



## NEWSLETTER

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### **Knight Owls Snowmobile Meeting 2/7/2022 - Guppy's Lakeside Grill, W4011 Co. Rd. A, Tomahawk**

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

**Business member roll call** by Vice President Jason Davis. Nine (9) in attendance.

**Minutes** of the last meeting (1/3/2022) were read and accepted following a motion by Nancy Swan and second by Nick Rosenmeier.

**Treasurer Report** was given by Treasurer Nancy Swan.

**New members:** Gary Rast, Scott Goodwin, Andy Jones, Barry Scheu, Laura Greenway, and Legacy Tavern

**Trail Report** was given by Gary Hilgendorf. Gary announced the Club had received a \$5,000 donation from Northwoods Riders Social Club, following the request for consideration last month from the Gary and Nancy dynamic duo. Our thanks to Gary and

Nancy for the effort and a 'Thank You' will be sent to Northwoods for their generosity.

Gary showed the new "stay between the blazers" signs and place mats which included possible fines for violations. The trails are in good condition with most having an ice base and snow covered, but we could use more snow.

There was some discussion of getting a 4WD Diesel Pick-up on tracks, to pull an additional drag on some of the trails Gary and the groomer crew will investigate. There was also a discussion of intersection map and sign placement, and the recurring sign/map trashing between the County, ATV Clubs, and Night Owls. Unfortunately, resolution of the sign and map problem does not appear near at hand.

Lake Alice continues to have signage vandalism. Also, the roads plowed on the lake have added some wicked-quick elevation enhancements where the snowmobile trails cross the fisherman's roads. Club members are smoothing those exclamation-points as soon as they're recognized, but BEWARE

THAT RAPID TRAVEL ON THE LAKES CAN BE HAZARDOUS, and we must OBSERVE SPEED LIMITS NEAR THE ICE SHANTYS. The Sheriff has been informed and will talk to the lake road plow team to make them aware of their possible liability should injuries occur.

The Club continues to need groomer operators and interested persons or groupies can call for potential ride-along opportunities which occur almost every night. Gary is also the contact 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.

**Knight Owls SPRING HOOT!** Frank Drake announced the new name chosen by the event planning committee. Additionally, ideas for raffle prizes and help with set-up/clean-up were requested. Contact Frank.

**Gun Raffle** occurred following the meeting. Ray Zweck had announced that ticket sales were on par with last year's raffle. Thank you and good job Ray.

**Pig Roast** Donna Napierala of Sure Wood Forest asked for continued ticket sales, for raffle donations, and for help with the event. The event date is Saturday 2/26/2022 at 3:00 PM. It includes a great crowd, a wonderful dinner, 15 cash prizes (\$3000, \$1500, \$1000, \$700, 3 @ \$500, 2 @ \$300, 2 @ \$200, and 4 @ \$100. Additionally, there are many other raffle items, and those tickets may be bought at the event.

**New Business:** The trail map on the website is upside-down. Gary to fix.

Meeting announcements will be provided to the local radio station. Dave Duranceau

Club logo Drink Coasters for our business supporters are ordered and include a QR Code to our website, but payment remains a separate issue.

**Old Business.** The \$500 Visa gift card from Polaris is somewhere in the mail.

**New Business:** The March meeting will include voting for a Business Member Director. Tim Oldenburg and Tim Kloehn's names were placed in nomination, and nominations will again be called prior to voting.

The subject of increasing groomer driver pay was brought up for discussion and after only a short discussion, Tank Jonas made a motion to raise it to \$15 per hour. Josh Burbach followed with a second, and the motion passed unanimously.

The AWSC meeting will be held in Green Bay. Gary Hilgendorf will attend as an AWSC Director with wife Joan, and will be joined by Stu Lemke and Melody Chambers.

**Raffle** was won by Donna Napierala

Pete Renn offered a possible fund-raising idea for next season in the midst of adjournment, so will revisit as new business at the March meeting.

**Adjournment** was at 8:02 following a motion by Jason Davis, a second from Josh Burbach, and unanimous approval.

Carl Gray, Secretary.

**Check the website for  
Announcements and Updates!  
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## Trails Apps

The **Ride Command** app from Polaris has our trails and many of our business partners have links to their location, menu, website, phone number, etc. Very handy for setting up group rides or finding gas and food along the trails.

Also check out the **GTS Trails** app which gives information on trails throughout the state and a key to see when they were last groomed, whether in the past 24, 48, or 96 hours.

Very handy for planning rides!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The **\$100 Trail Fund Raffle** was held on Saturday February 26th at Sure-Wood Forest Bar & Grill. A great turn out and fundraiser.

Congratulations to our WINNERS!

- 1st Prize - \$3,000 - Tom Wulf
- 2nd Prize - \$1,500 - Debbie Meister
- 3rd Prize - \$1,000 - Natasha Cutler/Kim Hilgendorf
- 4th Prize - \$700 - Bob Leonhard
- 5th Prize - \$500 - Chase Hilgendorf
- 6th Prize - \$500 - Northwoods Passage
- 7th Prize - \$300 - Greg Jones/Nancy Swan
- 8th Prize - \$300 - Karla Meister
- 9th Prize - \$200 - Elliot Hirschall
- 10th Prize - \$200 - Will Duckett
- 11th Prize - \$100 - Terry Barttelt
- 12th Prize - \$100 - Mike Hilgendorf
- 13th Prize - \$100 - Marvin Podgorski
- 14th Prize - \$100 - Kevin Martinson
- 15th Prize - \$500 - Kari Atchison

Door Prizes

- \$100 - Marvin Podgorski
- \$100 - Jim Roberts
- \$100 - Kevin Martinson
- \$100 - Bob Calhoun
- \$100 - T & N Racing

Huge thanks to Donna & Terry Napierala for great food and a great fundraiser!

**Knight Owls Annual Gun Raffle** was held after the February 7th meeting. The following is a list of the lucky winners.

Savage 110 Hunter XP270 - Mary Krammen  
S&W M&P 380EZ Pistol - YB Road Lake  
Escort 12ga. Shotgun - Lee Page  
Mossberg Patriot 270 - Todd Uhlenbrauck  
Tristar Cobra III 12ga. Shotgun - Dale Van Gheem

Thanks to Ray Zweck for all his hard work on this raffle.

Our **Spring Hoot Fundraiser** is becoming our largest money raising event and is very important for the Knight Owls Snowmobile Club in maintaining and grooming our trails. This coming year it will be held on May 7, 2022 at Sara Park in Tomahawk.

If you have a business, provide a service or 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 to go on sale shortly 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**

As always 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](mailto:mfchambers@att.net) if you can give us a hand.

We look forward to hearing from you!

**\*\*THERE WILL BE A SPRING HOOT FUNDRAISER BOARD MEETING AT 6:00pm PRIOR TO THE CLUB MEETING AT THE GROOMER SHED ON MONDAY MARCH 7th. ALL VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME.**

### **Upcoming 2022 Important Dates**

**March 7** – 7:00pm Meeting - Groomer Shed

**April 4** – 7:00pm Meeting - Groomer Shed

**May 7** – 2nd Annual Spring Hoot Fundraiser at Sara Park

### **Upcoming Northwoods Riders 2022 Events**

**March 12** – Winter Celebration at Inshalla CC

**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, March 7, 2022**

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

### **AGENDA**

1. 7:00 pm Call to order
2. Business 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
  - February Pig Roast report. Donna Napieralla
  - Second call for nomination of replacement Business Director candidates. Tim Oldenburg and Tim Kloehn's names previously placed in nomination. Determine by vote if term runs to April 2024 (25 months versus normal 24 month term.)
  - Hold election for one new Business Director.
8. New Business
  - Website map inversion, Gary
  - Area Clubs function list distribution, Melody
  - Fund raiser idea from end of last meeting, Pete Renn
  - First call for annual officer nominations (regular April election):
    - Even year- President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, two regular member Directors, and one business Director (Directors elected two years ago. Directors up for re-election are Frank Drake, Josh Burbach, and Tom Wulf (Tank Jonas replacement).
  - Landowner database update to mail out certificates. Will, Gary, Carl
9. Drawing
10. Next meeting LOCATION and date reminder - Groomer Shed, Monday 4/4/2022
11. Adjourn