

ROCK COUNTY ALLIANCE OF SNOWMOBILE CLUBS

January 6, 2016

Call to Order: at Maintenance Bldg by President Bob Kaiser

Roll Call: Alliance officers present: Bob Kaiser, Don Myers, Sandy Tiffany, Jackie Olson. 10 clubs present.

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. Wally Goeglein seconded it, motion carried.

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

Deputy Chris Krahn talked about the snowmobile safety classes put on by the Sheriff's Dept. Attendance is down this year, probably because there hasn't been any snow. He has had about half the number of people as last year. There have been more parents taking it with their kids this year. He has had more people coming from Lake Geneva, Madison and Green County. His classes have registration on one day and the remainder of the topics on a second day. The Sheriff's Dept. provides free advertising for billboards and press releases. They also pay the teachers. People have been asking about clubs because of the new trail pass law. Non-resident trail passes include the make and model of the sled. Some people coming into Wisconsin from Illinois have gotten out of tickets because it's not clear where the stateline is on the trail. We will put up a sign saying "Entering Wisconsin, Trail Pass Required".

AWSC Director's Report: The AWSC office is swamped with calls from people who don't understand the trail pass process. First they have to join a club. Then the club membership person sends in their membership to the AWSC, usually within 2-3 days. The AWSC office adds or renews their membership and issues them a member number. People can then apply for a trail pass, paying the \$10 fee per trail pass to the AWSC and including the registration numbers for each sled. The AWSC then sends the information to the DNR and they mail the trail pass. The whole process usually takes about a week. Clubs should explain this process to any new members. Anyone who doesn't want to wait can apply directly to the DNR but will have to pay \$30. They can print a temporary receipt and ride with that until they get the trail pass in the mail. There is a bill circulating to tie an OWI on a snowmobile with a person's driver's license. It is LRB 1114/1 and is the same bill as the one initiated in 2011. It would also include ATV's and boats. Currently the drinking age on a snowmobile is 19, and would have to be changed to 21. It would require anyone who got an OWI on a snowmobile to have to take a safety class, and if you lose your driver's license because of an OWI you would also not be able to operate a snowmobile. There is currently no requirement to have a driver's license to operate a snowmobile, ATV or boat. The penalties would be the same. The AWSC Directors will discuss this at their next meeting. This bill can be viewed online.

Trail Report: Levi is waiting for trail put-in reports from three clubs. He has a bill for about \$9700 to turn in. All trail is in. We may have a problem in the Lima Marsh area because it's wet.

President's Report: Thank you to everyone for getting trails in. The Wisconsin Snowmobile News has a new editor.

Groomer Report: The pan for the tractor drag was welded but chains are not on yet. We haven't put the new tracks on the north groomer yet.

Youth Advisor Report: There is a youth ride on Feb. 7th at Lakewoods.

Old Business: None

New Business: We need to start thinking about a new map for next year. We didn't do one this year because we had so many left. Levi knows of a few advertiser changes. The best time to sell ads is early spring, at the end of snowmobile season. Levi will bring a list of each club's sponsors to the next meeting. He is looking for someone who would like to be in charge of doing maps.

Announcements:

Feb 3, Alliance meeting, Country Riders, 7:30 pm at Orfordville American Legion

Feb 6, Clinton Fencehoppers vintage ride at maintenance bldg, registration at 10, ride at 12

Mar 2, Alliance meeting, Evansville Sno-Devils

Mar 12, Lake Koshkonong meat raffle at Snuffy's, 4 pm

Steve Fausnaugh made a motion to adjourn. Rod Burzinski seconded it, motion carried.
Thanks to the Clinton Fencehoppers for providing snacks.

Submitted,

Sandy Tiffany
Secretary