

ROCK COUNTY ALLIANCE OF SNOWMOBILE CLUBS

January 7, 2015

Call to Order: at Maintenance Building by President Bob Kaiser

Roll Call: Alliance officers present: Bob Kaiser, Don Myers, Sandy Tiffany, Jackie Olson. 9 clubs present. Absent: No Rock Cty Club & Youth Riders

Two Rock County DNR wardens, Mike Dieckhoff and Boyd Richter, and Rock County Deputy Chris Krahn attended the meeting. Deputy Krahn has held 3 snowmobile safety courses so far and has one more coming up. They have pre-registration and a one-day class on Saturdays, which a lot of people prefer. All of the classes held by our clubs are earlier than his, in November and early December, and usually during weeknights. Other issues discussed were problems with Illinois riders riding up here when our trails are closed and what could be done about it. IL trails are open with 4" of snow. Some people were given citations for various violations. The best thing we can do is call the Rock County non-emergency number or the wardens. You can also take a picture on your phone of the registration and give it to them. Complaints about trail problems justify having the wardens and cops out there. Club trail only should be marked as such and OK'd by the landowner.

Secretary's Report: On file in the secretary's book

Treasurer's Report: Copies of the treasurer's report were distributed. Don Myers read it, a copy is on file in the secretary's book. Dan Buttchen made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Levi Olson seconded it, motion carried.

Pay Bills: Bills were presented for payment. Mark Tiffany made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Gary Stapleman seconded it, motion carried.

AWSC Director's Report: There is a meeting coming up with the DNR regarding the administrative details of the trail pass program, also a Director's meeting in Wausau. The AWSC is having a different raffle this year. Tickets are \$100 each and only 450 will be sold. Let Morris know if you want one.

Trail Report: Trail is mostly in except for a section north to Thresherman's Park. There is a major change in the Hanover area – most of the road riding has been eliminated. There is also a change in the Lima marsh area. Turn in trail put-in reports to Levi ASAP. He also needs landowner lists. We are writing checks this year so all changes and corrections will be made.

President's Report: Thanks for getting the trail in.

Groomer Report: They are ready to go and waiting for snow. The tractor has some lighting issues. Trail doesn't need to be open for the groomer to go out. Road signs for lettered and numbered roads were ordered and some clubs have them up. Having signs on each road crossing is an advantage to people not familiar with the area, especially if there is an emergency. Levi has a huge stack of road-named wooden signs. Clubs should see if there are some they can use. If we have a no-snow year we can buy more signs. Road named signs are about \$10-12 each and we would need two for each crossing. We can start replacing the bad tracks on the groomers, and will try to get the two for the north groomer first. They will cost us \$2,895 each with no deadline date, and they don't want the old ones back. We have to put them on. The problem affects tracks sold in 2010. Camoplast makes them for Tucker, and the \$2,895 is about half the normal cost.

Old Business:

Hospitality room: We had a weekend at Presque Isle donated, and are getting more donations. We need to work on food. The Clinton Fencehoppers has some Ski-Bobs to donate for raffle prizes. There is a printer who will make us T-shirts (\$5) and hoodies (\$15).

Youth rep: Erica has been promoted to KAOS Youth Advisor, so Rock County now has two spots open for youth reps. You would have to be high school age to be a rep, anyone older would be an advisor. The KAOS ride to Lakewoods is coming up.

Maps: Have been distributed to clubs.

New Business: Trail hotline should be updated weekly. The message will only be updated during the week, not on weekends. Jefferson County Alliance can change their hotline, but we can't do it in Rock County – it is only done by two people in the Parks Dept. Jefferson County now has another warden for the northern part of the county.

Announcements:

Feb 4 – Alliance meeting, Country Riders, 7:30 pm at Orfordville American Legion

Mar 4 – Alliance meeting, Evansville Sno-Devs, 7:30 pm at Evansville VFW

Dan Buttchen made a motion to adjourn. Wally Goeglein seconded it, motion carried. Thanks to the Clinton Fencehoppers for providing snacks.

Submitted,

Sandy Tiffany
Secretary