

Sundowners Snowmobile Club
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December 8, 2017

The regular meeting of the Sundowners Snowmobile Club was called to order at 7:00 pm on December 7, 2017 by President Richard Plautz at Creekview Par Three. There were 32 members present out of the current total membership of 112, with the roll call for elected and appointed positions as follows:

Officers:

President: Richard Plautz ✓
Vice President: Jeff Bartz
Secretary: Brian Gray ✓
Treasurer: Casey Lund ✓

Appointed Officials:

Trail Chmn: Mike Shumaker ✓
 Jim Swon ✓
Activity Leader:

Directors:

Mike Shumaker ✓
Tim Weber
Chris Green ✓
Brian Gessling ✓
Charlie Rusch ✓
Aaron Lenox ✓

Trail Bosses:

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Read and accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Read and accepted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Thanked Aaron and Niki Lenox for hosting the Christmas party – the food smells great!
- Wisconsin Snowmobile News requested an article and pictures from the 45th Anniversary event for the "Club Flashback" section in the magazines February issue. Jon and Pam Dibble assisted Richard with the input.

ALLIANCE REPORT:

- Rod Burzinski gave a director's report, which included information on the Recreation Opportunities Analysis Open House Meeting the DNR is hosting in Fitchburg Dec 13, 4:00 – 7:00 pm. Rod is unable to attend, so Levi Olson will try to make it.
- Levi Olson talked about trail issues:
 - Surveyed the clubs represented at the meeting for trail status. Milton, Orfordville, and Janesville are complete. The remaining clubs are close and should be finished within a week.
 - Some bridges need planking. Specifically south of Clinton to the state line, which was damaged by a fallen tree.
 - Starting the process for a new bridge between Evansville and Janesville.
 - Talked about the SNARS program and the new alliance/association level between club-level and county-level.
- Youth report explained the article the Rock County youth representatives wrote for the WSN magazine.
- Old business:
 - The Alliance and clubs are both covered for crop damage in their respective insurance policies, with each having a \$250 deductible per occurrence. Photos, landowner name, and address of the damage would be required for claims, which would be followed up by an adjuster's visit.
- Rock County Sheriff's Deputy Chris Krahn:
 - Spoke about snowmobile safety classes. He and Casey Lund discussed clubs teaming with

the Sheriff's Department on future safety classes, so anyone wanting to do that should contact him no later than September before the schedule is finalized.

- There is no current DNR warden in Rock County, so Deputy Krahn is it for snowmobile issues.
- Contact information:
 - Cell 608-289-2769
 - Office 608-757-7932
 - Email krahn@co.rock.wi.us
- Following the meeting the Oaks Ridge Riders of Roscoe, IL gave the Sundowners a check for \$100 to assist with the Morris Nelson memorial.

TRAIL REPORT:

- There are a lot of trail signs down as a result of the wind earlier in the week.
- We have just a few trail sections that are not done. Should be ready by Monday.
- Have an issue with the trail into Edgerton that has to be worked out with the city.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Meat raffle:
 - The first one went well, raising a total of \$513. The meat raffle itself generated \$390 as planned, along with \$123 from a 50/50 raffle. Michelle Green and Kurt Birkett were the volunteers, along with help from Vickie Birkett.
 - The next raffle was rescheduled to Dec 16, 2:00 – 4:00 pm.
 - Andy and Matt Richardson volunteered to work the raffle, with help from Aaron Lenox.
 - Volunteers for future raffles will be discussed at the next meeting. All members are asked to consider helping out with this – it's quick, easy, and fun. **{Jan 4}**
- Status of the ZR 120 raffle:
 - With the ticket stubs turned in at the meeting a total of 50 tickets have been sold thus far.
 - In addition to the individual members who are holding tickets to sell, they are available at Creekview, Lakeview, and Rock River Marina and Motorsports.
 - Some tentative plans were discussed for a "road trip" to haul the sled around to different locations and try to sell tickets. **{Jan 4}**
- Morris Nelson memorial:
 - The plaque was ordered five weeks ago, so we are well into the 6-8 weeks production time.
 - Ryan Nelson will meet with Shoes to select the rock to which the plaque will be mounted.
 - Project phases for tracking:
 1. Rock and plaque {nearing completion}
 2. "The 'rock' of Rock County" sign (type, size, etc.)
 3. Follow on improvements, some of which already suggested:
 - Map board.
 - Solar cell powered lighting of the plaque.
 - Picnic table. **{Jan 4}**
- Shoes/Swonnie met with the DOT regarding the bridge work in the Newville area and everything is worked out. **{Complete}**

NEW BUSINESS:

Donation request from Gifts for Kids was referred to the board of directors in accordance with the bylaws.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Thank you cards from:
 - The family of Lisa Carley.
 - Bob Bennett.
- Fort Drift Skippers meat raffle at the Fort Atkinson VFW, the second Saturday of every month, 3:30 – 5:00 pm.

- Fort Drift Skippers sledding party with Boys and Girls Clubs, including a youth sled raffle.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm. The next meeting will be January 4, 2018 at 7:00 pm at Creekview Par Three.

Brian Gray
Secretary, Sundowners Snowmobilers

CLUB CONTACTS (as of Sep 2017)

Officers

President	Richard Plautz	608-213-8898
Vice President	Jeff Bartz	608-751-1802
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Treasurer	Casey Lund	608-449-6531

Directors

Mike Shumaker	608-444-1071
Tim Weber	608-289-6552
Chris Green	608-295-2180
Brian Gessling	608-314-0694
Charlie Rusch	608-449-5210
Aaron Lenox	608-289-1568

Appointed Officials

Trail Chairman	Jamie Ylvisaker	608-931-9714
	Jim Swon	
Activity Coordinator	vacant	

Trail Bosses

Jarrold Bublitz	Mark Oswald	Eric Schmeling
Jon Dibble	Craig Phillips	Mike Shumaker
Seth Green	Aaron Lenox	Kurt Birkett
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- ✓ 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:

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Membership Form

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____
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 SINGLE _____ FAMILY _____
 SPOUSES NAME _____