

ROCK COUNTY ALLIANCE OF SNOWMOBILE CLUBS

November 5, 2014

Call to Order: at Edgerton Towne Country Club 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. Katie Fuchs seconded it, motion carried.

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

AWSC Director's Report: There were about 900 people at AWSC Fall Workshop, with 15-20 from Rock County. Reports were given on the various workshops attended. DNR recertification, nothing much new except they now have a new DVD available for classes but it is of accidents and pretty graphic. Trail Pass workshops were heavily attended. Some topics discussed were: Registration will be \$30 for 3 years. Out-of-state clubs will not qualify for the \$10 trail pass sticker, nor will clubs with less than 10 members. Clubs must belong to the AWSC, and must get memberships into the AWSC immediately. People must join a club and have their membership sent in to the AWSC office, get their membership number and then apply for a trail pass sticker from the AWSC (\$10 stickers are only available through the AWSC). They must supply a registration number for each sled. Trail pass stickers will be mounted on the windshield. If someone breaks their windshield they must take the broken piece with the sticker attached to the DNR to get a replacement. Stickers are good for one year only, from July 1 – June 30. If purchased through the DNR the cost will be \$30. Both registration stickers and trail pass sticker must be displayed on the sled to be considered legal to ride on the trail. For every trail pass sold by the AWSC, 25 cents goes to the DNR, 50 cents goes to the AWSC (they have to mail the stickers so are not really making any money on them) and the balance goes into the state snowmobile fund. Out-of-state residents can register their sleds in WI but must join a WI club in order to get \$10 trail pass stickers. Dealers and rental businesses will be able to get \$10 stickers, but details are still tentative. Antique snowmobiles 35 years and older are currently registered for \$20 for 2 years and can be renewed for \$5 for 2 years. The snowmobile program will receive \$23.95 per year for 50 gal gas tax per antique. This 2 year registration doesn't match the new law of 3 years for normal registration so will change to 3 yrs during the 2015-2016 year, and will be \$20 for 3 yrs and renewal of \$5 for 3 yrs. Antique registration stickers will indicate that they are antique and won't need separate trail pass stickers. This antique bill was not originated by the AWSC and was changed from what we wanted. The "Is Your Club Ready" workshop mostly promoted Facebook, Twitter and club websites in order to get and retain members, and have links to the AWSC site, having club events that are fun and not just work, controlling negativity at meetings and encouraging new ideas. The trail signing workshop stressed making sure trail put-in and take-out reports were prompt and accurate. All clubs in the supplemental program are audited. The KAOS Youth workshop had a toy drive for charity. The Yamaha marketing manager was a guest speaker.

Trail Report: Levi passed out landowner lists. He needs any changes ASAP. Each club got a map for their townships. Clubs should check for any road crossing changes and get back to Levi right away. The county will start checking road crossings after December 1st, so they should be put in ASAP. We are waiting for conduit. Blazers should be put on conduit (flatten the end that goes into the ground) instead of orange posts. Conduit is about \$.75 as opposed to \$4 ea for orange posts. Road signs must be turned by Thanksgiving weekend – these are on lettered and named roads, not on highways. Equipment cost lists haven't changed from last year. We still have an issue with the landowner by Hanover but might have another landowner who can help. The DNR has different rules for where we cross their land.

President's Report: None

Groomer Report: Levi will send more info to Track on the north and south groomer tracks. There are not enough people for a class action lawsuit. 270 of these defective tracks were sold from 2009-2011, and we have 6. We actually have about 25% of promised usage but they are telling us we have used about half the life of the tracks.

Old Business:

Hospitality room: A meeting was held with representatives from each club. Discussed were options for different drawings, getting donations and what was done at Workshop. Some hospitality rooms had strip cards, spin the wheel, themes, and all had different drinks and snacks and basket drawings from raffle tickets. Our theme will be "Southern Rock" (as in southern Rock County). We already have donations or commitments from 509, Klotz, Hanksters and Monroe Power Sports. Each club should go to businesses in their area. Donations of liquor could be put in baskets or used for free drinks/beer.

Youth rep: A few people from Nova Scotia came to Workshop. Stickers were sold for scholarships. An autistic boy was given an I-pad. They plan on doing services in Walworth County. KAOS (Kids and Adults on Sleds) is now for ages 16-21 and they want to change it to just high school age, but no decision has been made yet. Erica thanked the Alliance for their support in the Miss Snowflake pageant and paying for her hotel room at Workshop.

Map ads: 90 ads were sold and all squares are filled. Levi is looking at prices for printing the map in color next year. We took in \$4,875 plus \$500 for the Hanksters ad on the front.

New Business: Levi asked for a membership form from each club. Hanksters will have these available in their dealership and will pay the membership fee for anyone who purchases a new sled or maintenance over \$200. Jamie Ylvisaker made a motion to initiate the new club, Northern Rock County Snowmobile Club & Youth Riders, into the Alliance. Motion was seconded by Eric Schmeling and carried. Discussion was held on paying off more on our loan. Funds we received from supplemental grooming may have to be used to buy new tracks. Two would be about \$6,000, and all 6 would be around \$17,000. Timeframe to purchase these is not known. Diva Snow Gear has a club give back program – for every "Like" on Facebook they will give \$.10 to a club. We could set this up for likes from Rock County Alliance.

Announcements:

Dec 3 – Alliance meeting, Janesville Snow Chiefs, 7:30 pm at Maintenance Bldg, Clinton

Jan 7 – Alliance meeting, Clinton Fencehoppers, 7:30 pm at Maintenance Bldg, Clinton

Safety Course:

Clinton's is Nov 11 & 12 at the maintenance building

Sundowner's is Nov 13 & 15 and is full

Milton's is Nov 17 & 19 at Janesville Door

The Rock County Sheriff's Dept will have one on Dec 13 – call Christopher Krahn at 608-757-7932

Steve Fausnaugh made a motion to adjourn. Leland Bongle seconded it, motion carried. Thanks to the Sundowners for providing snacks.

Submitted,

Sandy Tiffany
Secretary