

Sundowners Snowmobile Club
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February 25, 2019

The regular meeting of the Sundowners Snowmobile Club was called to order at 7:03 pm on February 13, 2019 by President Richard Plautz at Creekview Par Three. There were 33 members present out of a total of 116, with the roll call for elected and appointed positions as follows:

Officers:

President: Richard Plautz ✓
Vice President: Robbie Koepf ✓
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:

- It's great to have many members ride sleds to the meeting; it's been a very long time since we've been able to do that. There are 23 sleds parked outside, though not all of the riders are attending the meeting, or even Sundowners members.
- The recent issue (Feb 2019) of Wisconsin Snowmobile News (WSN) commemorates the 50th anniversary of AWSC and is the best issue ever.

ALLIANCE REPORT:

- Director's Report:
 - The AWSC convention is March 22-24 and will be celebrating its 50th anniversary.
 - Working with the DNR on a dealer portal for registrations, etc. More information will follow as it comes closer to operational.
 - Presence can change opinions. Large turnouts of interested riders at public meetings can effect the outcome.
 - As one of many measures being considered to help fund AWSC activities, the directors voted to increase individual membership dues to \$12 per person starting in June.
- Trail Report:
 - Rock county trails have been open 11 days so far (as of Feb 6), which is more than recent years.
 - WI DOT called the county to complain about snowmobile trail signs being placed on road sign posts. This is against the rules and should not be done. DOT will begin pulling the snowmobile signs in the spring if they are not removed by then. This rule also pertains to highline posts and the fenceline bordering I-39/90.
 - The check for trail put-in is around \$9173.
 - Levi announce this will be his last season as trail coordinator. If a replacement is identified he will assist for the next season, but will not do it again. The duties may be divided so one person doesn't have to do it all.

- President's Report.
 - Erica thanked everyone involved in putting in trails.
 - Snowmobile Friendly Communities selected will be awarded at the convention.
 - There will be a meeting about the Blue Mounds trail sometime during the first ten days in March at the Mt Horeb high school. The more people present representing snowmobiling the better.
- Groomer Report.
 - Groomer operators are asked to not leave piles of snow on the road when crossing.
 - The south groomer is ready to go.
- Youth Report:
 - Please bring any donations for the silent auction to the next Alliance meeting.
- Old Business:
 - Reviewed the original agreement between the Alliance and Clinton Fencehoppers regarding the groomer maintenance building. The consensus is to continue as is, with the Fencehoppers handling building and grounds maintenance and the Alliance paying utilities.
 - Brian Gray presented logo color and font options. The final approved logo can be seen at rcasc.club.
 - Trail status will not be listed on the Alliance website due to the relative complexity of updates. Instead, people will be directed to our Facebook page, which is easier to update remotely.
 - Levi requested a hit counter on the website, which Brian will pursue.
 - The foundation has been poured for the Morris Nelson memorial.
- Announcements. Koshkonong Snowmobile Club meat raffle at Snuffy's March 16 at 4:00 pm.
- Next Alliance meeting March 6 at 7:30 pm at Evansville VFW.

TRAIL REPORT:

- Shoes complimented members for working with landowners to get Rollie's trail marked.
- Just a reminder when marking trails to gradually curve the corners. Groomers can't make 90 degree turns.
- Discussion of trail opening standards.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Board of Directors updated on the "FFA" scholarship. It is reportedly difficult to motivate students to apply and write an essay for scholarships. A committee chaired by Aaron Lenox hopes to have more of a solution by the March meeting.
- Robbie Koepp and Tim Weber's meat raffle efforts raised \$748 in January. Kurt Birkett and Jim McCue will work the next meat raffle on Feb 23.
- Stainless steel will be cut for weather vane on Morris Nelson memorial.

NEW BUSINESS. None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A route sign is needed on the south side of Newville bridge.
- Richard presented a letter from Representative Don Vruwink recognizing Sundowners for our donation to Gifts for Kids. This could result in his vote for any pro-snowmobiling legislation that might go through the state assembly.
- Motion presented and passed to buy one drink for each member in attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm. The next meeting will be Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 7:00 pm at Creekview Par Three.

Brian Gray
Secretary, Sundowners Snowmobilers

CLUB CONTACTS
(as of March 2018)

Officers

President	Richard Plautz	608-213-8898
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Mike Shumaker	608-444-1071
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Andy Richardson	608-295-1703
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	Charles Hendrickson
Jon Dibble	Craig Phillips	Mike Shumaker	
Seth Green	Aaron Lenox	Kurt Birkett	
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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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SINGLE _____ FAMILY _____
SPOUSES NAME _____