

Sundowners Snowmobile Club
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April 5, 2019

The regular meeting of the Sundowners Snowmobile Club was called to order at 7:00 pm on April 4, 2019 by President Richard Plautz at Creekview Par Three. There were 23 members present out of a total of 116, with the roll call for elected and appointed positions as follows:

Officers:

President: Richard Plautz ✓
Vice President: Robbie Koepf ✓
Secretary: Brian Gray ✓
Treasurer: Casey Lund ✓

Directors:

Mike Shumaker ✓
Tim Weber ✓
Andy Richardson ✓
Brian Gessling ✓
Charlie Rusch ✓
Aaron Lenox ✓

Trail Bosses:

Jarrold Bublitz ✓
Mark Oswald ✓
Eric Schmeling ✓
Jon Dibble ✓
Craig Phillips ✓
Mike Shumaker ✓
Jim Swon ✓
Seth Green ✓
Jamie Shelley ✓
Aaron Lenox ✓
Kurt Birkett ✓
Ryan Nelson ✓

Appointed Officials:

Trail Chmn: Mike Shumaker
Jim Swon
Activity Leader:

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Distributed to all members, read, and accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Read and accepted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Resumed the discussion of budgeting and goal setting for Sundowners, such as building a clubhouse/groomer shed. Kathie Amundson, Alison Rece, and Tim Weber volunteered for the committee using the SignUpGenius website, with Mike Bentheimer and Andy Richardson volunteering for the committee during the meeting. They were asked to brainstorm ideas and accept suggestions from members either having to do with the possible building project or other unrelated ideas. They were further asked to submit their findings to Brian Gray by May 15 for recording and passing on to other officers and directors. Ideas can be submitted to any of the following email addresses:
 - Kathie kamundsn@frontier.com
 - Alison arece2012@gmail.com
 - Tim timw@servpro2183.com
 - Mike outdoorguy@mail.com
 - Andy tileboy51@gmail.com
- Predicted a big, wet, heavy snow of 8-12 inches between April 18-21.
- Thanked members for attending the meeting. We had some snow for a while and were even able to ride to a meeting. In return, the members present thanked the officers and directors for their efforts and all thanked Aaron and Niki for hosting our meetings and meat raffles.

ALLIANCE REPORT:

- Director's Report:
 - About 700 attendees for the AWSC convention observing the 50th anniversary.
 - KAOS held challenge games at the convention such as spark plug change and carbide change. Representatives from the International Snowmobile Congress (ISC) that were in attendance were so impressed they asked KAOS to repeat the events at the ISC convention.
 - AWSC board members were reelected.
 - AWSC awarded nine scholarships at the convention, including the Morris Nelson scholarship to a recipient

from Hurley.

- The deadline for submitting “of the Year” award nominations is June 4. Clubs are encouraged to submit nominations; the forms are available at <https://awsc.org/Clubs/Of-the-Year-Nominations>.
- Trail Report:
 - Please pull the trails as soon as possible and submit the work information in SNARS. Don’t forget to flip road signs at the same time. Also, be sure to remove trail signs from any post that is not ours, such as fence posts along the interstate, road signs, and power line poles.
 - The new trail marking handbook is expected to be released this summer.
 - Distributed sign/post order forms and asked for their completion and return by the next Alliance meeting on May 1. There is grant money left over, so be sure to order everything you need.
- President’s Report. Erica repeated the request for someone to volunteer as the next trail coordinator.
- Groomer Report.
 - The chains have been removed from the west groomer.
 - The south groomer has no issues.
 - The north groomer needs new tracks on the front. The Alliance has six new tracks on-hand of the new style similar to snowmobile tracks. Using those would require replacement of the one-wheel carriers with new two-wheel carriers. This has already be done on the rear and would cost about \$9800.
- Youth Report:
 - KAOS held a tailgate party to help celebrate the AWSC’s 50th anniversry, as well as a silent auction that earned \$7224.
 - They also elected a new board.
 - KAOS will be having a camp out July 26-28 at Oakdale, which is open to everyone.
- Old Business. None.
- New Business.
 - The annual Rock County Snowmobile Trail meeting between the Alliance and county is Monday, April 8, at the county Parks Department on the corner of Hwy 14 and Newville Road.
 - Discussion of our stock of maps on-hand indicated that no new maps will be needed for next season.
 - Rod Burzinski asked when the Alliance last donated to the Morris Nelson Scholarship. The information was not immediately available, but will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Announcements.
 - Orfordville Country Riders meat raffle at Willowdale April 27 at 1:00 pm.
- Next Alliance meeting May 1 at 7:30 pm at Jake’s Junction Pub in Milton.

TRAIL REPORT. None.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Landowner hams – Casey Lund will run down the count and see to the purchase.
- Aaron Lenox provided an update on the scholarship committee:
 - The board plus Brian met prior to the club meeting to further discuss, and nearly finalize, the scholarship process.
 - Brian will draft the details and consider Jefferson County Alliance’s application for further ideas. The draft will then go to the board for changes and eventual finalization. Watch our website and/or Facebook page for news.
- Richard worked the meat raffle on March 30 along with his wife Nancy, Mike Bentheimer and Vickie Swiss, and Rollie and Kathie Amundson. Thy raised \$612 for the Sundowners. The meat raffles are now suspended until the fall.
- Morris Nelson Memorial update. Richard contacted Lindsey Fontaine of Wisconsin Snowmobile News and found that July 31 is the deadline to provide photos and articles for the September issue. To ensure we meet that date he appointed a committee consisting of Jarrod Publitz, Robbie Koepp, Kurt Birkett, Tim Weber, and Mike Shumaker to stay on the details.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Rollie Amundson raised the question of adding snow bikes (the motorized kind, not to be confused with fat tire bikes) as users of our trails as a way to attract younger members. Richard will contact the DNR to see why it isn't allowed and what the future might hold.
- Nominations continued from April. There were no additional nominations, so the following were elected by acclamation:
 - President—Richard Plautz.
 - Treasurer—Casey Lund.
 - Directors—Charlie Rusch, Aaron Lenox, and Chris Green.

ANNOUNCEMENTS. A motion was presented and approved to buy one drink for each member in attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm. Since this was the last meeting for the 2018-2019 season, the next meeting will be Thursday, September 5, 2019 at 7:00 pm at Creekview Par Three.

Brian Gray
Secretary, Sundowners Snowmobilers

CLUB CONTACTS
(as of March 2019)

Officers

President	Richard Plautz	608-213-8898
Vice President	Robbie Koepf	608-290-8302
Secretary	Brian Gray	608-201-0104
Treasurer	Casey Lund	608-449-6531

Directors

Mike Shumaker	608-444-1071
Tim Weber	608-289-6552
Andy Richardson	608-295-1703
Chris Green	608-295-2180
Charlie Rusch	608-449-5210
Aaron Lenox	608-289-1568

Appointed Officials

Trail Chairman	Mike Shumaker	608-444-1071
	Jim Swon	
Activity Coordinator	vacant	

Trail Bosses

Jarrold Bublitz	Mark Oswald	Eric Schmeling	Charles Hendrickson
Jon Dibble	Craig Phillips	Mike Shumaker	
Seth Green	Aaron Lenox	Kurt Birkett	
Jamie Shelley	Ryan Nelson	Jim Swon	

- ✓ Submit membership renewal/application online at: <http://www.sundownerssnowmobilers.com/membership.html> or
- ✓ Complete the form below and bring it to a meeting or mail with \$20 to:

Sundowners Snowmobile Club
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(cut on this line)

Membership Form

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____
E-MAIL _____
SINGLE _____ FAMILY _____
SPOUSES NAME _____