at 7:00 pm on January 4, 2018 by President Richard Plautz at Creekview Par Three. There were 32 members present out of the current total membership of 112, 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 ✓

Appointed Officials:

Trail Chmn: Mike Shumaker ✓
 Jim Swon
Activity Leader:

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Read and accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Read and accepted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Led a discussion of "when was the last time trails were open and we actually rode to a meeting." March 2015 at Lakeview was the last cited in meeting notes.
- Led a contest to rank in the correct order the top six states in the lower 48 with the most trail miles. The winning table received a round of beers.
- Contacted by Showboat to see if we wanted to do a gun raffle at the Coyote hunters' party February 17. There was initial interest, but it was eventually tabled.
- Called on Andy Richardson to explain the details he has developed for Sundowners shirt orders. Andy provided the following:
 - He has an ongoing ordering relationship with the local company that makes shirts for his tiling business.
 - The shirts will be made as ordered, so there is no investment or stocking issues for the club or Andy.
 - The shirts will have a large Sundowners logo silk screened on the back, with a smaller one on the left chest.
 - Colors available: forest green, navy blue, light gray.
 - Style: short sleeve t-shirt (\$12), long sleeve t-shirt (est. \$17), crew neck sweatshirt (\$20), hoodie (\$23).
 - To order: call Andy Richardson at 608-295-1703 (leave a message if there is no answer).

ALLIANCE REPORT:

- Rod Burzinski gave a director's report:
 - There is an AWSC directors meeting this weekend in Hayward.
 - Applications for AWSC scholarships are due January 11. More information is available at awsc.org.
- Levi Olson talked about trail issues:
 - All trails are believed to be complete. There was a sinkhole in the Clinton area when a

- farmer's grain truck went through a culvert, but that has been repaired.
- Youth report:
 - The youth ride is coming up the second weekend of February at Lakewood.
 - Youth Perspectives column in the WSN magazine by Rachyl Burzinski, a Rock County Youth Rep.
- Old business:
 - Discussed a further contribution to the Morris Nelson scholarship fund from the Alliance.
 - Morris Nelson memorial update (see Sundowners' old business below).
- New business:
 - Levi requested a volunteer to take over the trail map. He and Jackie have been doing it for years and would like to be replaced. After some discussion and assurances that changes would be acceptable Brian Gray volunteered.

TRAIL REPORT:

- No issues other than lack of snow.
- Rerouting the trail into Edgerton brings it near the fish pond. Discussion of keeping people off that ice with aerators operating resulted in the decision to install snow fence.
- Brian Gray restated a request for all trail work information to be turned in to him for input to SNARS.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Meat raffle:
 - The second one went even better, raising a total of \$817, which included the meat raffle itself, a 50/50 raffle, and a further raffle of some sport-themed items. Matt and Andy Richardson were the volunteers, along with help from Angie. They issue a challenge to other members to exceed their efforts.
 - The next raffle is scheduled for Jan 13, 2:00 – 4:00 pm at Creekview.
 - Richard is considering working the raffle and/or lining up other volunteers. Niki will need names by Thursday morning.
 - Volunteers for future raffles will be discussed at the next meeting. All members are asked to consider helping out with this – it's quick, easy, and fun. **{Feb 1}**
- Status of the ZR 120 raffle:
 - With the ticket stubs turned in at the meeting a total of 168 tickets have been sold thus far.
 - In addition to the individual members who are holding tickets to sell, they are available at Creekview, Lakeview, and Countryview.
 - More tentative plans were discussed for a "road trip" on Jan 13 to haul the sled around to different locations and try to sell tickets. This is the home stretch, since the raffle will occur at our next meeting Feb 1.
 - **All ticket stubs must be turned in prior to the start of the next meeting**, since we will be drawing the winner. Anyone who has left tickets at local businesses for sale, please collect them and return at the meeting.
- Morris Nelson memorial:
 - Production time was estimated at 6-8 weeks but it has now been 9 weeks since the order was placed. The company has been short on artists for the relief portrait of Mo, but that situation is improving and they are projecting 2-3 more weeks.
 - Project phases for tracking:
 1. Rock and plaque {nearing completion}
 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. **{Feb 1}**
- Brian Gessling presented the board of directors discussion and recommendation for the funding request from Gifts for Kids. A large part of the problem is that the club's purpose statement relates only to snowmobiling activities, with no mention of community support. Until such time

as that might change the board recommends contributing \$250. There was also some discussion of a proposal for the club to select a proposal amount and ask members to match. That proposal might require a more complete presentation. A motion was made and approved to contribute \$250.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bob Morrison raised a discussion of allowing ATVs and UTVs to use our trails when frozen but no snow for sleds. Many issues both pro and con were discussed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Fort Drift Skippers sledding party with Boys and Girls Clubs, including a youth sled raffle, January 20.
- Fort Drift Skippers radar run January 27 at Sunset Bar on Lake Koshkonong.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm. The next meeting will be February 1, 2018 at 7:00 pm at Creekview Par Three and will include the youth sled raffle.

Brian Gray
Secretary, Sundowners Snowmobilers

CLUB CONTACTS
(as of Jan 2018)

Officers

President	Richard Plautz	608-213-8898
Vice President	Jeff Bartz	608-751-1802
Secretary	Brian Gray	608-201-0104
Treasurer	Casey Lund	608-449-6531

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:

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Membership Form

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