

Meeting Minutes January 27th, 2026 Called to order: 7:30- by Char Hillmyer

WCSA Officers:

President: Char Hillmyer (French Lake)
 Vice President: Ted Pribyl (Maple Lake Sno Trackers)
 Treasurer: Randy Neumann (St. Michael Foxtailers)
 Executive Secretary/Trail Administrator: Chris Roehl (Albertville) croehl@bdplumbers.com
 Secretary: Jessie Hartsuiker (Monticello)

Members Present:

Randy Neumann	St. Michael	Char Hillmyer	French Lake	Brian Byrnes	Otsego
Marty Posthumus	Monticello	Tom Berning	Albertville	Mike Nelson	So. Haven
Brooks Bjorklund	Otsego	Andy Swanson	St. Michael	Ted Pribyl	Maple Lake
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Pete Wagener	Monticello	Kerry Barnard	Rockford	Jim Sorensen	Otsego
Brandon Johnston	Otsego	Dane Hasbrouck	Monticello	Barb Hasbrouck	Monticello
Jeff Hegstrom	Rockford	Charlie B	Delano	Duane Matter	Delano
Mark L	Delano	Derek Hartsuiker	Monticello	Jessie Hartsuiker	Monticello
Adam Piekarski	Buffalo	Charlie Koch	Buffalo	Keith Goepfert	St. Michael
Pete Peterson	St. Michael				

Secretary's Report:

A motion was made by Marty Posthumus, seconded by Jeff Hegstrom and passed to accept the December minutes as written.

Treasurer's Report:

Activity this month was for Groomer Fuel, Groomer/Argo Repairs, Maps and Trail Supplies. Ending balance is \$42,514.46. In switching to the new accounting program, there are some entries that appeared on the last treasures report. They are not duplicates; it is just how the month falls in the new program. The new reports going forward will be from the 1st of the month to the Friday before each meeting. A motion was made by Keith Goepfert, seconded Kerry Barnard and passed to accept the January 2026 Treasurers report as written.

Executive Secretary/Trail Administrator Report:

The 2nd benchmark is due the 2nd of February. We should see the 1st benchmark soon. Please continue to keep time on your grooming logs.

Old Business:

- Right of Way Permits: An updated list of needed permits will be sent out with the minutes. Some are getting cleared up. Any help to continue to get them taken care of is greatly appreciated. Thanks to all who are working on these.
 - Issues with City of Hanover and the verbiage they want to change on the permit. We will reach out to the local business' that are affected by this part of the trail (Tom Thumb and Big Bore) to see if they can push the council members for supporting of this trail and that they don't want to lose it. If we could also get support at the council meeting to show support of the snowmobile community on Feb 3rd (Tom will send more info out on this meeting). Might have to pull this section of trail if verbiage can't be agreed on.
- Argo – In Storage for the season. Some research has been done. Our Argo is a 2010, bought in 2017 for \$10,000 (WCSA paid \$7,200 of that amount). Roughly 240 hours put on since, but the hour meter is now not working. It does use oil, but is still working. To consider a new low grade unit with no accessories would run around \$17,000. There are used ones available currently with accessories and around 40 hours for around \$30,000. We put on around 24 hours per year. Engine replacement is

another option, but we will need to look at the tracks too. The value of ours currently is around \$7,000. The hour meter might need to be fixed for resale. We will table and think more on these options. Thanks Duane for looking into all these.

- Paumen Bridge – The mats are removed, took 2 trucks to remove and there will be a bill soon. Still looking for a trailer to use for a removable bridge.

New Business:

- Plant was sent for the passing of Randy’s father Butch. We received a nice thank you card, which was passed around.
- There will be a webinar on learning how to apply for grant money put on by the DNR. There is a lot of good info that will be provided, it would be great if every club had someone with interest to take advantage and learn about the areas we can apply for more grant opportunities. There will be more info on the email sent out with the minutes.
- Maple Lake Snow Machine Rendezvous: February 22nd - Bring anything snow related. Just like Gear Head, but for snow machines. Come hang out and have a good time. It would be cool if there was enough snow to have as many County groomers there as we can.
- Midwest Ride In: January 30th and 31st – At Dehn Pumpkins in Dayton. Swap Meet. Rides. There are volunteer opportunities that give back to your local club.
- Map Ad Misprints: Stickers were brought in to cover the Charter Marine ad with the correct Hawks ad for the Vinyl maps only. Hill Top issue has been resolved with the owner. It is a big job to go through, and these things will happen. If anyone has any interest in helping with the proofing, or anything map related, we all know the help would be much appreciated.
- PB100: The groomer went into the holding pond on January 2nd. The driver got out ok, the machine was brought to PB for a quote. The quote is in at \$198,357.63. Next step is having the insurance adjuster review. With the water damage, replacement sounds like the best option for the association to avoid possible issues in the future. It is insured for \$215,000 with a \$2500 deductible. The trail has not yet been moved, but is coned off. Everyone is in agreement that the trail has to be moved and can not go this way going forward for not only the safety of the groomer, but also for snowmobiles. The club will look into a reroute option. There are Thin Ice, Groomer Take Road and Groomer Turn Around signs as well for areas like this if needed, we can order more if needed as well.. This should also push for more info groomer training in regards to water and areas to be cautious of. Brought up to have Groomer Check List, Trail Check List, and better communication between trail set up coordinators and groomer coordinators. There are also Grooming Training Videos on the WCSA website. No groomers should be set loose until they have groomed their entire trail with a trainer and both feel they are ready.

Around the County Club News:

Hot Doggin

Otsego	February 7 th 2026
Rockford	February 22 nd 2026
Foxtailers	February 22 nd 2026
Monticello	TBD

We have Insurance for up to 20 Hot Dogging events in our policy. That is enough for each club to have 1 and some to have more than one.

~ In order for your event to be covered you must show and advertise the event as a **WCSA event** run/sponsored/hosted by your club. You must notify me of the event date, time, and the property where it will be held, address and property ID #. I will be keeping a log book of the events that will be available to the insurance company for verification. No alcohol allowed.

~Please include a screen shot of the location from the Polaris ride command app



Other Events..

Moon's Vintage Show - February 14th

Maple Lake Snow Show - February 22nd

Next regular meeting: February 24^t 2026 7:30PM

Motion to Adjourn by Kerry, seconded by Pete. Meeting adjourned: 9:02 PM.

Jessie Hartsuiker

Monticello Trailblazers

Secretary WCSA