

## ROCK COUNTY ALLIANCE OF SNOWMOBILE CLUBS

February 6, 2019

**Call to Order:** at Orfordville American Legion by President Erica Keehn

**Roll Call:** Alliance officers present: Erica Keehn, Steve Fausnaugh, Kate Fuchs, and Jackie Olson. 7 clubs present; Absent, Rock County Snowblowers, Oak Ridge 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. John Case made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Matt Ardis seconded it, motion carried.

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

**AWSC Director's Report:** The Director's meeting was held in Rice Lake 1/6, Erica, Lynsey, Rod, and Bob Bennett (Jefferson Cty) were all in attendance. There were many discussions about the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration that will be held at the Convention, March 22-24 in Green Bay, WI. A few states have moved away from ACSA, mainly all in the eastern states and have formed the United Snowmobile Association, Currently the AWSC does not plan on moving from ACSA. The DNR is working to create a dealer portal which may allow for same time DNR access with a purchase of a sled with a dealer, more information to come as this moves forward. AWSC is working with the new Governor the VIP ride will be held 2/11. There are trail concerns/issues in Stowers Lake area, however the language was changed to allow snowmobile use. In Langlade County, the wolf river bridge, this seemed like it would be a proposition that would not move forward, however because of the turnout at the meeting of both snowmobile and ATV users, the board changed their mind and will be moving forward with proposals. Please keep in mind the power that we as a group to keep things moving in a positive way. Currently the AWSC is up in membership for the 2018 season. Membership was 38,668. Farm Tech Days will be held 7/23-7/28 in Jefferson County. Volunteers may be needed, we will keep everyone posted. The AWSC budget is stretched tight with legal and attorney fees, which then causes issues meeting the budget requirements for other areas. Dues have not been raised for the ASWC for a few years. It was brought up at the directors meeting and passed to have the dues raised from \$10 to \$12 per membership to the AWSC. At the Convention it will be voted to change the bylaws to have membership run concurrent with DNR registrations, from 7/1-6/30 regardless of when membership is entered.

**Trail Report:** As of the meeting trails have been open for 11 days so far. There have been a few complaints of riders not staying on the trail, these concerns were addressed with each club that was involved. These issues could lead to trail closures. We are not allowed to put any signs on DOT posts, the state called the counties and the message is getting sent out throughout the state. If you have any signs on DOT posts/property, please get them moved. For the groomer operators, please watch the amount of snow in the roads, please try to leave as little snow as possible when crossing the roads. Please keep getting SNARS info entered,

currently we have turned in approximately \$9,000 in bills to the county. Levi announced that he will be stepping down as trail boss at the end of this season. Please bring this up to your clubs as we will need people to help fill these shoes sooner rather than later. There are multiple facets of this job so it can be shared between volunteers. Levi will be around to help those who volunteer during the transition. Levi has been our trail boss since 1992. Thank you, Levi, for all that you have done for the Alliance.

**President's Report:** Thank you all for coming, I apologize for the weather, it turned for the worse this evening. Thank you to everyone for working to get the trails open. There will be a meeting in March about the Blue Mounds trail, watch for notice, the more people we can get there the better for our side. I was participating with the Snowmobile Friendly Community break out session, we had 9 applicants this year, those selected will be announced at Convention.

**Groomer Report:** South groomer ready. West groomer has some cables that need replacing. North groomer broke a spindle.

**Youth Advisor Report:** The KAOS youth ride will again be held in Lakewood, Nikole, Tia, Lynsey, and Rachyl will be attending. The KAOS board will be voted on at the ride. The KAOS group will be having a silent auction at the convention, anyone with donations please feel free to bring them to the next alliance meeting and we can get them to convention.

**Old Business:** Agreement between Clinton Fencehoppers and the Alliance was discussed. It was decided to keep things as they were and follow the same agreement as from the January 2008 meeting minutes. We will get this agreement re-typed and brought to the next meeting to make everything official. Brian Gray brought in multiple color and font options for the Alliance logo. It was decided to have a white background to the wording with black outline and a black block style font so that it is easy to read. The foundation was poured for the Morris Nelson trail. Clinton had an impromptu vintage ride the weekend of 1/26 since we had snow, overall it was a great turnout.

**New Business:** None

#### **Announcements:**

**Mar 6, Alliance meeting, Evansville Sno-Devs, 7:30 pm at Evansville VFW**

Mar 16, Lake Koshkonong meat raffle at Snuffy's, 4 pm

Apr 3, Alliance meeting, Lake Koshkonong, Jakes Junction

May 1, Alliance meeting, Milton Snow Riders

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

Submitted,

Kate Fuchs  
Secretary