



OTSEGO RIVER RIDERS

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 3rd, 2024 7:00 PM

Wyndham Garden - Otsego

Minutes

ATTENDEES

Kris & Jim Degonda

Voni and Jim Sorensen

Marvin Johnson

Aaron Stritesky

Brandon Johnston

Eric Swenson

Kirt Shermer

Brian Byrnes

Michelle Lund

John Koenig

Charlie & Yvone Zachman

Trisha & Brooks Bjorklund

Mark Wenz

WELCOME

- Brooks Bjorklund
 - Meeting Called to order at 7:00 pm

SECRETARY REPORT

- Brian Byrnes
 - Vonie Sorensen made a motion to accept the minutes, Eric Swenson 2nd, motion carried

TREASURER REPORT

- Aaron Stritesky
 - Updated Account Statement was provided to the Club
 - Vonie Sorensen made a motion to accept the treasurer report, John Koenig 2nd, motion carried

TRAIL REPORT

- Brandon Johnston

Trail Setup

- Start the weekend of October 26th.
- Must be completed by December 1st
- DNR has requested that faded trail signage be refreshed
 - Brandon to work with WCSA to get new signs and Kirt for sign poles
 - Brandon to coordinate trail setup

Meeting Venue

- Update on meeting venue room rental cost.
 - Room rental will be \$100-\$150
 - Club has made the decision to continue to hold meetings in bar and may revisit room rental in a month or two.
 - Comment was made on wait staff availability
- Open Discussion on venue

Schedule of Events

- Recap of Otsego Prairie Festival

- 3 buckets of candy were handed out
- Snowmobile at “touch a truck” was popular with kids
- Need to investigate new banners with new logo and a new tent for events
- Schedule has been Distributed via email
- Facebook Events have been updated/created
- Other Discussion
 - Snowmobile Instructor Certification training to be held in Buffalo on 10/28

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>
 - Eric Swensen will be coordinating training sessions and volunteers. Also will post to the DNR site by November 1st
 - The training will be “workbook” style, 2 day class
 - DNR has updated training content
 - Schedule as been provided to WCSA

Club Rides

October

- Dates: 10/18-20
- Location: Cross Lake
- Lodging: Pine Peaks Lodge and Suites
14047 Swann Dr, Crosslake, MN 56442
218-692-7829

January

- Dates: 1/10-12
- Location: Orr
- Lodging: TBD - Need a volunteer to find options.
 - Jim Sorensen has volunteered to coordinate a block of rooms

February

- Dates: 2/14 - 16
- Location: Cross Lake
- Lodging: Whitefish Lodge
Hold over from canceled ‘23 trip, need to confirm reservations and availability
- Jim Sorensen to confirm hotel reservations and coordinate additional block of rooms

Local Rides

- Ad Hoc, coordinate via email

Scholarships

- Scholarship Committee Volunteers/Nominations
- Open Discussion
 - Deferred to November meeting
 - Brian Culkins and David Abel to coordinate

Apparel

- Order Closes tonight, please get your orders into Jessica Stockamp

Memberships

- General Membership fees are due for the ‘24-’25 season, a reminder email has gone out to the club.
- 23 paid, 17 Family, 6 individuals.

Membership Drive Update:

- We are out of Business Cards, would like to place an order, they are approximately \$60
- Open Discussion driving new membership
 - Club has approved \$150 expense for Business Cards and Stickers
 - Pass out Information at ER Swap meet, ERX snowmobile races
 - Place QR codes on trail signs, John Koenig to investigate sign cost.

Year End Fun

- Date March 28th, 2025
- Year End Committee Volunteers/Nominations
- Silent Auctions 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.
- Meetings are the last Tuesday of the month, at the Maple Lake Legion at 7:30pm
- September WCSA Meeting Recap
 - MnUSA Fall Workshop
 - New Groomer Financing
 - DNS Trail Signage
 - Trail Roller
 - CRP Update
 - Update Contact List with Brandon, Brooks, and Brian B's information

New Business:

- Open Discussion

Thank You!

Meeting Close: Vonie Sorensen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52pm, John Koenig 2nd, motion passes