



OTSEGO RIVER RIDERS

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

November 2nd, 2023 7:00 PM

Wyndham Garden - Otsego

Minutes

ATTENDEES

Voni Sorensen	Jim Sorensen	Marvin Johnson	Brian Byrnes
Brandon Johnston	Michelle Lund	Charlie Zachman	Jim DeGonda
Brian Culkins	Eric Swenson	Alan LeFebvre	Jessica Stockamp
Logan Stockamp	Jim Stockamp	Trevor Koenig	Trenton Koenig
David Abel	John Koenig	Mark Wenz	Dan Buhmann
Tony Froland	Carrie Froland	Russell Harnois	

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

WELCOME

- Brooks Bjorklund
 - Meeting Called to order at 7:02pm
 - Meeting Introduction

SECRETARY REPORT

- Brian Byrnes
 - A copy of the meeting minutes was posted on the club website and provided at the meeting
 - Brian Culkins motioned to accept the secretary's report, with a 2nd by Jim Sorenson. Motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT

- Trisha Bjorklund
 - \$589.02 in deposits, \$121.47 in expenses (Meeting room rental), \$8,8978.82 account balance.
 - We have an outstanding \$500 scholarship to be paid from Rogers High School.
 - There was discussion around our account balance trending down over the past 3 years, primarily due to the cost of room rental.
 - Brooks Bjorkland made a mention of doing some fundraising to help replenish our coffers. Jessica and Jim Stockamp made a suggestion of having a dinner fundraiser with Pour.
 - Voni Sorenson motioned to accept the treasurer's report, with a second from Brian Culkins. Motion passed.

TRAIL REPORT

- Kirt Shermer
 - No updates

Trail Setup

- Started the weekend of October 28th.
- Must be completed by December 1st
- Major signage has been completed.
 - County 39 Completed
 - Trail along Hwy 101 to bridge has been completed
 - The Creek bridge needs to be addressed. The creek is running high this year and there is fear that it may overflow the bridge deck and/or not freeze in. The groomer was able to groom over the bridge deck last year. We need to ensure we don't get the groomer stuck!
- To be completed
 - Stewarts field
 - New Firehouse spur
 - Field West from County 38/137 to the water tower
 - County 38, pending water line construction.
- Kirt will be out over the next couple of days to continue the trail setup.

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>
- Please reach out to Eric Swenson, swenson01@gmail.com, 612-810-9957, if you would like to volunteer to help with this years safety training

Club Rides

- Rooms are running out for the January trip, there are only 7 rooms left in our block
- If you have booked a room and will not be able to attend please reach out to the club before canceling, there may be others that would like to go and switch the reservation into their name
- Feel free to coordinate with Jim Sorenson on room availability and such. garyskitchens@yahoo.com, 612-384-1647
- Brooks Bjorkland will be setting up a separate cluster for each trip, and explained what cluster is for the new members.

January

- Dates: 1/12-15 (MLK Weekend)
- Location: Silver Bay
- Lodging: Black Beach Inn by GrandStay
 - Phone: 218-226-4300
 - Block of Rooms 1/12-14
 - Booking: Otsego River Riders (Snowmobile Club)
 - 20 rooms reserved until Dec 12th, book now!
 - 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 and Suites
 - Phone: 218-692-2246
 - Block of Rooms is for 2/9 and 2/10, checking out on 2/11
 - Booking Code OTSEGO

- Rates: 20% Discount

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, Brian Byrnes can send out a club email regarding the proposal.

Scholarships

- Scholarship Committee Update
 - No Update
- David Abel, Brian Culkins and Bob Lind will be meeting to discuss

Apparel

- Jessica Stockamp coordinated order placed on 10/27
- Updates
 - If you missed the order deadline, please reach out to Jessica Stockamp, we may be able to add to the order.

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
- 41 paid, 65 Family, 15 individuals.
- Reminder email was sent out
 - 14 Renewals Received

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
 - Suggestions for Marketing Committee

Marketing/Social Media Committee

- A proposal was made to create this committee to help drive awareness in the community about the club.
- Members:
 - Danielle Bardwell
 - Michelle Lund
 - Eric Lewis
- If anyone is interested in helping out please let us know
- Updates
 - Jessica Stockamp is working on a mention in the Otsego View. The article will provide residents with a reminder of the Otsego snowmobiling ordinance along with information about ORR, such as how to join, link to the trail map, etc.
 - Danielle was unable to attend the meeting, but asked for contact information. Brian Byrnes responded to email and provided contact information for Michelle Lund. We don't have contact information for Eric Lewis

Year End Fun

- Chairperson: David Abel
- Date April 5th, 2024
- Time: TBD
- Location: TBD
- 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.
- Looking for additional volunteers
- Updates

- David Abel has asked to start collecting silent auction items earlier than last year, so we have time to sort and bundle items into offerings.
- Brian Culkins has reached out to Dennis Kirk and Castle asking for donations.
- A suggestion was made to do a purchase match from the donor/vendor, to add to the available auction items.

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.
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- 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
- Updates
 - Jim Sorenson attended the October meeting.
 - The ORR membership in WCSA is due in the amount of \$20.
 - Jim Stockamp motioned to pay \$20 to WCSA, with seconded by Eric Swenson, motion passes
 - Map advertisements for the updated WCSA trail maps were sold, totaling approximately \$10,000.
 - WCSA maps will be distributed at the November WCSA meeting.
 - An estimated 100 gallons of diesel fuel was stolen out of one of the WCSA fuel barrels with an estimated value of \$500.
 - There are a number of WCSA board positions that are available for the upcoming board election that will be held at the November meeting. VP, Treasurer, and Trail Administrator. If there is any interest by ORR club members to participate in the WCSA board, please reach out and plan on attending the WCSA meeting.
 - WCSA has metal trail marker sign posts available for \$1.50 per post
 - The board has elected to invest in two CDs in the amounts of \$40,000 and \$20,000 respectively for future equipment purchases and/or trail improvements.
 - The 1st Grant in Aid (GIA) trail grant from the DNR is anticipated to be delivered in January.

New Business:

- Membership Cards
 - No Updates
- Upcoming Board Elections
 - Member at Large (Logan Stockamp)
 - Treasurer (Trisha Bjorklund)
 - Vice President (Jim Sorensen)
 - Trail Coordinator (Kirt Shermer)
- Bank Account
 - Update Access
- Hot Doggin on The Trail
 - Jim Stockamp has volunteered to coordinate this event. The date is TBD, and will be weather/trail condition permitting.
- Map Boards
 - John Koenig has a number of map boards available from the Eagle Scout project last year that are available for the taking.
 - Kirt indicated we will be taking 2 for the ORR trails.
- MnUSA Calendar Sales
 - Eric Swenson has calendars available for purchase, they are \$20 each. Please reach out to Eric if you are interested in purchasing one. swenson01@gmail.com, 612-810-9957

Thank You!

Meeting Close:

- Motion to close by Carrie Froland, second by David Abel, motions passed.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm