

Sundowners Snowmobile Club
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February 7, 2020

The regular meeting of the Sundowners Snowmobile Club was called to order at 7:05 pm on February 6, 2020 by President Richard Plautz at Creekview Par Three. There were 39 members present out of a total of 111, 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 ✓
Chris Green
Charlie Rusch
Aaron Lenox ✓

Trail Bosses:

Jarrold Bublitz ✓
Mike Bentheimer ✓
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:

- There will be more on this next month, but we have decided its in everybody's best interest to put the Morris Nelson memorial in Indianford. We'll have to coordinate with Rock County on the location.

ALLIANCE REPORT:

- Director:
 - Watch for emails on finalizing the Blue Mounds Trail issue.
 - Wolf River bridge access issue is coming up and those opposed to snowmobiles have retained the same legal team as Blue Mounds snowmobile opponents,
 - AWSC convention in Madison March 20-22. More information at AWSC.org. (Since the convention is so close Sundowners will not pay for a room, but will pay the registration fee and banquet cost for members attending. Notify Casey Lund by March 1 if you plan to go, and submit your receipts to him for reimbursement.)
 - Contact legislators in support of AB 692 and SB 623. These increase the spending cap for the snowmobile fund by 3 million dollars, more than double the current amount, which is made possible by the success of the trail pass program.
- Trails:
 - Opened and closed twice
 - Recapped meeting with county
 - Need SNARS data from groomers
 - GPS not installed yet
 - Wire harnesses are too short
 - Need to deconflict location with wipers

- Helicopter Specialties at Rock County airport will donate as much high quality wire as needed.
- President
 - Erica Keehn thanked Everett Reese for his work with county personnel on improving the trail opening process.
 - Emphasize the trail opening/closing communication process:
 - Hotline 608-757-5458.
 - Facebook announcements @ Rock County Snowmobile Alliance.
 - Travel Wisconsin website.
 - It is not necessary to call or post questions on Facebook.
 - Please use delegate forms if not attending convention.
- Groomer
 - The north groomer has been out and doing well, just need SNARS data.
 - Discussion of tractor: not able to use everywhere for prep, since the opportunity is short-notice and usually must be done within a narrow window.
- Youth
 - KAOS ride this weekend at Lakewood WI, where they will also have election for board members.
 - KAOS will have a silent auction at the convention.
- Old Business: Clinton Vintage Ride – conditions not great, only 10-15 sleds participated.
- New Business: Rodney Burzinski and Erica Keehn were reelected as director and representative, respectively, to the AWSC.
- The next meeting will be March 4 at 7:00 pm at the Evansville VFW.
- Questions for clubs:
 - Fundraising ideas (since we have the \$2417 property tax bill now)
 - Changes to “quadrants”

TRAIL REPORT. Unless someone has a particular problem with their trail, such as a signage issue, we won't spend any time on that.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Gifts for Kids: directors did not discuss.
- Meat raffle:
 - Richard Plautz, Mike Bentheimer, and others worked the January meat raffle and raised \$789.
 - To volunteer go to SignUp Genius; there is a link at the top of the Sundowners website. No one has signed up yet for any future raffles.
- Budgeting and goal setting committee. Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS: Andy Richardson moved that we vote, using paper ballots, on whether or not to leave the Rock County Alliance. Seconded by Tim Weber.

- Request for discussion was denied on the grounds that we've talked about it before.
- In a voice vote, the majority voted in favor of the motion, despite the fact we ended the January 28 special meeting with the intention of watching to see how the situation developed.
- So, nine days later and absent much time for development, a vote was held on paper ballots.
- With the question being should the Sundowners leave the Rock County Alliance effective April 1, 2020, 31 people voted in favor and 6 voted against.
- Sometime before the end of the month Richard will assign at least three people for a transition committee. They will report the steps ahead at the March and April meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS. Nominations will occur at the next meeting for vice president, secretary, and 3 directors (incumbents Mike Shumaker, Tim Weber, and Andy Richardson).

- Note that last year we incorrectly opened nominations in both March and April immediately prior to the election. Article IV, Section 1, of our bylaws requires nominations to be completed by adjournment of the March meeting, so all nominations must occur next month.

- In opposition to leaving the Alliance, Brian Gray will not seek another term as secretary, so this is a clear open spot for anyone interested. He will also not renew his Sundowners membership after expiration on June 30.
- Also in opposition to leaving the Alliance, Casey Lund will be resigning as treasurer effective April 30. In compliance with the bylaws, the treasurer position will be added to the nomination and election process to complete his term, which ends April 30, 2021. He will also not renew his Sundowners membership after expiration on June 30.
- Subsequent to the meeting, but before production of these notes, Chris Green tendered his resignation as a director effective immediately and will not renew his Sundowners membership after expiration on June 30.
- The revised nominations list for the March meeting is vice president, secretary, treasurer, and 4 directors.

A motion was made and carried for the club to buy a drink for all members present.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm. The next meeting will be Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 7:00 pm at Creekview Par Three.

Brian Gray
Secretary, Sundowners Snowmobilers

CLUB CONTACTS
(as of March 2019)

Officers

President	Richard Plautz	608-213-8898
Vice President	Robbie Koepp	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
vacant	
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

Jarrood Bublitz	Mike Bentheimer	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

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