

Sundowners Snowmobile Club  
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December 10, 2018

The regular meeting of the Sundowners Snowmobile Club was called to order at 7:00 pm on December 6, 2018 by President Richard Plautz at Creekview Par Three. There were approximately 43 members present out of a total of 115, with the roll call for elected and appointed positions as follows:

**Officers:**

President: Richard Plautz ✓  
Vice President: Robbie Koepp ✓  
Secretary: Brian Gray ✓  
Treasurer: Casey Lund

**Directors:**

Mike Shumaker ✓  
Tim Weber ✓  
Andy Richardson  
Brian Gessling ✓  
Charlie Rusch ✓  
Aaron Lenox ✓

**Trail Bosses:**

Jarrold Bublitz ✓  
Mark Oswald  
Eric Schmeling  
Jon Dibble  
Craig Phillips  
Mike Shumaker ✓  
Jim Swon ✓  
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:**

- Bob "Houfer" Houfe is recovering from a stroke.
- Two weeks ago this Sunday Jon Dibble fell from a step ladder while flipping trail signs and broke his foot in two places. He had surgery and came home today, but now there is concern about nerve damage.
- Discussed Gifts for Kids donation and voted to donate \$200 to be presented at their Jan 5 banquet.
- Discussed ideas for thanking landowners. The hams are well received, but some other clubs have dinners, provide fruit baskets, etc. VP Robbie Koepp relayed some landowner feelings in favor of dinners, Shoes relayed Moe's advice against dinners, Brian relayed similar discussion from the previous night's Alliance meeting generally in favor of hams only, and Kurt Birkett suggested gift cards. The discussion evolved toward a ham plus maybe a \$10 gift card. Shoes informed the club there are about 80 landowners, so that would be another \$800 in addition to the hams. We decided to stand pat on giving only hams for now, but may revisit later.

**ALLIANCE REPORT:**

- Director's Report:
  - Encourage members to get trail passes ordered, since AWSC office will be closed a lot during December.
  - The DNR released the draft Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), to which we were all previously encouraged to provide input. Only two percent of the surveys from the southern region were completed by snowmobilers. We have another opportunity to be heard by completing a survey about the draft SCORP here: <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Lands/scorp/>.
- Trail Report:
  - A few of the landowner lists and maps have been returned to Levi, but he would like the others as soon as possible.

- The county is prepared to inspect road crossings, so please notify Levi if any are ready.
- Levi has the road crossing signs that were refinished with the high visibility paint. The county was going to put them up, but now we need to do it.
- Please turn in your trail work information as soon as you do the work.
- President's Report:
  - Good turnout for the meeting as we hopefully approach riding.
  - Survey the clubs on how we thank landowners. Most clubs give hams.
  - Talked about the SCORP mentioned previously, with encouragement to emphasize snowmobiling in your comments.
- Groomer Report. The south groomer needs a battery. Purchase was approved.
- Youth Report. Not present.
- Old Business:
  - No news on the transfer of ownership of the land the groomer barn/Fencehoppers' club house sits on.
  - Brian Gray presented the new Alliance logo designs (attached), with general consensus leaning toward a circular design with two sleds and a barn/silo in the background. All clubs were encourage to present to their memberships for input (Sundowners concur with this design).
  - Brian also presented the "free" website he created at Wix. It was generally approved, but the downside to free is the bad default URL (web address): <https://briangrayx.wixsite.com/rockalliance>. Discussion lead to approval of paying up to \$100/year to obtain a better URL, with approval by the Alliance officers of the URL before finalization.
- New Business. None.
- Announcements. Clinton Fencehoppers Vintage Ride Jan 2. Breakfast in the morning, ride starting at 12:00 noon. Everyone invited, not limited to vintage sleds.

TRAIL REPORT: Shoes relayed a land owner's question about reimbursement for trail through winter wheat, since there is no where else to route it.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- Richard reported on the Holiday parade, leading to a discussion of better planning and more involvement next year.
- Matt and Andy Richardson volunteered for the December 15 meat raffle, and we'll solicit volunteers for next month at the January meeting.
- Robbie Koepp contacted Ryan Nelson. He is preparing a spot for the Morris Nelson memorial, and does not care what the plaque is mounted on. Hopefully we'll be able to check out the spot this weekend. We should be able to complete it this winter.
- The Board of Directors still need to meet to evaluate our future intentions for the FFA scholarships in the Sundowners' name.
- Brian Gray still needs to arrange a meeting with Nick at Off the Hook for the Sundowners commemorative wall they are planning.

#### NEW BUSINESS.

- Brian offered to work on a new design for the Sundowners logo like he did for the Alliance, if there was a desire. There was not enough support for the idea.
- Tim Weber suggested we have aprons made for club members to use when working the meat raffle (similar to Home Depot employees). Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Robbie Koepp is a new father.
- Bob Bennett has raffle tickets for the Fort Atkinson Driftskippers Snowmobile/Cash Raffle.
- Tickets are \$10 each (only 500 sold) and the drawing is Feb 17. Prizes are as follows:
  - Grand prize: Arctic Cat ZR200 (trail-legal, mid-size sled).
  - 1<sup>st</sup> prize: \$500.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>: \$75 each.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm. The next meeting will be Thursday, Jan 3, 2018 at 7:00 pm at Creekview Par Three.

Brian Gray  
Secretary, Sundowners Snowmobilers

**CLUB CONTACTS**  
*(as of March 2018)*

**Officers**

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**Appointed Officials**

Trail Chairman	Mike Shumaker	608-444-1071
	Jim Swon	
Activity Coordinator	vacant	

**Trail Bosses**

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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 \_\_\_\_\_



