

The regular meeting of the Sundowners Snowmobile Club was called to order at 6:35 pm on December 3, 2015 by President Richard Plautz at Creekview Par Three. The president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, trail chairman, and five board members were present. There were a total of 48 members attending out of the current total membership of 112. Many memberships expire in December, so please watch your renewal dates.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- Distributed to all members and accepted, with the AWSC membership corrected to over 31,000 members (rather than the 530,000 that erroneously appeared in the November meeting notes).

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Read and accepted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Gave a presentation on the dismal meteorological outlook for this winter, and the likely impossibility of a radar run on lake Koshkonong

ALLIANCE REPORT:

- Snowmobile safety class attendance has been down this year county-wide. Sundowners had ten people register, with seven attending on day one, and only six actually completing the course.
- Road signs should be flipped.
- Morris Nelson discussed a recent bill signed by the governor which makes slight adjustments to Wisconsin trail pass requirements and commercial snowmobile registrations. Changes were effective November 13, 2015 and include:
 - Customers ordering snowmobile trail passes online **from the DNR** will be issued a temporary trail pass receipt which will allow them to operate on public trails until their pass is mailed to them. Customers ordering the Wisconsin snowmobile trail pass (*for snowmobiles registered in Wisconsin*) at select license agents will receive a temporary operating receipt. The receipt must be displayed to law enforcement upon request. The temporary trail pass receipt is good for 10 days. Trail passes are sent via U.S. Postal Service and usually arrive within 10 days.
 - Temporary trail pass receipts will **not** be issued for the discounted snowmobile club member trail passes or non-resident annual trail passes. Non-resident snowmobile trail passes are available at many select license agents.
 - Antique snowmobiles displaying valid Wisconsin antique registration decals are exempt from the trail pass requirement. To be registered as an antique the snowmobile must be 35 years or older.
 - Non-resident snowmobile owners may now register their snowmobile as an antique in Wisconsin.
 - Commercial snowmobile certificate holders, typically dealers and rentals, may mount their trail pass and their metal plate to a removable plate. The plate can be removable and temporarily but firmly mounted. There are no size restrictions and the plate can be homemade.

TRAIL REPORT:

- Discussed a map review for trail bosses.
- The bridge repairs at Lund's went well.
- The trail from Lake Drive Rd to the snowmobile route in Newville will follow some new trail behind Carl's Shell.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Discussion of Tim Kuschel's radar run proposal in light of likely weather limitations. It

concluded with an agreement that Tim and Steve Hanewall would visit with Tom Olson to see if we might hold a radar run at his farm.

- The old radar run t-shirts were displayed with further discussion about what should be done with them. There was a suggestion to contact the historical society, so more investigation and discussion is coming.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussion of a possible club ride or bus trip up north if the weather proves to be as bad as it appears it will be. We will discuss it further at the January meeting when we should have a clearer picture of the winter's weather outlook.
- Solicited award nominations.
- Jake Thiermann, Sales Rep for Liberty Mutual Insurance (AWSC partner), will give a short presentation at the January meeting to educate our club on the partnership that Liberty Mutual has with the AWSC and talk about the benefits/discounts that come along with that partnership.
- In light of all their support during the sled raffle it was moved that Sundowners would pay the commercial sponsor memberships for Rock River Motorsports and Lakeview Campground and Beach Bar. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Creekview provided two gift certificates, with Chris Kueng and Dave Kienbaum drawn as the winners.

Tammy Bolden's name was drawn; she was present and received half of the \$154.00.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion adopted and meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm to begin the Christmas party. The next meeting will be January 7 at **7:00 pm** at Oberg's.

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