



## OTSEGO RIVER RIDERS

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### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

November 7th, 2024 7:00 PM

Wyndham Garden - Otsego

### Minutes

#### ATTENDEES

Tony & Carrie Froland  
Brandon Johnston  
Marvin Johnson  
Logan Stockamp  
Charlie & Yavonne Zachman

Jim & Voni Sorensen  
Michelle Lund  
Jerry & Kathy Larson  
Jim & Jessica stockamp

Trisha & Brooks Bjorklund  
Kris & Jim DeGonda  
Aaron & Sarah Stritesky  
John Koenig

#### WELCOME

- Brooks Bjorklund

#### SECRETARY REPORT

- Brian Byrnes

#### TREASURER REPORT

- Aaron Stritesky
  - Motion to accept by Jim Sorenson, second by Michelle Lund, Motion Passes

#### TRAIL REPORT

- Brandon Jonston
  - 50% Setup to date
  - Kurt has stakes and is offering for sale to WCSA members
  - Bridge on near 101 and 42 needs repair/replacement, 18' in length. Jessica to talk to Darkenwalds for permission/access. John Koenig can assist with bridge replacement.

#### Schedule of Events

- Recap of ATV Ride
  - Brandon Johnston and Michelle Lund!
    - 13 vehicles were in attendance for the ride
    - A huge thanks to Jim & Kris for helping to coordinate the trip
- Other Discussion

#### Snowmobile Safety Training

- Location: Otsego Prairie Center
- Thursday, December 5th 6:00-9:00 p.m.
- Saturday, December 7th 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- Registration Link: <https://otsego.recdesk.com/Community/Program/Detail?programId=1525>
  - John Koenig, David Abel, Kurt Shirmir and Brandon will help setup course on Saturday
  - Brian to send email looking for volunteers
  - 4 Club Members attended Trainer Certification Training held by the DNR

- Jim Sorensen made motion to establish budget of \$300, John Koenig 2nd, motion passes.

## **Club Rides**

### **January**

- Dates: 1/10-12
- Location: Orr
- Lodging: Oveson Pelican Lake Resort
- Contact: 218-757-3613
- Details: We have a block of 20 rooms setup for January 10th and 11th, 2025. Please mention Otsego River Riders when booking. There is a bar onsite. We are getting a 20% discount on room rates, the lakeside rooms are a \$10/night premium. Lakeside rooms with 2 queen beds are \$150/night.
- Will have meeting room both nights

### **February**

- Dates: 2/14 - 16
  - Location: Cross Lake
  - Lodging: Whitefish Lodge
- Hold over from canceled '23 trip, need to confirm reservations and availability, Need to reconfirm reservations.

### **Local Rides**

- Ad Hoc, coordinate via email

## **Scholarships**

- Scholarship Committee Volunteers/Nominations
- Jessica Stockamp passed on information that the school district sent out an email for Scholarships. They are looking for a response by 12/19/2024. ORR did not receive an email to the Gmail account.
- Open Discussion
- Need to email David Abel contact information

## **Memberships**

- General Membership fees are due for the '24-'25 season, a reminder email has gone out to the club.
- 32 paid, 26 Family, 6 individuals.
  - Email campaign to be sent providing option "to be removed" from ORR email list.
  - MnUSA membership renewal to be moved to January to capture as many members as possible

### **Membership Drive Update:**

- Brian Byrnes to order Business Cards and Stickers
- John Koenig Update on trail signs with QR code
  - 5 Signs -> \$176
  - Motion to purchase 10 signs, Jessica Stockamp, 2nd Voni Sorensen, motion passes
    - Requested to keep 10 blanks for future use
  - Kirt has sign posts
- Open Discussion driving new membership
  - Otsego View Article - Jessica Stockamp to provide write-up

## **Year End Fun**

- Date March 28th, 2025
- Year End Committee Volunteers/Nominations
- Silent Auctions Items
  - Location will be Wyndham Garden
  - David will confirm availability and date with hotel and report back

## **Otsego City Council Meeting:**

- Club needs representation at these meetings

- Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 7pm
  - Jim Sorensen and John Koenig to field requests from City of Otsego after normal council meetings

**Wright County Snowmobile Association:**

- Club needs representation at these meetings.
- Meetings are the last Tuesday of the month, at the Maple Lake Legion at 7:30pm
- October WCSA Meeting Recap
  - Meetings have had better cooperation between clubs
  - Roller Drag is being Built
  - CRP Land discussion. WCSA has agreed to pay to re-seed damage due to snowmobiling for the marked trails.
  - DNR funding will be reduced this season due to lack of renewals last year
  - New Groomer has arrived.

**New Business:**

- Open Discussion
  - WCSA Club membership is due, \$20. Jim Sorensen motioned, Brandon Johnston 2nd, motion passed.
- Jim DeGonda asked about adding ATV to our club charter. Brooks Bjorklund to look into this and report back at the next meeting.

**Thank You!**

**Meeting Close:** Vonnie made motion to adjourn meeting, Brandon Joshston 2nd, motion passes