

## ROCK COUNTY ALLIANCE OF SNOWMOBILE CLUBS

February 4, 2015

**Call to Order:** at Orfordville American Legion by President Bob Kaiser

**Roll Call:** Alliance officers present: Bob Kaiser, Sandy Tiffany, Jackie Olson. Absent: Don Myers. 8 clubs present. Absent: Rock County Snowblowers and N Rock County Club & Youth Riders

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

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

**Pay Bills:** Bills were presented for payment. Dan Buttchen made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Matt Vike seconded it, motion carried.

**AWSC Director's Report:** We met with the DNR regarding administrative details of the trail pass program. Antique sleds, 1966 and older, used to have a one-time registration fee. This will now be \$5 for three years, for sleds 35 years and older, and you must belong to a WI snowmobile club. Non-resident fee will be \$50. We get gas tax from all registered sleds and don't want to jeopardize this. Dealer rentals and demo sleds were discussed. The DNR is in the process of going to a new program so they can mail trail pass stickers that are purchased with a debit or credit card. There may be changes to the snowmobile program in the Governor's new budget. Erica Keehn gave a report at the Directors meeting and did an excellent job. Clubs who are not going to attend the voting for AWSC officers at this year's convention should get their voting delegate form to Morris. The only office contested is Treasurer.

**Trail Report:** Trail is all in and currently open and groomed, even though there isn't much snow. Any new leases must be turned in to Levi ASAP so checks can be done. Levi turned in a bill to the County for \$9,700. Some landowners who snowmobile aren't happy about having to pay for a trail pass. It was suggested that clubs pay for their membership to the AWSC and trail pass sticker if it becomes an issue. Membership in the AWSC is annual – the date shows on your yellow membership card. Trail passes are good from July 1 to June 30 annually. There are some orange arrows still being used and should be replaced.

**President's Report:** It's nice to have the trails open and groomers running. Thanks to groomer drivers.

**Groomer Report:** The south groomer has been out with no problems. The north groomer broke an axle, which will need to be repaired. We will probably buy a new one so we have a spare. The tractor needs some minor repairs. Replacement tracks for the north and south groomers have to be picked up and paid for by Feb 28<sup>th</sup>. Total is \$17,894, which is about half the normal cost. We don't know if we have to pay tax. Wally Goeglein made a motion to buy the tracks. Motion was seconded by Dan Buttchen and carried. Levi will pick them up in MN. The two tracks for the north groomer will be put on right away. The four tracks for the south groomer can wait. Discussion was held on shelf life if we don't put them on right away.

### Old Business:

*Hospitality room:* We have a month and a half before Convention. We are getting more donations, and now need to focus on food. Clubs are asked to try to get donations of snack items and/or beverages. We need items or commitment by the March Alliance meeting. The Alliance will pay for whatever else we

need after donations. Katie will find out if we need a raffle license. We will have a meeting with club representatives, and a work schedule will be put together.

*Youth rep:* No report

*Other old business:* None

**New Business:** A few years ago we decided to eliminate the \$25 per club annual dues to belong to the Alliance. Current bylaws need to be amended to reflect this. Wally Goeglein made a motion to eliminate club membership dues. Motion was seconded by Rod Burzinski. We need to have a 2/3 quorum to make this official. Sandy will look up the date when dues were eliminated. We will take action on this motion at the March meeting. *Each club has two voting delegates and must be present at the March meeting, so please make every effort to attend.* We need to appoint n AWSC Director. Levi Olson nominated Morris Nelson. Allison Rece made a motion to appoint Morris Nelson. Motion was seconded by Rod Burzinski and carried. Mark Hubka made a motion to reimburse Morris \$599 annually for expenses. Motion was seconded by Rod Burzinski and carried.

**Announcements:**

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

Feb 8 – Benefit for Bill Klitzman at Orfordville American Legion

Feb 14 – Clinton Fencehoppers vintage ride, registration starting at 10 am at Maintenance Bldg

Feb 28 – Oaks Ridge Riders bonfire in afternoon on trail in Roscoe

Mar 14 – Lake Koshkonong meat raffle at Snuffy's Still, proceeds to honor Flight

Apr 1 – Alliance meeting, Lake Koshkonong

May 6 – Alliance meeting, Milton Snow Riders

Levi Olson made a motion to adjourn. Rod Burzinski seconded it, motion carried. Thanks to the Country Riders for providing snacks.

Submitted,

Sandy Tiffany  
Secretary