

ROCK COUNTY ALLIANCE OF SNOWMOBILE CLUBS

September 6, 2017

Call to Order: at Maintenance Building, Clinton, by President Bob Kaiser

Roll Call: Alliance officers present: Bob Kaiser, Jackie Olson, Kate Fuchs. 7 Clubs present; Absent, Evansville Sno-Devils, Rock County Snowblowers

Secretary's Report: A copy is on file in Secretary's book.

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. Steve Fausnaugh made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Rod Burzinski seconded it, motion carried.

Pay Bills: Bills were presented for payment. Gary Stapleman made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Erica Keehn seconded it, motion carried.

Directors Report: Rod was able to attend the ISC, it was a magnificent event with great networking opportunities. Emma Granger of KAOS won the International Youth Snowmobiler of the Year award, and Lynsey Burzinski won the CJ Ramstead scholarship. Wisconsin had the largest presence at the convention. Breakout meetings were attended, it was nice to see how information is passed down from one area to the next. KAOS had great presentations, nice to see other areas ask questions on why our youth are involved. At the Directors meeting Sam Landes had a great breakout meeting, going over what it is to be a director, and what it means. Erica has an interest to become a Rep for Rock County. There are some issues in Sauk County where a bridge is needed for a multi-use trail, Culver's has donated to help make the bridge a reality, from here it is finding out how each group involved is getting its money. The director's meeting had over 200 in attendance, AWSC will be having the \$100/ticket raffle with a grand prize of \$10,000 again this year. Rod had tickets if anyone needs any. Senate Bill 188 is on hold due to budget issues. Blue Mound State Park Trail should be a go for this year, and the Feds blocked the rail proposal that could have brought us many headaches in the future. Rod attended an event in Monroe County at their Groomer Shed, it was interesting to talk with them to see how they set up their grooming, and earn extra funds partnering with the county. Rod is trying to set up additional meet & greets with assembly and senate members that he has not yet met to keep snowmobiling on their minds. If a club would like Rod to attend a meeting, please let him know.

Trail Report: Only 3 landowners have not yet cashed their checks as of the September meeting. Sundowners has 2 of the landowners and Rock County Snowblowers has the other landowner. There are a few trail changes that may be affecting the Clinton club's trails, and RC Snowblowers may encounter an issue with the gravel pit along Prairie Ave. Due to the budget hold up, SNARS improvements are also held up, we are hoping to have an increase from \$250/mile to \$300/mile, and labor increasing from \$6.50 to *\$8/hour. We will need to GPS our trails. We will try to work with the county to see if we can do this ourselves, and work with the DNR to see what format they will require. The county does have some equipment that we are considering if we can utilize to complete this task. Only funded trails will need to be GPS'd. We will have a short window of time of when we can complete this task as it will need to be done while the trail is all in. We have very little trail in Rock County that is unfunded. If anyone runs into any issues with the trail please let Levi know.

President's Report: We want to reiterate the continued drive to reduce individual responsibility and spreading the workload out. We are excited to see what this year has to bring.

Groomer Report: North Groomer has some brake issues, last known it was waiting on having a brake caliper and master cylinder installed. South and West Groomers are in good order.

Youth Advisor Report: Lynsey has started school at UW-Oshkosh and was sorry that she could not attend. Both Lynsey and Erica attended the ISC, gave presentations and spoke with various states and provinces about getting kids involved. Thank you to the Alliance for your continued support. The KAOS Leadership Conference will be held at Lakewoods 10/21. KAOS is having a used eyeglass drive at workshop this year, if anyone has any to donate, please contact your club reps. We are looking to try to set up a youth ride this year in conjunction with the Vintage Ride, if possible. Erica is no longer able to be a youth advisor, but is still looking to stay involved at the state level, she would be interested in the County Rep position when it opens. Lynsey has also changed positions, she is now a Youth Advisor for KAOS. KAOS has helped to increase leadership skills, and our reps/advisors have spoken with other counties that did not/do not have reps to get more youth involved. Two KAOS reps are allowed per county. Rock County has KAOS rep spots that we can fill if any youth are interested. Bob asked if we have any goals to have more youth representation on the club levels, it was brought up to see if we could have more presence at Snowmobile Safety Classes.

Old Business: Morris Nelson Memorial Trail, we are still waiting on word from Sundowners where this stands.

New Business: A discussion was held on when the Director and Rep positions are up for re-appointment. Currently these positions are appointed in February of each year.

Open nominations for officers. We will have nominations again next month, and the election.

President: Bob Kaiser

Vice President: Steve Fausnaugh and Scott Johnson

Treasurer: Jackie Olson

Secretary Kate Fuchs

Announcements:

9/30 Janesville Sno-Chiefs Golf Outing at Bass Creek Golf Course

9/30 Jefferson County Powersports Swap Meet at Jefferson Speedway – 9am

10/1 Boone County Grass Drags

10/1 Clinton Pancake Breakfast

10/7 Hanksters Motorsports – Sled Giveaway

10/8 Pecatonica Grass Drags

10/13-15 Snow Show – WI State Fair Grounds - Milwaukee, WI

10/27-10/29 AWSC Workshop, Appleton, WI

Oct 4, Alliance Meeting, Rock County Snowblowers, Clinton Groomer Shed

Nov 1, Alliance Meeting, Edgerton Sundowners

Steve Fausnaugh made a motion to adjourn. Scott Johnson seconded it, motion carried. Thanks to the Oak Ridge Riders for providing snacks.

Submitted,

Kate Fuchs
Secretary

