

## Minutes from September 2, 2021 Meeting

### Sundowners Snowmobile Club

**Call To Order:** 7:08pm at Coachman's by President Richard Plautz

**Roll Call:** 37 members present. Elected and appointed positions as follows; President Richard Plautz yes; Vice President Robbie Koepp yes; Secretary Kurt Birkett yes; Treasurer James McCue yes; Directors Mike Shumaker yes, Tim Weber yes, James Rece no, Archer Radtke yes, Brian Sayre yes. Trail Bosses: John Sweeney no; Mike Shumaker yes; Jim Swon yes; Zane Reilly yes; Tim Weber yes; Mike Bentheimer yes; Charles Hendrickson no; Jarrod Bublitz no; Robbie Koepp yes; Archer Radtke yes; Brendt Keinbaum no; Aaron Lenox no; Dan Learn yes; Craig Phillips no; Richard Plautz yes

**Secretaries Report:** Started out with congratulating our years first 4 sponsors. Coachman's, Rock River Marina, i90 Enterprises, and Morrison's. Each of them donated \$300 to our club. Explained that September 9 will be the next update with the AWSC memberships. The Rome Snow Bandits won the Club of the Year award. We (Alison, Kathie) did submit ourselves for the award, but to no avail. Talked about the roster clean up (removing nonmembers) with the AWSC. Talked about moving up our donation to the Gift for Kids to September so we are recognized. Explained that the tax-exempt status is current. Told members to renew now and not to wait until snow. Notified the group that Brice Henry won the Morris Nelson Scholarship from the AWSC. Chatted about the AWSC workshop that is Oct 22-24. Explained that we have 20 Polaris Ride Command App sponsors at \$25 each and we have room for 10 more. Finally spoke about the By-Laws and how certain areas need updating. The areas include officers shall "try to" make meetings; rewording our membership and ages to reflect the AWSC verbiage; including officers for paid memberships; removing class A and Class B premises for kids attending meetings. Removed the identifying patch section; All these proposed changes were open for discussion and some had good talks. One proposed change of updating our activity proposal went nowhere and the group stated leave it alone. Next meeting there will be a vote on the proposed changes. Report accepted

**Treasures Report:** James discussed the total balance in the bank accounts of \$16,374.52 and PayPal of \$274.26. Report accepted

**Presidents Report:** First of all John Sweeney, Mike Shumaker, and I have been working with our Attorney, Bob Shumaker, at the DeWitt Law firm, to develop a very simple document to document permission from land owners on whose property we have trails. Bob sent us a draft today that we'll review with him next week. Second, in April, the county board passed a resolution to include Sundowners trails in its application to include Sundowners trails in its application for DNR snowmobile grants as long as Sundowners complies with the DNR requirements. Next week, Bob will assist us in preparing a communication to the county to try to find out the details of those requirements. Third, Bob will also assist a communication to the Alliance regarding the expenditures during the past several years and its use of the DNR grant funds. This communication may put us in a position to recover some money from the Alliance. Of course, we need to maintain the confidential nature of our communications with our Attorney. Therefore, I won't go into the details of our discussions, but I wanted to give all of you this update, and will share more information with you as we proceed. Report accepted

**Trail Report:** Working on some new trail routes, especially where the solar farm is going in by Pomeroy. Groomer needs welding. A brief hilarious discussion on how long the bridge is by Albion. 75 feet was considered crazy talk :)

**Old Business:** Tim Weber made a motion to donate \$400 to Gifts for Kids. Motion accepted. Alison talked about the 50<sup>th</sup> party. Food, snacks, appetizers, burgers. Also having a 50/50 cash raffle and a long put 50/50 raffle. 1pm the party will start on October 2 at Coachman's. An advertisement will be placed in the Reporter and posters will be placed around town. Vintage sleds will be on display. The Quam's raffle will be drawn at 4pm.

**New Business:** A trail boss and ticket manager meeting will be at Robbie's on Sept 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Zane talked of a vintage ride fund raiser this winter. More info to follow.

**Announcements:** Next meeting will be October 7 at Coachman's 7pm.

**Adjournment:** 8:30pm