



OTSEGO RIVER RIDERS

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BOARD MEETING

August 7th, 2025 7:00 PM

Minutes

Set time limit for tonight's meeting:

1 Hour, meeting started at 7:05pm

Otsego Festival Planning

The club has secured a booth spot for 9/13/2025, we will need volunteers to man the booth throughout the day.

Discussion around procuring a new canopy and banners for the booth. "Touch a snowmobile" was popular with the younger crowd, we would like to have some snowmobiles at the tent and/or at the "touch a truck" spot. A motion was made for a \$500 budget for the festival by Bradon Johnston, second Bob Lind. Motion Passes.

UPDATE: Bob has purchased the canopy and has it in his garage.

Treasurer Update

A copy of the August, 2025 Bank statement is attached as reference to our current account balance. We have not completed the '24-'25 audit. It is important that we continue these audits to ensure we are accounting for our finances. As a general rule of thumb all receipts are needed for reimbursement and shall be submitted to the treasurer. It is the treasurers responsibility to keep track of the receipts and provide them upon request. It is acceptable to have receipts in printed or electronic format. Additionally, discussion around membership renewals being completed by the secretary or other boardmember, not the treasurer, and submitted to the treasurer or deposited directly into the club account. We discussed an option to only accept electronic payment for future club dues, so that all account activity is tracked and monitored through our PayPal account. Aaron completed the necessary tax submission for the '24 tax year as required by the Fed and State per our club status. We need to identify or appoint an auditor for the '25-'26 season at the 1st club meeting so that we can be accountable for our finances.

Trail Coordinator Update

Discussion around trail reroutes that need to be addressed. At the time of the meeting the only reroute that needed to be talked about was the trail dead end near Kathy Beaudre's. The city had reached out as they purchased land for a future part where the trails crosses and indicated since the land now falls under Otsego Parks, we can no longer use it for the snowmobile trail. Additionally, Tom Berning has suggested that the trail section near the corner of County Road 38 and Quaday Ave NE be rerouted as it is too close to or on the residence properties. We discussed re-routing the trail over the drainage pond as the most likely option. The groomer will not be able to cross the drainage pond and that section of the trail will be ungroomed as a result.

UPDATE: The county will be constructing roundabouts for the Costco area on County Road 137; as a result, the trail will need to be rerouted. The city wants the trail on the south side of County 137, which presents a lot of challenges.

Brandon and Jim had discussed an old drainage culvert under 94 as an option.

Meeting Location

No specific discussion, assumption is that we will continue to hold the meetings at the hotel. We will need to contact the hotel and provide our dates and confirm that this is still an option. I've since tasked Mr. Abel with confirming the hotel availability for our meetings. We could entertain other venue's; however, most venue's have a venue charge and/or minimum spend.

Calendar of events

Otsego Prairie Festival & Car Show - 9/13

Youth Safety Training - 12/6

Meeting schedule, 10/2, 11/6, 12/4, 1/8(1/1 Holiday), 2/5, 3/5

YE date - 3/27, confirmed/booked

Club Rides: Jan 9th-11th, NOT MLK weekend, Feb. 13th-15th, President's Day Weekend

Suggested Locations:

Pine Cone Lodge (Park Rapids)

40 Club (Aitkin)

Loon Point Resort (Big Fork)

Trail setup date(s):

Start November 1st, must be done for trail opener December 1st. Deer Hunting opener is November 8th, if we are in the field that weekend we must wear blaze orange.

Trail tear down date(s)

After April 1st.

Scholarships

The club will offer scholarship(s) as we have in the past.

Membership drive

Secretary to send out email blast as a reminder to renew memberships and will provide business cards and membership forms for the Otsego Prairie Festival booth.

New Business

Fall ATV Ride - John K to check with Jim Sorensen about hosting the ATV ride at his cabin the weekend of October

Other

MEETING CLOSE: Motion mad to adjourn meeting by John Koenig, 2nd by Bob Lind, motion passes