

March 25th, 2015

DEAR CLUB MEMBERS:

The March meeting held at Lakeview had 40 members present with 3 new members joining us. There were a few members that were able to ride the trails there.

The meeting was called to order by Richard @ 7:30 pm.

Roll call was taken with the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, 4 Board members, Trail Chairman and Activity Director present.

Secretary Report: On file and distributed to all members.

Treasurer Report: Read and accepted as read.

PRESIDENT REPORT:

Starting at this meeting, anyone present must be a current club member. There have been many times where there were people at our meetings that should not have been there. The meetings will be held in a more private setting. We are a nonprofit organization and others do not need to know about our financial situation.

Jeff Bartz will be selecting the locations of the meetings from now until September.

Any fundraising idea going forward will need to be written as a business plan. The following information will need to be included: (This information can be found on our website)

Suggested Activity (radar run, raffle, etc.)

Cost/Expense to the club for operating suggested activity

Personnel needed to support the suggestion (members, contractors, vendors)

Schedule/proposed dates of suggestion (alternate date if weather may be a factor)

Suggested activity location options and considerations (restrooms, shelters, etc.)

Benefits to the club for having the suggested activity (fund raising, new members, community partnership, etc.)

Risks or Liability (weather, similar activities in the area)

Plan for after activity report (open discussion at club meeting what worked and what needs to be refined)

The suggestions will be evaluated by the club and will have Board members involved. The motion's will be made and put on the agenda for the next meeting for a vote. We must do what is best for the club.

The Board of Directors are to take a past event and create a plan to see how well the plan proceeded or failed.

Richard presented the "Presidents Award" to Tom and Eileen Hutchinson for their outstanding dedication to the club. Thank You for everything you do.

This will be an annual award given in the month of March. Future recipients will be nominated and the Board of Directors will make the determination of who shall receive the award.

ALLIANCE REPORT;

The Alliance received a \$30,000.00 grant that needs to be used or they lose it. This could be used for rebuilding bridges, trail gates and signs. If you need signs get with Jamie so he can get them ordered.

Help is still needed for the convention hospitality room; they will be preparing food on the Thursday before at the maintenance building in Clinton.

There was a meeting held with Cathy Stepp from Wisconsin tourism.

The Rock County snowmobile Hotline is never updated on the weekends and can be a problem about opening and closing of the trails. Bob Kaiser is going to make a push so someone else can make the changes and update when needed.

The next Alliance meeting will be April 1st at Milton VFW hosted by Lake Koshkonong and everyone is welcome to attend. The meeting begins at 7:30.

TRAIL REPORT:

Remember if you need signs let Jamie know.

OLD BUSINESS:

Noting old to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

Charlie talked about a landowner who had recently passed away and thought that we should be aware just in case something happens to that section of trail.

Nominations for officer's positions were taken:

President: Richard Plautz

Vice President: Jeff Bartz

Secretary: Jackie Kell

Treasurer: Tom Hutchinson

Board of Directors: Casey Lund, Craig Phillips, Tim Weber, Jim Schaffitzel, BJ Kienbaum, Steve Hanewall, Mike Shumaker, Bob Colclasure, Tim Kuschel, Kurt Birkett

Nominations will be opened before the vote at the next meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Alison gave a brief report from the club ride held in February in the St. Germain area. There were about 15 members that came to ride. The weather was very cold on Saturday and 2 sleds came home blown up. Not an awful turn out for the 1st attempt.

The 3 new members were introduced and asked "What will you do for this club"?

Andy stated "he helps mark trails and has since he was about 5".

Paul stated "he will do what he can when he can".

Tammy stated "she has been coming for a few years and will do whatever she needs to".

Thank You for joining us.

Brad Wenzel's name was pulled; he was not present so the \$\$\$ goes to \$189.00 for the next meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, meeting adjourned 8:32 pm.

Our next meeting will be held April 2nd at Creek view beginning @7:30.

Sincerely,

Jackie Kell

Secretary of the Sundowners Snowmobile Club