



NEWSLETTER

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Knight Owls Snowmobile Meeting
Tuesday January 2, 2024 - Groomer Shed,
W5041 Hoovie Road, Tomahawk, WI 54487
7:00 p.m.

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

Business member count was five (6) in attendance.

New Members

Elgard Bartelt, Jan Hoffman, Mark Woyak

Minutes of the last meeting (12/4/2023) were read and corrected for the HOOT Fundraiser times; doors open at 4:00pm and dinner is at 6:00pm.

At the food concession, Northwoods Passage accepted.

And at the mention of the trail side cookout, the club should have been Northwoods Riders.

With those changes, Joan Hilgendorf made a motion to accept, Bob Leonard seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report for December was presented by Treasurer Nancy Swan.

Trail Report was presented by Tim DeBels. Trails remain closed. Check our website when we start to get snow. There have been inquiries about riding ATV's on the baren snowmobile trails and the answer is NO! In Lincoln County, ATV's are only allowed on the snowmobile trails TWO WEEKS AFTER OPENING OF THE TRAILS, to allow for time to get them sufficiently packed, in order to prevent trail damage. Work continues on the 17 trail and because of a re-route due to land sale, some new trail needs to be brushed-out.

Old business

Spring HOOT! Fundraiser. April 20th,2024 at Inshalla Country Club, Tomahawk. The doors will open at 4:00 pm and dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. Tickets should be available very soon. After a brief discussion about prizes, Joan Hilgendorf made a motion to approve spending up to \$5000 dollars for prizes, if sufficient prize donations are not received. Melody Chambers provided a second and the motion was approved.

Radio Ads: STAY BETWEEN THE BLAZERS ads will begin when season opens. Listen on WJJQ 92.5 FM or 810 AM. Morning Conversation program. Go on-line and check-out the interviews.

Mark McDonald updated that the information now includes newspaper, magazine, drink coasters, table and bar signs, and smaller indoor banners. President Stu Lemke remarked that it was very nice to see how area clubs have come together in our efforts to continue our sport.

Community fun ride date is 1/20/2024. The route is still in planning but groups will leave from Bottoms Up Bar @ 11:00 am. Consideration is being given to an alternate date, should the trails remain closed. Tim and Tammy Blackwell

\$100 Raffle supporting trail funding @ Nutzee's February 17th, 2024. Tickets are out for sale, and the planning is going well. Kevin LaMarche

Gun Raffle @ Nutzee's, March 2nd, 2024. Ticket sales have slowed somewhat with the lack of snow. Ray Zweck

2X4 Ad space at Nutzee's. After some discussion of the costs and fabrication process, Nancy Swan made a motion that the advertising would be priced at a flat rate, and the cost of the sign itself would be limited to the cost of production. Carl Gray provided a second and all approved. Orders are being taken for the signs. Tim DeBels

Ride with the Cup. 1/18/2024. Wausau to Minocqua leg. If no snow, the Cup will travel by car. Gary Hilgendorf

New Business

Splash Fundraiser. After a round-about and rather devious trap was sprung, Bob Leonard agreed to take a frigid plunge at the Castaway Bar in Tomahawk, Saturday, February 6th. Pledges are accepted at either the STAR Foundation Facebook page or Bob's Facebook page. Half of the money goes to STAR, and half goes to Knight Owls.

AWSC Magazine Events. We've been asked why our events aren't posted in the magazine. The answer is some neglect on our part, but also that only public events can be posted. Public events do not require a ticket whereas private events (ticket required) cannot. We'll try to do better in the future for our non-ticket events.

Ticket Sales. Treasurer Nancy Swan discussed Wisconsin Gaming rules and ticket security. The basics come down to the identification of tickets printed and purchased being totally reconciled with the stubs received for the drawing, and any unsold tickets.

Lack of snow. Although weather forecasts are predicting snow, our groomer and groomer shed payment requirements are a certainty. Simply said, no snow means no grooming and results in a loss of income. Without trails to ride, there's also reduced patronization of our business sponsors, leading to a slow-down in ticket sales for our various events. Please purchase those event tickets (Contact Nancy Swan using the masthead email) and attend the events for additional fun and opportunities to support the Club. Snowflake symbols with your name can also be purchased for display in the clubhouse, or simply make a donation if possible.

50-50 Raffle was won by Joan Hilgendorf.

Adjournment was at 740 pm following a motion by Kevin LaMarche, a second by Jason Davis, and unanimous approval.

Carl Gray, Secretary.

Draft minutes will be approved at the next meeting.

Upcoming Knight Owls Important Dates

February 1-4 - ACSA Ride in Carter

February 5 - Meeting at the Groomer Shed

February 17 - \$100 Ticket Drawing-Nut-Zee's

February 24 - Community Fun Ride

March 2 - Gun Raffle 3:00 pm at Nut-Zee's

March 4 - Meeting at the Groomer Shed

April 1 - Meeting at the Groomer Shed

April 20 - Spring Hoot - 4:00 pm at Inshalla CC

Upcoming Northwoods Riders Events

January 26 - Weekend Destination Club Ride

February 3 & 4 - NWR Cookout/Breakfast

Upcoming Hooligans Club Events

January 27 - Tomahawk Radar Run

Upcoming Northwoods Passage Events

February 10 - Sled Raffle

February 17 - Maday's Fisheree

February 24 - Twin Bay Pizza Feed

March 9 - Winter Celebration

**Check the website for
Announcements and Updates!**

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Membership Renewals and Trail Pass

Membership forms are available on the website www.knightowlsnowmobileclub.com for anyone who hasn't yet renewed.

Remember your Trail Pass through the AWSC is only \$10.00 and funds are directed to your club and the grooming of the trails you ride. Get your Trail Pass today at www.awsc.org

Please remember to support the club by purchasing tickets for upcoming fundraisers. We need your support now more than ever!

Continue Your Snow Dances and Snow Prayers!

Agenda

NEXT Knight Owls Snowmobile Club Meeting

Monday, February 5, 2024

7:00 p.m. at Groomer Shed, W5041 Hoovie Rd., Tomahawk, WI

Call to order

Business member count

Minutes of the last meeting

Treasurer Report

New members

Trail Report

Old business

- Ride with the Cup January 18th, 2024. Update. Gary Hilgendorf
- Community fun ride January 20th, 2024. Update. Tim and Tammy Blackwell
- \$100 Raffle Ticket supporting trail maintenance February 17th, 2024 update Nutzee's
- Radio promotion STAY BETWEEN THE BLAZES update as necessary. Mark McDonald
- Gun Raffle March 2nd, 2024. Update. Ray Zweck
- Spring HOOT! Fundraiser 4/20/2024 update. Nancy Swan and committee
- Adding business signs at the STAY BETWEEN THE BLAZES trail head. Update. Tim DeBels
- Splash! Update. Bob Leonhard, Nancy Swan
- Donations and ticket sales. Nancy Swan
- Reminder – next month will have first call for nominations of Officer and Director positions for the elections to be held at the April Annual Meeting. Per the Bylaws; even years; elections will be held for President, Secretary, two regular Directors (Gary Hilgendorf and Tim DeBels), and one business Director (Tom Wulf).

New Business:

50-50 Raffle

Next meeting Monday, March 4th, 2024

Adjournment