



50th Anniversary

January 2022

Meeting Canceled

Our January 13th meeting has been cancelled. Due to Covid outbreak with staffing, Charlies on Prior cannot accommodate our meeting date. We have permission to hold the event at the VFW however within our ranks we too are not immune (pun intended) to the Covid outbreak and a number of members also have been affected. I know many of you will be disappointed however as discussed with the board it makes sense that we just be cautious this month and reevaluate for next month. We will hopefully be back February 9th at Charlies on Prior.

Things are still happening

MNUSA

February 3 – 6th is the Winter Rendezvous is at Craugins Resort. This is a fun event with over 20 legislative members attending. Due to the manufactures having no sleds available clubs are pitching in to rent sleds for the legislators to ride. As a board we are looking to donate up to \$300 to be used for this event. If you have questions about the event or would like to attend early registration ends this coming Friday the 14th. Or visit [Cragun's Resort On Gull Lake | Cragun's | Brainerd MN Hotels \(craguns.com\)](#).

Region 8 is hosting this year's Veterans Ride on February 12th. I club is sponsoring 2 of our heroes for this event and we have 3 members attending. Learn more at [MnUSA :: HOME \(mnsnowmobiler.org\)](#).

Club trips

The club trips are set and Virginia is this week. It looks to be well attended and should be a great time. Thanks to Gail Adelman for setting this all up as it does take a lot of time. If still interested I am sure there is still room and trailers to add more riders. Contact Gail at gail@abnbins.com for more details or schedule of events.

Hayward WI. February 3rd – 6th. Treeland Resort, <http://www.treelandresorts.com>. There are still cabins and rooms available by calling 715-462-3874 and ask for Laurie Simon. Again email Gail for more information. So far about 15 members are going.

Lumberman's at Iron River February 24th – 27th. Lumbermensmotel@yahoo.com. 715-372-4515. More information to come concerning availability.

Trail Report

By Paul Hatwig

Trail going down Vergus is going through a re-route this coming weekend. We lost some of our access due to future development. This is something that we will continue to have to work on in the future. They sure could use some help. If interested please meet in Lydia at Country Prime Time at 11:00. This is this coming Sunday.

Groomer Status: Some minor issues with the groomer when using it for the first time. Had a low

coolant alarm, a wiper was not working properly and the starter solenoid is weak and failing. Both the wiper and the low coolant has been resolved however the solenoid will need to be replaced.

The groomer has been out twice this year packing the trails. Unfortunately all was lost when we had the warm weather and it did not hold. Currently we do not have enough snow to groom or pack down. Hopeful snow fall is in the near future.

Discussion on packing of trails or disking. This was brought up at the last meeting that we should be packing the trails across fields or at least disking before the ground freezes. Paul talked with a number of farmers and they would appreciate it if we did not do this. There are a number of reasons for this but it is the wishes of the farmers and we do not want to lose a trail. This next fall (2022) trail bosses will ask the question of the landowners as to their wishes and sign off. Whether we get one approval or many, it is worth asking the question so we all know.

Savage Groomer: The groomer is now complete with a new set of tracks and seems to be working well. They have agreed to groom parts of the trail in Prior Lake by the round a-bouts and areas we cannot make the corners with our groomer.

Park N Ride Areas: Signs are up and looking good. They have maps in boxes, maps are laminated on the boards and city ordinances posted. Please let your friends and neighbors know about the local city ordinances. If you do not live by a trail you must ride on the road at 10 MPH to the trail. You cannot ride on the BLVB, city sidewalks or medians to get to a trail.

Trail Improvement Signage – Chaired by Sean Reagon

The signs still have not arrived for this project. We are hoping yet this season that we can complete this project and make the Prior Lake trails more inviting. Once the signs do arrive we will put out a call to help build the stands.

Group Rides

The hopes are that we will have enough snow in the coming weeks so that we can enjoy some group rides. These rides will be on Saturdays and Sundays meeting on the lake at Charlies on Prior. These rides will be posted on the clubs Facebook page with dates, times and group lead. If you wish to join the ride, please be on time. When it states departure time is 9:00 a.m. it means leaving at 9:00 a.m.



CPR Class

Have you interest in being certified in CPR or do you need a refresher course. In March we are looking for a minimum of 10 people interested (20 people max) in this one night course. The fees for the course depends on the number of people interested. This will be held at the VFW Basement on a date TBD. Interested? Email tom.schutz@keylandhomes.com

Spring Banquet

The spring banquet is just around the corner. It's a good time to tell stories of the season's rides and perhaps mishaps. Looking at April 8th or 9th or 22nd or 23rd. More detail upcoming.

May Meeting Elections

Last meeting of the season will be May 11th. If you have interest in becoming part of the board or know someone that would be interested we will be accepting nominations starting at our April meeting. All positions President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary are all open. It's a great way to become involved but also a way to keep things going. Many of the current board members have been on for some time and may want a break. Please consider a position.