



## NEWSLETTER

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### **Knight Owls Snowmobile Meeting 4/4/2022 - Groomer Shed, 4041 Hoovie Road, Tomahawk**

**Call to order** at 6:57 PM by President Stu Lemke

**Business member roll call** by Vice President Jason Davis, four (4) in attendance.

**Minutes of the last meeting** (3/7/2022) 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:** None

**Trail Report** was given by Gary Hilgendorf. Trails are closed. Gary noted that next season we need to get into the swamps after freezing because the clearance is getting too tight. Probably need brush hogs on skid steers and people to follow along for clean-up.

Nancy Swan read a very nice and much appreciated THANK YOU from the Northwoods Riders Snowmobile Club relating to the first rate grooming which Knight Owls provides. NWR had also provided \$50 in Chamber Bucks for groomer

operators Gary Hilgendorf, Josh Burbach and Tim DeBels. 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. The upstairs meeting room heating unit has been installed.

**Spring HOOT! Fundraiser.** Frank Drake went over the form previously mailed to all members asking for event help, donations for raffles, cash sponsorships, and ticket sales. 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 (May 7th). Frank also added that 'you usually only need to ask in order to sell a ticket!' So far, the event has drawn \$1700 in ticket sales and cash donations. Event details will be announced on radio station WJJQ by Dave Duranceau and as part of the Local Events Calendar. After some discussion, Carl Gray made a motion to authorize \$200 as a donation to the station for the announcements which would occur at least two weeks prior to the event. The motion was seconded by Joan

Hilgendorf, and unanimously approved. Pete Renn donated a 'States Quarter Dollar Collection' for the raffles. Thank you, Pete!

### **Old business**

Bob Leonhard donated and delivered needed file cabinets. Thank you, Bob!

The possibility of an additional fundraiser for next year, featuring antique snowmobiles, was previously brought up by Pete Renn. Action was deferred to the Fall. A poker-run Fundraiser for next season, previously proposed by Tim and Tammy Blackwell, will be finalized in the Fall.

**Trail Map boxes**. A second example for a new larger map box was presented by President Stu Lemke because the old were determined to be too small and with insufficient security. The potential for a Tomahawk High School project did not work-out. Materials were estimated at about \$46 each for the old model, and maybe \$70 for the new and larger one. Tim DeBells said he would get the project finished by Fall.

**New Business**: Second call for nomination for even-year elections; President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, the even year Business Director, and two (2) Member Directors. Previous 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. Gary Hilgendorf also accepted nomination as a Member Director. Nominations were then closed and having only one nominee for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Business Director, motions were made and seconded for each to approve the election of unopposed officers for their two (2) year terms. Each received unanimous approval.

The Member Director election was then held by secret ballot. It became a little confusing due to the various markings or non-marking, and after a second attempt, Tim Blackwell and Gary Hilgendorf were elected. Previous Director Frank Drake turned his key over to Gary. Joan Hilgendorf motioned to destroy the ballots, followed by a second from Nick Rosenmeir, and unanimous approval.

Meeting locations for the 2022-2023 season were discussed. The three businesses having the highest attendance were Guppies, Sherwood Forest, and Pine Point. Discussion ensued and the issues came down to the Groomer Shed being meeting friendly quiet and members only, whereas

the Bars are inherently noisy and get louder to apparently overcome our meeting noise and include non-members. Decision deferred until Fall.

Suggestions were made to have more Board meetings, perhaps prior to each meeting. President Stu Lemke then scheduled a Director meeting for May 2nd at 6:00 pm in the Groomer Shed.

Gary Hilgendorf gave a briefing on the recent AWSC Convention in Green Bay, noting that the organization kept the same officers as before, and that Preston Cole from the WiDNR also attended. AWSC Bylaws were revised to clean-up a few items, and to allow the Executive Board to operate in emergency circumstances.

Miss Snowflake will attend the Spring HOOT!

Assembly Bill 280 related to snowmobile DUI being transferred to a person's driver's license, died on the floor.

The Billboard on Hwy 51 drew several favorable comments. Our portion of the shared cost for that board was \$900 for January-March viewing. Our radio ads received approval from landowners and snowmobilers alike.

There were 63,698 snowmobile registrations / renewals last year: up 6,000 over the previous year. The Trail Passes alone added over four million dollars to the DNR administered snowmobile program, all of which comes back to clubs for trail maintenance and grooming performed. The DNR also keeps tabs on actual work done!

Members were asked to look for 50th anniversary celebration information. The anniversary will occur in November.

Community Friendly Status needs to be reapplied-for and may need a creative writer to assist. Looking for such a volunteer!

It was noted that our website receives thousands of "hits" and wondered if a link to FaceBook would be useful. Our "web team" will investigate.

50-50 Raffle was won by Jeff Cates

Adjournment was at 8:15 following a motion by Joan Hilgendorf, a second by Tim Blackwell, and unanimous approval.

Carl Gray, Secretary.

The **Spring Hoot Fundraiser** is fast approaching on May 7, 2022 at Sara Park in Tomahawk.

Tickets are limited and are on sale at our business members or contact any of the below members as soon as possible.

Nancy Swan - [mnscswan@yahoo.com](mailto:mnscswan@yahoo.com)

Frank Drake - [ddproeng@charter.net](mailto:ddproeng@charter.net)

Melody Chambers - [mfchambers@att.net](mailto:mfchambers@att.net)

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 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.

We are still looking for volunteers for 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!

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Announcements and Updates!**  
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### **Upcoming 2022 Important Dates**

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

**July 1** - Membership Renewals are due

### **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, August 1, 2022**

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

**Agenda to follow prior to the meeting.**