

Sundowners Snowmobile Club  
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April 10, 2018

The regular meeting of the Sundowners Snowmobile Club was called to order at 7:08 pm on April 5, 2018 by President Richard Plautz at Creekview Par Three. There were 21 members present out of the current total membership of 118, 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:**

Jarrood 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:**

Distributed to all members, read, and accepted.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Read and accepted.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

- From the DNR report ending February 23, there were 13 deaths, with a 14<sup>th</sup> since then. Eight of the first 13 involved alcohol.
- Attended an ATV club meeting a couple of months back. Talked about the growing sport of ATVing and their efforts to establish trails, routes, etc. It became clear that any local attempt to do the same thing should be clearly distinct from Sundowners, for a number of reasons including financial.

**ALLIANCE REPORT (from February 7):**

- Rock County AWSC Director Rod Burzinski reminded attendees that the trail survey (link previously emailed) is due by May 4. Also, from the directors meeting:
  - There was a good turnout from Rock County.
  - Levi Olson received a retirement plaque upon completion of his service as Rock County Director and Representative to AWSC.
  - Miss Snowflake Lynsey Burzinski awarded the Morris Nelson scholarship.
  - The free \$3,000 accidental death and dismemberment insurance we have been receiving as a byproduct of our AWSC membership is expiring after May. It was costing the company who provided it too much money.
  - There was discussion about making all AWSC memberships expire on June 30 each year to coincide with trail pass expiration. The current process of membership expiration allows people to potentially order two year's-worth of trail passes off of one year's membership.
- Trail report:
  - Hopefully trails are out by now. If not, please do it as soon as possible and get SNARS inputs done so we can get funding from the DNR.
  - Just turn the road crossing signs. The county will remove and replace when they do the resurfacing.
  - Look for bridges that may need work; money should be available. Notify Levi as soon as

possible.

- The trail GPS is complete.
- Need inputs for sign and post order.
- Youth report:
  - Over \$5,000 raised by KAOS silent auction.
  - Ongoing discussion of how to get youth involved in clubs.
  - Helping with plans for the AWSC 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- Trail map advertising sales packages distributed to clubs. Due back at the next Alliance meeting in May.
- New business:
  - Motion passed to pay interest on groomer.
  - Motion passed to pay \$250 towards Lynsey Burzinski's expenses for International Snowmobile Congress.
- Announcement. Orfordville Country Riders meat raffle at Willowdale tavern April 14, starting at 1:00.
- Next Alliance meeting will be May 2 at Junction Pub at 7:30.

#### TRAIL REPORT:

Nothing significant to report.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- Morris Nelson memorial:
  - The bronze plaque was received February 6 and Brian would like someone to take custody of it.
  - The rock selection must be completed soon so we can proceed with installation as soon as ground conditions permit. Aaron Lenox found some large rocks with reasonable flat faces suitable to mount the plaque at a nearby quarry. Aaron and Tim Weber will pursue progress on this issue.
  - Project phases for tracking:
    1. Rock and plaque **{still half done}**.
    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. **{Sep 6}**
- Selected three of the summertime club activities discussed at the last meeting (plus one from this meeting). Alison Recc will email members to determine interest in the following:
  - Landowner appreciation breakfast.
  - Poker run (boat or drive).
  - Trap shoot.
  - Golf outing at Creekview.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Elections were held, with the following successful candidates taking office as of May 1:

Position	Elected
Vice President	Robbie Koepf
Secretary	Brian Gray
Director	Tim Weber Andy Richardson Mike Shumaker

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Edgerton High School Class of 2019 sent a letter soliciting donations. Since it doesn't meet the criteria in our bylaws there was no motion for a Sundowners donation. Richard invited members to donate on their own and determined to do so himself.
- Treasurer Casey Lund will be attending an Air Force school in September and October. Richard will handle club finances in his absence and Brian will collect the mail.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm. The next meeting will be September 6, 2018 at 7:00 pm at Creekview Par Three. No meetings are planned over the summer.

Brian Gray  
Secretary, Sundowners Snowmobilers

**CLUB CONTACTS**  
*(as of March 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	Mike Shumaker	608-444-1071
	Jim Swon	
Activity Coordinator	vacant	

**Trail Bosses**

Jarrold Bublitz	Mark Oswald	Eric Schmeling
Jon Dibble	Craig Phillips	Mike Shumaker
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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**

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SPOUSES NAME \_\_\_\_\_