

ROCK COUNTY ALLIANCE OF SNOWMOBILE CLUBS

November 1, 2011

Call to Order: at Edgerton Towne and Country Club, Edgerton, by President Bob Kaiser

Roll Call: Alliance officers present: Bob Kaiser, Steve Fausnaugh, Jackie Olson, Kate Fuchs. 8 Clubs present; Absent, Rock County Snowblowers

Secretary's Report: A copy is on file in Secretary's book. A comment was brought forth that any information brought forward after the meeting should not be added to the minutes, but in the letter/e-mail that accompanies the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Copies of the treasurer's report were distributed. Jackie Olson read it, a copy is on file in the secretary's book. Liz Dettinger made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Gary Stapleman seconded it, motion carried.

Pay Bills: Bills were presented for payment. Harold Dettinger made a motion to pay the bills as presented, Matt Ardis seconded it, motion carried.

Directors Report/AWSC Workshop Report: The Burzinski family is flying high as Lynsey is the new AWSC Miss Snowflake, thank you to Erica and the Keehn family for being great representatives for Rock County. We have a lot of great KAOS representation for Rock County. Levi LaVallee was a great speaker at the AWSC workshop, he showed us his urban snowmobiling video, where he sledded around the Twin Cities of Minnesota, which was a cool dream that came through. His message was to be grateful for what we have, keep pushing forward towards goals, and never give up. Also, to keep loving and enjoying the sport that we all love. He took time out to join the Miss Snowflake group and the KAOS group. At workshop there were breakout sessions – Club to Club, SNARS, Government Recreational Council, the directors meeting also had breakout meetings.

The AWSC gives out "Of the Year" awards, these are awards nominated by members of the AWSC, meaning that any member of the AWSC can nominate people for these awards – they include Groomer, Family, Youth, Dealer, and new for next year Club of the Year. This year there was not one nomination for Youth of the Year. If you have someone that you feel is deserving of this award, please check out the AWSC website or contact Rod to find out how to place your nomination.

Club insurance was brought up at the trail to trail break out session.

Trail Report: Each club was given folder with trail report put-in sheets as a backup, land owner lists, maps showing trails, and the rates sheet. Please bring in a copy of each the landowner list and the map showing any changes you club has for the season to December's meeting. Crop damage is not a billable expense to the grant. We are considering if crop damage should be filed against club insurance policies, and the Alliance pay back the deductible, or if the Alliance policy can cover crop damage. More to come at Decembers meeting if we received word back on how it is covered by the Alliance policy. Make sure that road signs get turned by December 1st. For trail GPSing, we are trying to work with the county to see if we will be allowed to "map" our trails using the GIS map and drawing in the trail using this. It was mentioned at the Snowmobile Rec Councils breakout meeting that they feel this is a valid way of marking the trail. SNARS added an additional layer with an Alliance level. As we have previously discussed, the budget was passed so trail maintenance was increased to \$300/mile, and labor increased to \$8/hour, other items also increased in payout rates.

President's Report: Be safe, use SNARS, start getting trail put in, and let's hope for a great winter. Congratulations to Lynsey Burzinski who is our new AWSC Miss Snowflake.

Groomer Report: North groomer needs a torsion bearing replaced. South and West groomers are ready to go.

Youth Advisor Report: Lynsey was busy during workshop with the Miss Snowflake competition. She attended the dance Friday and had to complete a scavenger hunt to find different people that had a tie to snowmobiling (rides a Yamaha, was a Past President, etc.), and had interviews on Saturday. Over 350 pairs of glasses were donated to the Lions Club from KAOS, thank you to all who donated. The Youth Ride will be held in Lakewood 2/9-2/11. ISC will be held in Nova Scotia June 13-June 17. Please make sure to give a like to the KAOS and AWSC Miss Snowflake Facebook Pages. KAOS is looking for new members, if you know of a county or would like a KAOS rep to attend a meeting please email awsckaos@gmail.com. If anyone has any events that you would like Miss Snowflake to attend, please email her at misssnowflake1718@gmail.com.

Old Business: Feedback was given about what clubs thought about submitting memberships on specific dates, or charging a fee for memberships submitted after a certain date. Consensus was that all ideas are great ones, but each club needs to make its own decision on how it handles its membership issues. Morris Nelson Trail – a cast bronze plaque that is 26x20 was ordered, it includes a pic of Mo that will be 3D, and the majority of the article from WSN. This will be mounted on a boulder placed along the trail, the boulder will also have a sign stating, “The Rock of Rock County”. The Alliance committed to pay \$500 towards the plaque, this was paid at the meeting. The sign should take approximately 6 weeks to be made. We hope to be able to set up a dedication ceremony during the season.

New Business: The AWSC is evaluating if it is cost effective to have 2 meetings each year (Workshop and Convention) or if it should be combined into one event each year. As an alliance do we want to re-evaluate the amount paid towards these events? We can have One Youth Advisor and Two Youth Representatives per County, currently Lynsey is our Youth Advisor and Nikole is one of the Youth Reps. It was brought up to have the second Youth Rep position filled by Rachyl Burzinski, no motion was brought forward at this time.

Announcements:

Edgerton Sundowners are selling raffle tickets for a Z120 sled, 600 printed – 1/\$10 or 3/\$25
ASCA Calendars are available now - \$20 each, let Rod or Levi know if you are interested.

Dec 6, Alliance meeting, Janesville Snow Chiefs, 7:30 pm at Maintenance Building, Clinton

Jan 4, Alliance meeting, Clinton Fencehoppers

Feb 1, Alliance Meeting, Country Riders

Safety Courses

Rock County Sherriff’s Department Classes are loaded into the DNR website.
Sundowners have not yet chosen their date for classes.

Levi Olson made a motion to adjourn. Harold Dettinger seconded it, motion carried. Thanks to the Edgerton Sundowners for providing snacks.

Submitted,

Kate Fuchs
Secretary