



NEWSLETTER

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Knight Owls Snowmobile Meeting

3/7/2022 - Groomer Shed, 4041 Hoovie Road, Tomahawk

Call to order at 7:00 PM by President Stu Lemke

Business member roll call by Vice President Jason Davis, five (5) in attendance.

Minutes of the last meeting (2/7/2022) were read and accepted following a motion by Frank Drake and second by Pete Renn.

Treasurer Report was given by Treasurer Nancy Swan.

New members: Tom and Colleen Hoffman, Mike and Heidi Hodges.

Trail Report was given by Tim DeBels. The southern areas of the county, AREAS 2, 3, & 4 ARE CLOSED. The trails in AREA 1 ARE ICE COVERED AND GETTING BARE IN SPOTS, and only expected to last through the weekend. Without snow, grooming has stopped, although it was noted there were already 530 hours of grooming this year. The Club continues to need groomer operators; please contact Gary for

instruction and practice. Trail section maintenance owners are also needed.

Groomer Building Construction of the upstairs meeting room has material on site for completing the interior. No update.

Spring HOOT! Fundraiser. Frank Drake presented the brightly colored signs for distribution to our sponsor businesses and announced a letter will soon be sent to all members about the event and need for raffle items and ideas, ticket sales, and help for set-up/clean-up. Note that when ordering more tickets than for your personal use, any unsold extras and the money collected for sold tickets must be returned two (2) weeks prior to the event. President Stu added that 'you usually only need to ask in order to sell a ticket!'

Pig Roast fundraiser. Donna Napierala of Sure-Wood Forest announced that all 250 tickets (\$100 each) were sold, and the Club profit was just over \$8900. Thank you Donna, for the wonderful meal and a great location.

- Called for nomination of one Business Director (Jason Davis replacement, 13 month term to April 2023). Tim Oldenburg and Tim Kloehn had previously accepted nomination and upon receiving no further nominations, Carl Gray moved to close nominations, and Tom Wulf seconded. Election followed with Tim Oldenburg victorious. Ballots were destroyed after a motion from Andy King and second by Joan Hilgendorf.

-The \$500 Visa gift card from Polaris, marking one million trail miles on the Ride Command App for smart phones and other devices, was recently received and will be offered as a raffle item for the Spring HOOT!

New Business: First call for nomination for even-year elections; President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, the even year Business Director, and two (2) Member Directors. Nominees for; President, Stu Lemke; For VP, Jason Davis; For Secretary, Carl Gray; for Treasurer, Nancy Swan; for Business Director; Tom Wulf; For Member Directors, Frank Drake, Pete Renn, and Tim Blackwell. A second call for nominations will occur at the Annual Meeting in April and will be followed by elections.

Nancy Swan announced a second cash award from Northwoods Riders Snowmobile club in the amount of \$2500! Nancy will send a 'thank you' to Northwoods Riders for their generosity. Northwoods also requested any photogenic Knight Owls able to attend their next meeting (last Monday in March) could get a picture taken for their newsletter.

A need for speakers and a wireless microphone was expressed for our meetings and other gatherings (raffles!). Possible donation from Tim Oldenburg.

Need for a file cabinet was expressed and Bob Leonhard said he had a possible donation.

Northwoods Riders asked for a list of our groomer operators to provide \$50 in Chamber Bucks to each. Operators needing 'training wheels' gracefully and graciously excused themselves from the list, leaving Gary, Tim, and Josh to accept the generous offer.

Bob Snow donated 14 chairs for the groomer shed meeting area.

The trail map on the website has been turned upright!

Meeting announcements and UPCOMING EVENTS will be provided to local radio station WJJQ 92.5 FM. Dave Duranceau

The possibility of an additional fundraiser for next year was brought up by Pete Renn. The draw was proposed to be Antique Snowmobiles. The idea will need a champion (possibly Pete) as well as ideas beyond comradery, food sales and entry fees, to spark interest and raise money.

A poker-run Fundraiser for next season was proposed by Tim and Tammy Blackwell. Details to follow.

Trail Map boxes. An example for new map boxes was presented by President Stu Lemke because the old were determined to be too small and with insufficient security. VP Jason Davis agreed to check with the Tomahawk High School shop teacher for fabrication as a potential community service project for students. Materials were estimated at about \$46 each. It was noted that maps should be FOR SALE throughout the year, on the chance someone might be scouting trails.

Joan Hilgendorf announced that the Knight Owls Snowmobile Club had now been organized for 50 years. A search of old records maintained by each Secretary over the years found minutes from the original organizational meeting held at "Green Pines", November 13, 1972. The meeting was called to order by Ty Hilgendorf! The original officers were Jack Evans, President; Art Thieler, Vice President; Barb Thieler, Secretary-Treasurer.

50-50 Raffle was won by Andy King.

Adjournment was at 8:10 following a motion by Andy King, a second by Jason Davis, and unanimous approval.

Carl Gray, Secretary.

2022 Season

The season has come to an end but we had a wonderful and long season with great trails this year. Remember to thank a groomer driver, land owner, volunteers, business partners and all of those responsible for the amazing trails we enjoy!

Our **Spring Hoot Fundraiser** is very important for the Knight Owls Snowmobile Club in raising the much needed funds to maintain and groom our trails. This year it will be held on May 7, 2022 at Sara Park in Tomahawk.

We are in need of raffle prizes, bottles of booze and donations.

If you have a business, provide a service or have access to raffle prizes and gift certificates please consider a donation. If you frequent places that may be willing to support the club with raffle items please take a second and ask. It can be surprisingly easy to get donations if you only ask. Maybe you have a special talent and create items that would make great prizes as well.

Please plan to attend the event, tickets are on sale at our business members and if you attended last year you know what a great time it was so consider getting your friends to join you again this year as well.

Tickets for the All You Can Eat Dinner and event are only \$40.00 per person and include entry in the cash raffle.

- 1st Prize - \$1,000
- 2nd Prize - \$500
- 3rd Prize - \$250
- 4th Prize - \$150
- 5th Prize - \$100

We will repeat the popular “Wheelbarrow of Booze” and “Gun Raffles” along with lots of great raffle prizes and entertainment. Only 250 tickets will be sold so be sure to get your tickets early and pick up some to sell as well.

Please consider sending a cash donation to help the committee purchase raffle prizes and help offset expenses for the event. We will do the shopping and ideas are always welcome.

We will recognize our major sponsors again this year.

\$1,000 - Gold

\$500 - Silver

\$250 - Bronze

For every \$100 donated you will receive an entry into the sponsors raffle for a chance to win a \$500 gift card.

If you would like to send a cash donation or prizes please send them to:

**Knight Owls Snowmobile Club
Nancy Swan – Treasurer
W2335 County Road D
Tomahawk, WI 54487**

We will be looking for volunteers as the event draws near. Set-up, ticket takers, bartenders, raffle ticket sales and clean up are a few of the areas you can help with.

Contact Melody Chambers at mfchambers@att.net if you can give us a hand.

We look forward to hearing from you!

****THERE WILL BE A SPRING HOOT FUNDRAISER MEETING AT 6:00pm PRIOR TO THE CLUB MEETING AT THE GROOMER SHED ON MONDAY APRIL 4th. ALL VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME.**

Check the website for
Announcements and Updates!
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Upcoming 2022 Important Dates

April 4 – 7:00pm Meeting - Groomer Shed
May 7 – 2nd Annual Spring Hoot Fundraiser at Sara Park

Upcoming Northwoods Riders 2022 Events

July 16 – Pontoon Palooza at The Landing

Membership Renewals

Mark your calendars that membership renewals are due on July 1st.

NEXT - Knight Owls Snowmobile Club Meeting

Monday, April 4, 2022

7:00 p.m. at Groomer Shed, 5041 Hoovie Rd., Tomahawk, WI

AGENDA

1. 7:00 pm Call to order
2. Business member roll call
3. Reading of last meeting minutes
4. Treasurer Report
5. Introduction of new members
6. Trail report
7. Old Business
 - Spring HOOT! fundraiser update. Frank Drake
 - Area Clubs function list distribution, Melody
 - Select coordinator for Antique Snowmobile Fund Raiser or shelve until Fall.
 - Update next season Poker Run Fundraiser. Tim and Tammy Blackwell
 - Second call for officer nominations. Names already in nomination are:
 - President: Stu Lemke,
 - Vice President, Jason Davis
 - Secretary, Carl Gray
 - Treasurer, Nancy Swan.
 - Two regular member Directors, Frank Drake, Tim Blackwell, and Pete Renn
 - One business Director; Tom WulfHold elections.
8. New Business
9. Business members choose 2023 January, February, and March meeting locations.
10. 50-50 Drawing
11. Next meeting LOCATION and date reminder. Groomer Shed, Monday 8/1/2022
12. Adjourn