



## NEWSLETTER

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### **Knight Owls Snowmobile Meeting 2/6/2023 - Groomer Shed, W5041 Hoovie Road, Tomahawk, WI**

**Call to order** at 7:06 PM by President Stu Lemke

**Business member** count was taken by Vice President Jason Davis; Seven (7) in attendance.

**Minutes** of the last meeting (1/2/2023) were read. Corrected the name of an adjoining Club From Northwoods Riders to Northwoods Passage. Nick Rosenmeier made a motion to accept the corrected minutes. Andy King provided a second, and the minutes were accepted.

**Treasurer Report** for January was presented by Treasurer Nancy Swan.

**New members** Karl and Kristen Kruska, and Jeff and Lynn Springer were welcomed.

**Trail Report** was given by Gary Hilgendorf. Trails are in excellent to good condition and hoping the expected warm spell doesn't wreck things. Check the current trail report on the

website. Some adjoining Club areas remain blocked. STAY BETWEEN THE MARKERS. On the lakes, slow down, watch for ice berms and the fishermen. Trail section maintenance Leaders continue to be needed throughout the year to brush them high and wide for groomer clearance, and don't forget the tall-leaners.

### **Old business**

**Spring HOOT! Fundraiser** Committee met again prior to the meeting. April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 is the date at Inshalla Country Club, Tomahawk. Tickets and posters were passed out to begin sales. Please consider helping at the raffle by completing the form recently sent to everyone to donate a raffle item, sell raffle tickets at the event, or set-up and break-down tables/chairs. The President and Vice President of Northwoods Riders (attending as Knight Owls members) announced that Riders would make a donation of money to support the HOOT! Thank you Northwoods Riders! Nancy Swan is ticket and raffles coordinator. Frank Drake

Torch Run for Badger State Winter Games.

The ride got off to a rough start for lack of snow from Wausau to Tomahawk, but the last two legs went well. Consider joining next January.

Antique snowmobiles and swap-meet event continues to be pursued but remains in the “information gathering stage.” Pete Renn

Community Fun Ride. The first annual fun ride was a success as judged by the number of riders. They ran in three groups. Our THANKS to Tim and Tammy Blackwell who were already thinking changes to make next year’s run even better. The Run had incurred costs of approximately \$400, so Gary Hilgendorf made a motion to reimburse the Blackwell’s for that amount and Nancy Swan seconded with unanimous approval.

Online membership payment. Information gathering. Nancy Swan

Community Friendly Status application submitted. Lori Rogney

Web page business sponsor ads. Joan Hilgendorf

Gun Raffle was held Saturday prior to our Monday meeting. The raffle tickets were all sold and preliminary data indicates a good financial “shot in the arm” (sorry for that). Many thanks to Ray Zweck for his work in obtaining and showing the guns at various bars prior to the raffle. The added raffles provided a lot of fun and needed income as well. Thank you Nancy!

\$100 Ticket Raffle. Surewood Forest will again host on 2/18/2023. The menu will be similar to past events. Our thanks to Donna Napierala. This event includes many and varied bucket raffles. Those tickets are almost completely gone.

STAR Foundation Grant has been received. Our thanks to Nancy Swan for applying.

Northwoods Passage Raffle ticket purchased. We await their raffle!

Landowner Christmas cards. Working

Radio Ads: STAY ON TRAILS ads are running and the Club sponsorship is rotating. We’ve heard lots of good comments. Tank Jonas

**New Business**

Our groomer is five years old so the process to investigate options and replace it has begun with approval of the membership. Tim Blackwell made the motion to give the Board of Directors authorization to pursue replacement. Tank Jonas provided a second. Unanimous approval. The groomer’s value remains good. Options of either a trade-in or outright sale will be considered. Although adding another groomer was briefly discussed, the grooming reimbursement rate at the present time doesn’t favor adding another machine. A five year rotation of machines does seem to present the best value for us regarding potential maintenance requirements and trade or sale offset.

AWSC insurance in the amount of \$3000 has been reinstated at no additional cost to members and their families. See the AWSC website.

“Of the year” awards nominations are being taken by AWSC until June 15<sup>th</sup>. See the AWSC website for a nomination form.

Snowmobile Council News. Gary Hilgendorf provided a meeting brief of information current as of 1/16/2023. More money is going into enforcement. There were 214,738 snowmobiles registered this year. There were 16,278 non-resident Trail Passes this year, or \$488,340. The 16,278 ten dollar Trail Passes generated another \$162,780. In addition to registration and trail pass money, a small percentage of the gas tax (based on an ‘estimated average’ number of gallons of gas used for each registered machine) provides money for snowmobile trail maintenance. Knight Owls will have a voting delegate at the March meeting in Green Bay.

Northwoods Riders certified 43 children in snowmobile safety this past fall. They have a “RIDE RIGHT” trail theme (and we hope to get there when everyone will “STAY BETWEEN

THE MARKERS". They also had a trailside cookout and a Club breakfast.

Election of Officers. All were reminded that next meeting we will make a first call for nominations of Vice President, Treasurer, three Regular Board Members, and one Business Member.

Business Forms. Nancy Swan reminded the businesses to fill out their forms completely. All the data requested is utilized to help your business.

Trail Apps There have been some problems entering data into the Polaris App lately and Polaris hasn't been forthcoming about their problems or when they might be fixed. The BRP App was briefly discussed for its own problems related to creating a ride route. The GTS App (Groomer Tracking App) had some good reviews from the crowd.

**50-50 Raffle** was won by Tammy Blackwell.

**Adjournment** was at 8:22 following a motion by Jason Davis, a second by Tim Kloehn, and unanimous approval.

Carl Gray, Secretary.

***Draft minutes will be approved at the next meeting.***

### **Upcoming Knight Owls Important Dates**

**February 18** - \$100 Ticket Raffle Event - Surewood Forest

**March 6** – Meeting at the Groomer Shed

**April 22** - Spring Hoot - Inshalla CC

**April 3** - Meeting at the Groomer Shed

### **Upcoming Northwoods Passage Events**

**February 18** – Maday's Fisheree on Lake Nokomis

**February 25** – Twin Bay Pizza Feed

**March 11** – Winter Celebration

### **Spring Hoot**

The Knight Owls Spring Hoot fundraiser will be held on April 22nd at Inshalla Country Club. Tickets are now on sale at our business members or you can order them using the forms sent to each member. Tickets are \$50.00 per person which provides a family style dinner, raffles, and a chance to win prizes of: 1st - \$500.00, 2nd - \$250.00, 3rd - \$150.00, & 4th - \$100.00. Only 250 tickets will be sold. Must be present to win .

We are in search of sponsors to help support this event. For those of you looking to help the club now is your chance. Your contribution will help cover the cost of the raffles and prizes that will be given away. There are three levels of sponsorship: Gold - \$1,000.00, Silver - \$500.00 and Bronze - \$250.00. This may be in the form of items, cash or a combination of both. Your name will be displayed & mentioned during the event. We are also looking for people to help work the event. If interested, please let us know.

If you have any questions please contact Nancy Swan at 715-966-0308 or at [mnscswan@yahoo.com](mailto:mnscswan@yahoo.com)

There will be a planning meeting at 5:15 on March 6th prior to the general meeting at the Groomer Shed. Anyone wishing to join the planning committee is welcome to attend.

### **Knight Owls Logo Apparel**

As the Knight Owls celebrate their 50th Anniversary we are hoping to get our name and logo out with as many members as possible.

We previously sent order forms with a few items that the Knight Owls selected for printing. If you would like to browse their selection of additional items you can go to their online catalog at [www.sanmar.com](http://www.sanmar.com) and order items from there as well.

All orders need to be made directly with Tricia at Metro Screenprinting & Embroidery. Phone number 715-365-3195.

## Agenda

### NEXT - Knight Owls Snowmobile Club Meeting

Monday, March 6, 2023

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

- Spring HOOT! Fundraiser. Frank Drake and Committee

-Antique snowmobiles and swap-meet. Pete Renn

-Community Friendly Status. Paperwork submitted. Lori Rogeny

-Website update Consider adding "running ads" for our business members. Joan Hilgendorf

-On-line membership. Nancy Swan

-\$100 Ticket Raffle. Review, comment. Donna Napierala, Nancy Swan

-Landowner Christmas Cards Owner?

-Radio promotion 'Stay on the trails' In Progress Tank Jonas

-Groomer purchase update. Gary Hilgendorf

#### New Business:

-First call for nomination of officers; odd year elections per Bylaws Article IV, Section 2

Incumbents: Jason Davis, VP  
Nancy Swan, Treasurer  
Nick Rosenmeier, Regular Director  
Bob Leonhard, Regular Director  
Tim DeBels, Regular Director  
Tim Oldenburg, Business Director

Next 'after meeting' snacks Volunteer

50-50 Raffle

Next meeting April 3rd

Adjournment

## STAY BETWEEN THE BLAZERS!

Our landowners and the permissions they grant are appreciated to keep our trail system as amazing as it is.

Please respect our Landowners and remember how important they are. **STAY ON THE TRAIL!** Thanks!



## Membership Renewals Due July 1st

Mark your calendars for 2023/2024 renewals. Membership forms will be available on the website at

[www.knightowlsnowmobileclub.com](http://www.knightowlsnowmobileclub.com)

Mail all renewals to Nancy Swan.

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.

New trail passes are required annually. You can purchase trail passes online at [www.awsc.org](http://www.awsc.org) Your AWSC membership number is required and does not change from year to year. It is not mailed to members again after they are issued the first time. You can either use the yellow card you were issued originally to find your member number, or it is also located above your name in the address box on your Wisconsin Snowmobile News magazine.

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