

**OTSEGO RIVER RIDERS**

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**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**November 7th, 2024 7:00 PM**

**Wyndham Garden - Otsego**

**Minutes**

**ATTENDEES**

Tony & Carrie Froland Jim & Voni Sorensen Trisha & Brooks Bjorklund

Brandon Johnston Michelle Lund Kris & Jim DeGonda

Marvin Johnson Jerry & Kathy Larson Aaron & Sarah Stritesky

Logan Stockamp Jim & Jessica stockamp John Koenig

Charlie & Yavonne Zachman

**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 Lundl
    - 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](https://otsego.recdesk.com/Community/Program/Detail?programId=1718)
  + John Koening, 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 Koening 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