

ROCK COUNTY ALLIANCE OF SNOWMOBILE CLUBS

November 2, 2016

Call to Order: at Edgerton Towne and Country Club, Edgerton, by President Bob Kaiser

Roll Call: Alliance officers present: Bob Kaiser, Don Myers, Jackie Olson, Kate Fuchs. 9 Clubs present; Absent, Rocky County Snowblowers

Secretary's Report: A copy is on file in 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. Dan Buttchen made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Bob Bennett seconded it, motion carried.

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

Directors Report/AWSC Workshop Report: Workshop was held at Chula Vista, Rock County had a good turnout. SNARS was the biggest and newest thing to come out of workshop this year. SNARS (Snowmobile Automated Reporting System) will be used to electronically log trail maintenance by clubs and counties. Each club needs to have a rep that is able to log on via the online system. Whatever e-mail the AWSC had listed as the club chair, received an email at the end of October with information on logging into SNARS. For many this was not the correct person of contact. If you have not yet already, please email Levi Olson who your clubs rep will be, and the e-mail that will be used for login (or that you have already gotten logged in). The workshop was well attended with 750+ in attendance. Trail passes sold were 117,000, 61,935 to AWSC members, 55,466 to non-members and an additional 16,000 to non-residents. The snowmobile fund had an increase of \$2.8 million due to the trail pass. This was the first year that the Governor's Council has been able to allot money out to new bridges. To cover the cost of the first year with no renewal registrations, \$1 million was set aside to cover costs of income lost due to the switch to registrations being current for 3 years. AWSC membership had an increase of approximately 13,000. As of workshop membership was up 5,000 over last year. Clubs should get new and renewal memberships in to the AWSC right away so people can get their trail passes, but no more than once per day. There was some major storm damage done in some northern counties, FEMA is covering about 75% of the costs, a portion of what is left may be brought up to the Governor's Council. Watch when going up north as there may be some additional re-routes this season due to the damage. A big message throughout workshop was again that with new members coming into clubs, to make sure that the new members are made welcome, and that clubs show not just the work involved, but the FUN of being in a club. There was a moment of silence in memory of Morris, and the scholarship committee mentioned that there would be an additional scholarship in memory of Morris, and additional details would be coming. At the Director's meeting, Levi attended the trail breakout session where the SNARS program was discussed a bit more. In the AWSC magazine – WSN, there will be a survey that they would appreciate us filling out, of those who turn in surveys, 2 Castle X jackets will be given away. There is talk about with the increase of money in the Snowmobile fund that the price per mile of trail maintenance will increase from \$250 to \$300, if this passes legislation, labor rates and grooming rates per mile will also increase.

The AWSC is again having their annual raffle, each ticket is \$100, 450 tickets sold, \$10,000 given to the first prize winner, and 4 additional place prizes as well. Please let Levi know if you need/want a ticket. SnowGoer magazine is offering a one-year subscription for \$10, with \$5.00 of that going to the AWSC. Offer is good through Feb 1, 2017. Contact Kate Fuchs, 262-949-7749, for a copy of the offer.

Trail Report: Each club was given folder with trail report put-in sheets as a backup, land owner lists, maps showing trails, and the rates sheet. Please bring in a copy of each the landowner list and the map showing any changes you club has for the season to December's meeting. SNARS – with the new system the trails are now numbered so as you input trail put-in times you will mark specifically for the trail number that you are

working on. Send Levi the contact information for who the club representative will be for SNARS. Road signs can be turned at any time. They need to be done by Thanksgiving. When leveling trail, please be sure to use a tractor, groomer, etc. that uses an hour meter that measures to the 1/10 of an hour. Levi is looking into setting up a meeting for the club SNARS reps to meet to go over SNARS and have a brief tutorial.

President's Report: It is great to see the growth of the youth within the KAOS program. Congratulations to Erica Keehn who is now the AWSC Miss Snowflake.

Groomer Report: North groomer is re-painted. The South and West groomers have no changes since last meeting. We can no longer use landowner contact as billable hours.

Youth Advisor Report: Lynsey gave a report of the workshop, that it was a successful weekend, and that KAOS breakout session was well attended. The KAOS group plan to host a hospitality room at Convention and are collecting Silent Auction items which help to raise money for the scholarship fund. 15 KAOS members split the toys brought in to workshop to give to local charities throughout the state. KAOS is looking for new members, if you know of a county or would like a KAOS rep to attend a meeting please email awsckaos@gmail.com. They are looking to have a Facebook Live even monthly to answer questions about KAOS, etc. Watch their Facebook page for more details.

If anyone has an events that you would like Miss Snowflake to attend please email her at misssnowflake1617@gmail.com.

Old Business: The map is almost completed, there are a few contacts to be updated on the map.

The Morris Nelson Memorial Trail will be in place this season. The trail will be going across the "White Farm" through a wooded area between Riley Rd and Cty H. Signs are being made for the trail.

There are still a few outstanding Landowner checks, clubs as of November meeting with outstanding checks were Evansville, Sundowners, and Orfordville, please let Kate know if you need the names of who still had outstanding checks as of the November meeting. Please make sure that the Landowners are getting their checks in a timely fashion.

New Business: Alliance rep sheets were handed out. Please complete and let Kate Fuchs know of changes by December's meeting.

Previously the Director position was given a yearly stipend of \$599. The AWSC covers mileage cost for the Director position. There are 4 meetings annually that the Director and Representative should be attending (convention, workshop, winter and summer meetings). Please bring ideas of what we as an Alliance would like to do to help our Director and Representative with costs of attending these meetings.

Announcements:

Dec 3, Sundowners, Snowmobile Raffle, Anchor Inn

Dec 7, Alliance meeting, Janesville Snow Chiefs, 7:30 pm at Maintenance Building, Clinton

Jan 4, Alliance meeting, Clinton Fencehoppers

Feb 1, Alliance Meeting, Country Riders

Safety Courses

Nov 9 & Nov 10 - Clinton

Dec 8 & Dec 10 – Sundowners, Edgerton Conservation Club

Rod Burzinski made a motion to adjourn. Gary ? seconded it, motion carried. Thanks to the Edgerton Sundowners for providing snacks.

Submitted,
Kate Fuchs
Secretary