

Minutes from March 4, 2021 Meeting

Sundowners Snowmobile Club

Call To Order: 7:04pm at Creekview by President Richard Plautz

Roll Call: 27 members present. Elected and appointed positions as follows....

President Richard Plautz yes; Vice President Robbie Koepp no; Secretary Kurt Birkett yes; Treasurer James McCue yes; Directors Mike Shumaker yes, Tim Weber yes, Charlie Rusch yes, James Reece no, John Sweeney no, Aaron Lenox no

Trail Bosses: John Sweeney no; Mike Shumaker yes; Jim Swon yes; Kurt Birkett yes; Tim Weber yes; Mike Bentheimer yes; Rollie Amundson yes; Charles Hendrickson no; Jarrod Bublitz yes; Robbie Koepp no; Archer Radke yes; Brendt Keinbaum no; Aaron Lenox no; Craig Phillips no; Jamie Shelley no

Secretaries Report: Explained that we are taking nominations this and next meeting for President, Treasurer, and two board members Aaron and Charlie. Brian Sayre was nominated by Tim Weber for a Board position. I explained the Super bowl raffle cleared \$4150 w \$900 coming from the 50/50 at Two Brothers during the game. First place \$1000 Justin Schaefer, Second \$500 Holly Manson, and 3rd \$150 Teresa Riley who generously donated back \$50. Talked about raising the membership to \$25 from \$20, not signing members up with the AWSC if they don't want a trail pass, and adding a donate area to our web page and Facebook. We're going to discuss this more at our next meeting and vote on it. Explained that folks can get involved in fund raising and take the lead on future efforts. Report accepted

Treasures Report: James discussed the total balance in the bank account of \$11,575.79 and \$53.12 in Paypal. The loan for the groomer has been finalized from the Bank of Deerfield and Tim and Robbie have been paid back. The February meat raffle cleared \$1263 by Ali, a local farmer donated \$500 cause our trails are the best he's ever seen without any state funding. The club voted yes to donate \$150 to the Edgerton High School golf team. Report Accepted

Presidents Report: Richard began the Presidents discussion with a follow up note from the previous month where He had contacted Rock Co. administrator Josh Smith, and discussed the possibility of several club board members having the opportunity to sit down with several County Representatives would hear our concerns. That proposal was denied from a second communication from Supervisor Smith received by Richard on 2/24 via email where Mr. Smith stated, "After further discussions with county representatives, I have reaffirmed my position that such a meeting would not be productive in helping to address those outstanding issues. Therefore, I respectfully decline your invitation to meet. As I have noted previously, based on county board action and discussion in Dec.2020 regarding accepting DNR grant funds and related implications, I believe the Board made its intent clear. I encourage you to engage directly on any outstanding issues with Parks Manager John Traynor." Richard then shared with the members given what Mr. Smith stated at the end of his letter to contact Mr. Traynor, Richard shared with the members that he had emailed Mr. Traynor at 3:39 pm Thursday March 4th requesting Mr. Traynor to engage in dialogue concerning 3 points. (Richard read aloud the 3 points to the members in attendance at the meeting Thursday evening). Ending with Richard asking to hear from Mr. Traynor by Monday March 8th, stating if Mr. Traynor is willing to meet with board members of the Sundowners, to propose some alternative times to meet between 10am and 1:30pm . (As of Sunday March 7th at 1pm no response has been received from Mr. Traynor) Richard also discussed the option of working with another county is still a very attractive option for the Sundowners to pursue. In Addition the Sundowners Attorney has requested the Sundowners to schedule an event with business owners, land owners and others, and to invite media outlets so many of the partners of the Sundowners can be fully involved/informed of the trials and tribulations the Sundowners have been faced with in this process to be independent. Also mentioned to have meetings throughout the year if needed to share updates etc.

Trail Report: Trails were in the best condition they have ever been. The recent temps have closed a couple sections due to mud. The bridge by Bliven Rd. was fixed by Jarrod. Turn in all your grooming and trail work hours to Shoes.

Old Business: Still working on our rightful funding. Several clubs within the Alliance agree we deserve funding separate from the Alliance. The big picture is that we are bigger and stronger since leaving the Alliance. Nothing but blue skies ahead, someday the Alliance will realize that we just want to provide snowmobiling to all enthusiasts and by undermining us at every turn was wrong. Hopefully they elect different directors and turn their attention back to helping clubs.

New Business: We need to start planning for our 50th anniversary party. Robbie will be ordering the landowner hams. Tim is going to research into the Lake District for a donation. Tim is also going to call the AWSC and explain our situation with funding and see if they can help. Kurt stated that the DNR should change their laws to allow clubs to submit funding request without the county stopping them. Jim from Stoughton was present and explained that he likes what we're doing with our club in regards of leading the way against the oppressive establishment. We are looking into getting some club apparel for sale. Bob had AWSC stickers and patches.

Announcements: Next meeting will be April 8 at Creekview 7pm due to Easter.

Adjournment: 8:50pm