

Sundowners Snowmobile Club  
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March 12, 2019

The regular meeting of the Sundowners Snowmobile Club was called to order at 7:07 pm on March 7, 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, date of last meeting corrected from February 7 to February 13, and accepted.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Read and accepted.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

- Anyone wishing to attend the AWSC convention and represent the Sundowners will be reimbursed for their hotel room.
- Get count for landowner hams by next meeting.

**ALLIANCE REPORT:**

- Director's Report:
  - Reminder to please attend the open house regarding the future of the Blue Mound Trail at Mount Horeb Middle School March 12, from 5:00 to 7:30. If unable to attend please at least complete the online survey previously emailed.
  - Rod offered to represent any clubs not attending the convention, but the delegation form had to be received by AWSC no later than March 7.
  - Attended AWSC's VIP ride in Minocqua. No elected government officials from Rock county were there, but the new tourism secretary was there and rode a sled. She had many questions about snowmobiling and seems as if she will be an advocate for the sport.
- Trail Report:
  - Hoped everyone enjoyed the trails while they were open.
  - Levi received only 1 or 2 landowner complaints this year. He normally gets many more.
  - Distributed landowner checks and asked that we point out they expire in 90 days.
- President's Report:
  - Erica added her encouragement to attend the Blue Mound Trail meeting, if at all possible.
  - The Alliance officers along with Levi Olson, Rod Burzinski, and Brian Gray, met just prior to the meeting to begin planning how to replace Levi. Stand by for more information on that as we ask volunteers to step up.
- Groomer Report:
  - The south groomer is in the shed and ready if needed. There was an axle problem with the

drag, but that was fixed within a few hours.

- The north groomer had a problem with water in the fuel, but that has been resolved.
- The west groomer is ready.
- Youth Report:
  - The annual KAOS ride in Lakewood went well.
  - Rock County Youth Adviser Lynsey Burzinski and Youth Reps Rachyl Burzinski and Tia Fuchs were selected by the AWSC directors to attend the International Snowmobile Congress, which is in Grand Rapids, Michigan this year.
  - KAOS will be having a tail gate party at the AWSC convention.
- Old Business:
  - Kate Fuchs completed typing the agreement between the Alliance and Clinton Fencehoppers regarding the groomer maintenance building. It was agreed that responsible parties would sign the agreement following the meeting.
  - A snowmobiler weather vane is being cut from stainless steel and a concrete form being prepared for the Morris Nelson memorial.
- NEW BUSINESS.
  - The Alliance voted to pay the registration fee for Lynsey Burzinski, Rachyl Burzinski, and Tia Fuchs, so any support from their clubs may be used to offset other expenses.
  - We all need to encourage more young people to participate in KAOS. All current participants from Rock county are girls, so boys are especially encouraged to join. Maybe today's involved KAOS members will become future involved club members.
- Announcements.
  - Koshkonong Snowmobile Club meat raffle at Snuffy's March 16 at 4:00 pm.
  - SNOCROSS Grand Finale at Lake Geneva March 15-17.
  - Orfordville Country Riders meat raffle at Willowdale April 27 at 1:00 pm.
- Next Alliance meeting April 3 at 7:30 pm at Jake's Junction Pub in Milton.

#### TRAIL REPORT:

- Discussion of trail opening standards.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- Aaron Lenox updated on the scholarship committee:
  - The scholarship award process is going to be kept in-house with the Sundowners. We've already missed the deadline to go through the school this year, plus it can widen the applicant pool.
  - The application will consist of an essay, with the winner selected based on the strength of that essay. The essays main feature should be how the applicant is connected to the Sundowners. For example, parents are members, trail runs through a family members farm, etc.
  - Applications will be accepted at a later date, since applicants will be asked for proof of successful participation in some kind of post-secondary training or education program (e.g., technical school, college, etc.). Continuing students may also be eligible, not only recent high school graduates.
  - Some rules and other details are still being worked out, but will be available on [sundownerssnowmobilers.com](http://sundownerssnowmobilers.com) when finalized.
- There was no meat raffle in February since no one volunteered to help Kurt Birkett and his wife. Richard volunteered to work the next meat raffle on March 30 and will try to gather help. Tim Weber suggested using SignUpGenius or something similar in the future.
- Darren Finco is preparing the concrete mold to pour for the Morris Nelson Memorial as the weather warms.

#### NEW BUSINESS. None.

- Discussed budgeting and goal setting for Sundowners, such as a clubhouse. To do that we need to limit spending with the long-term goal in mind and set goals by specific dates and then review accomplishment, probably in three-month increments. The first step would likely be

acquiring land. Maybe a club member would even consider donating a piece of land that would accommodate a clubhouse and parking. With that in mind we need three progressive/strategic thinkers from Sundowners membership to plot the course to having our own clubhouse someday.

- Nominations opened tonight and continue in April. The following nominations were received:
  - President. Richard Plautz was nominated and accepted for one more term, expressing his gratitude for members' continuing support.
  - Treasurer. Casey Lund was nominated and accepted.
  - Directors (3 openings). Charlie Rusch (accepted), Aaron Lenox (accepted), Brian Gessling (declined), Chris Green (accepted).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Motion presented and passed to buy one drink for each member in attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next meeting will be Thursday, April 4, 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
Vice President	Robbie Koepf	608-290-8302
Secretary	Brian Gray	608-201-0104
Treasurer	Casey Lund	608-449-6531

**Directors**

Mike Shumaker	608-444-1071
Tim Weber	608-289-6552
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	
Jamie Shelley	Ryan Nelson	Jim Swon	

- ✓ 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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