



## OTSEGO RIVER RIDERS

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### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 5th, 2023 7:00 PM

Wyndham Garden - Otsego

### Agenda

#### ATTENDEES:

Voni Sorensen	Jerry Larson	Jeff Novak
Marvin Johnson	Randy Page	Daniell Bardwell
Brandon Johnson	Michelle Lund	Eric Lewis
Brian Culkins	David Abel	Shannon Abel
Dick Harnois	Donnie Johnson	Don Johnson
Kici DeGondai	Jim Degonda	Alan Lefebvre
Bob Lind	Carrie Froland	Tony Froland
Trisha Bjorklund	Brooks Bjorklund	Jim Sorensen
Brian Byrnes		

#### WELCOME

- Brooks Bjorklund

#### SECRETARY REPORT

- Brian Byrnes
  - Provided a copy of the March Meeting minutes
  - Motion to accept, Voni Sorensen, Second Carrie Froland, Motion Passes

#### TREASURER REPORT

- Trisha Bjorklund
  - Provided a copy of Club Income and Expenses for March - October
    - Income: \$1586.23
    - Expenses: \$1339.56
    - Net Income: \$246.67
    - Account Balance: ~\$8500
  - Motion to accept, Jim Sorensen, Second Bob Lind, Motion Passes

#### TRAIL REPORT

- Kirt Shermer
  - No Updates

#### Trail Setup

- Start the weekend of October 28th.
  - Kirt to coordinate material dropoff/pickup
  - Trail sections have previously been assigned, and member are aware of the sections they are responsible for.

- Additional volunteers are always welcome and participation is encouraged.
- Club will be sending out an email with additional trail setup details in the coming weeks.
- Must be completed by December 1st

### **Snowmobile Safety Training**

- Location: Otsego Prairie Center
- Thursday, November 30 6:00-9:00 p.m.
- Saturday, December 2 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- Registration Link: <https://otsego.recdesk.com/Community/Program/Detail?programId=1525>

### **DNR ATV and Snowmobile Safety Instructor Certification**

- Location: Sherburne County Sheriff's Office in Elk River
- Date: Wednesday, November 1 @ 5:30pm
- Register with Regional Training Officer Amber Ladd [amber.ladd@state.mn.us](mailto:amber.ladd@state.mn.us)
  - Eric Swenson is requesting additional club members to become certified instructors, please sign up if you are interested, willing and able to do so.

### **Meeting schedule**

- Thursday October 5th, 2023
- Thursday November 2nd, 2023
- Thursday December 7th, 2023
- Thursday January 4th, 2024
- Thursday February 1st, 2024
- Thursday March 7th, 2024

### **Club Rides**

#### January

- Dates: 1/12-15 (MLK Weekend)
- Location: Silver Bay
- Lodging: Grand Stay Hotel
  - 20 rooms reserved until Dec 12th, book now!
  - Phone: (218)226-4300
  - Rates: \$150 - \$170 per night
  - Meeting room is going to be provided at no cost to club

#### February

- Dates: 2/9 - 11
- Location: Cross Lake
- Lodging: Whitefish Lodge
  - Details to come
  - Jim Sorensen is coordinating

#### Local Rides

- Club is encouraging local club rides as trail conditions permit. In the past we have coordinated an evening dinner ride, local saturday ride, etc. Please feel free to propose and plan a ride with your fellow club members. If you send an email to [otsegoriverriders@gmail.com](mailto:otsegoriverriders@gmail.com), Brian Byrnes can send out a club email regarding the proposal. Last year was a great year for snow, the local trails were in fantastic condition, it was a nice to be able to ride from home!

### **Scholarships**

- Club will need to determine if we would like to continue to provide scholarship(s) and the details.
- A new Scholarship Chair is needed
- A new scholarship committee was formed, see below. If you would like to help with scholarships please reach to the following individuals to continue the discussion.
- Scholarship Committee
  - Chair - David Abel

- Member - Brian Culkins
- Member - Bob Lind
- The scholarship committee has a goal of coming up with a recommendation to the club for scholarship practices for the 2023 - 2024 club year. This may include what schools are eligible, dollar amount, number of scholarships given, club only scholarship, etc.
- If the club makes a decision to distribute scholarships the scholarship committee will be responsible for the selection process and making the presentation to the student(s)

### **Apparel**

- The club has asked Jessica Stockamp to coordinate an apparel order for this fall. She has agreed to coordinate the apparel order once again!
- Please let us know if there are any items that you are specifically looking for, such as Polo's, Short Sleeve T-Shirts, etc. so that they can be added to the order form.
- We will be sending out the order form once we have an updated list of available items, colors, styles, etc.
- Thank you Jessica for handling this!

### **Memberships**

- Membership price increase was approved by the board. Family memberships will be \$50 and individuals will be \$45 to cover cost increase of MnUSA
- 25 paid, 14 Family, 11 individuals.
  - Paid at Meeting
    - Alan and Donna Lefebvre - family
    - Tony and Carrie Froland - family
    - James and Kici DeGonda - family
- The club will be sending out a reminder to all club members to renew membership

### **Membership Drive Update:**

- Business Cards are available from Brian Byrnes for distribution.
- Other ideas on driving new membership
  - Posting to the Otsego Bulletin Board in addition to our facebook page

### **Year End Fun**

- Date April 5th, 2024
- Time: TBD
- Location: Wyndham Garden Hotel, Otsego
- The club is seeking a Chairperson and volunteers to plan the year end party
- Please start collecting silent auction items.
- Brian Byrnes address can be used as a collection point for donation.
- David Abel has agreed to be the Chairperson for the YE, he can use some volunteers to help with the event, please reach out if you would like to be part of the planning!

### **Otsego City Council Meeting:**

- 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.
- When: Meetings are the last Tuesday of the month.
- Location: The Maple Lake Legion
- Time: 7:00 pm
- WCSA minutes will be posted on our website for review

### **New Business:**

- Membership Cards
  - Brian Byrnes is researching options and will provide an update at the November meeting
  - The IRS requires clubs to provide membership cards to its members
- Change of Address
  - Completed, all club postal mail will go to the Byrnes' residence
- Fall ATV Ride
  - If there is any interest in getting a ATV ride in before the trails close for hunting, we are looking for volunteers to coordinate an event.
- Upcoming Board Elections
  - Member at Large (Logan Stockamp)
  - Treasurer (Trisha Bjorklund)
  - Vice President (Jim Sorensen)
  - Trail Coordinator (Kirt Shermer)
- Marketing/Social Media Committee
  - A proposal was made to create this committee to help drive awareness in the community about the club. The following individuals have volunteered for the committee and drive the initiatives:
    - Danielle Bardwell
    - Michelle Lund
    - Eric Lewis
  - If anyone is interested in helping out please let us know

**Thank You!**

- Brooks Bjorklund provided a thank you to the club and gave recognition to members who have volunteered their time to club activities.

**Meeting Close:**

- Motion to close meeting by Voni Sorensen, second by Bob Lind. Motion carried