



OTSEGO RIVER RIDERS

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 6th, 2022 7:00 PM

Wyndham Gardens Otsego

MINUTES

WELCOME-Brooks Bjorklund Call to order at 7:02pm

SECRETARY REPORT-Brian Culkins - Brooks Bjorklund presented the minutes from the last meeting. Motion to accept by Russ Harnois, 2nd by Al Lefebvre, motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT-Trisha Bjorklund Acct. balance \$9,944.20, motion to accept treasurers report by Russ Harnois, 2nd Kirt Shermer, motion passed.

TRAIL REPORT-Kirt Shermer -

Reroute Trail by Vetch. Groomer Captain is neighbor and working on getting permissions for reroute Reroute Trail on the corner of 37 and Quaday to the East of Quaday around the holding pond due to new housing development.

Trail Setup to happen starting the weekend of Oct 29th. To be completed by past participants, there was no ask for additional volunteers. Should be completed by the 2nd week in Nov, depends on field harvest.

Election Results

Brian Byrnes, Kirt Shermer - Board

Brooks Bjorklund-President, Jim Sorensen-Vice President, Trisha Bjorklund-Treasurer

2021-2022 - End of Year wrap-up - Dave - Everything was pretty smooth from his perspective. The general consensus was having the silent auction and bar in a separate room was not desirable, since there was plenty of room in the ballroom. It is being suggested to contain everything to a single room if this is going to be staying at the hotel. More to come on year end location and meeting locations.

Otsego Prairie festival Recap - Jim

Trail Setup - Oct. 29th - Covered in Trail report

Trail Teardown - ???

Training - Eric - Dec. 1st & 3rd. We are all setup for Thur., Dec. 1st 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. & Sat., Dec. 3rd, 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m at the Prairie Center. We will be doing the workbook training again this year. Budget

Registration is \$5.00 per student and pre-registration is required. You can register on-line at the

Otsego Park and Recreation website.

We are looking for volunteers, so let me or Brian know if you're able to help. We always have a great turnout and a fun time doing the class. And it's one of the few opportunities we get to build on a future of snowmobiling in the community.

Working on getting it posted with MnUSA and DNR. Russ Harnois motioned for a \$300 budget, 2nd by Brian Byrnes, motion passed.

Club Rides - Jim Sorensen is organizing the events.

Jan 13-16 Fri-Sun(Mon) Silver Bay Americinn was chosen - Monday is Martin Luther King Day.

Feb. 10-12 Fri-Sun Location - 40 Club in Aitkin was chosen. Secondary option is Orr.

Checking on the party room for both Jan. & Feb. trip.

Feb. 12-17 Sun-Fri Possible saddle bag trip. Planning to commence directly following the Feb. trip lasting 4 days. It is anticipated that each day's ride will be between 125 and 150 miles depending on a number of items, equipment malfunction, accommodations, trail conditions, weather, etc. There are a number of factors to consider for this trip, so be prepared if you are planning on attending. Ideally we'd be able to park tow vehicles and trailers at 40 Club for the 4 or 5 days of this trip, may need to find other parking accommodations depending on where this trip starts from.

Scholarships - John Recap of 2022, what to do for 2023? Not urgent.

1-\$500 awarded to RHS, 1-\$500 awarded to club member graduate.

Received thank you from Owen Lefebvre. Deferred making decision of 2023 scholarships to a later meeting

Apparel - Jessica Stockamp to coordinate and place order. Orders is due to Jessica by 10/31. Brian Byrnes to send email with the details. Order sheets were passed around at meeting.

Audit - Marvin Johnson completed audit for 2022, his numbers match the treasurer's report. Marvin has volunteered to complete the audit again next year and Mike Stefano volunteered to assist.

Year End Fun - March 31st, 2023

Dave Abel volunteered to chair once again, Brian Byrnes volunteered to assist Dave. We will need to determine a location if we don't continue at the hotel. Ask if the club is to start collecting silent auction items. Budget has not been established at this time.

NEW BUSINESS/HOT TOPICS:

Future meeting location - Wyndham to charge \$100 per month with a minimum spend, which we currently meet. The reason is that they don't have a cook or wait staff on Thursday's. We could move our meeting to Monday or Tuesday to not incur a \$100 charge. Cowboy Jacks was charging \$100 with a \$400 spend, Rockwood's has a couple of options \$25 with \$300 spend and \$40 with a \$400 spend. Other options are Prairie Center, free but no food or drink, can bring own. Boondocks was mentioned, but not viewed as an option. Other location mentioned was Denny's.

November meeting will be at Wyndham, we will discuss future meeting locations in November. One potential issue is that the Wyndham is going to be going through a remodel and we may not have facilities for all meetings and/or for the year end party.

Kirt Shermer to continue to discuss with Wyndham management.

MN USA Membership Jim Sorensen to follow up on status of Byrnes and Logan Stockamp memberships.

OTSEGO CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Club needs representation at these meetings

Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 7pm

WRIGHT COUNTY SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION:

Club needs representation at these meetings. Meetings are the last Tuesday of the month

Jim and Brooks attended last meeting and will continue. Byrnes volunteered to attend as well.

Discussed Land owners Pork chop dinner. There were approximately 465 attended and a typical year they see over 500. There was a discussion about the lack of side dishes for the dinner and the fact that folks seem to start showing up earlier and earlier every year. Sounded like there was traction on better food planning for next year. Rockford club is hosting next year and has asked if we would help them out since they only have a very limited membership.

2021/2022 CLUB MEETING DATES:

Nov. 3rd, Dec. 8th, Jan. 5th, Feb. 2nd, Mar. 2nd, Mar. 31st(YE)

MEETING CLOSE:

Motion to adjourn by Voni Sorensen, 2nd by Russ Harnois, motion passed.

18 in attendance