



NEWSLETTER

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Knight Owls Snowmobile Meeting 8/1/2022 - Groomer Shed, 4041 Hoovie Road, Tomahawk, WI

Call to order at 7:11 PM by President Stu Lemke

President Stu Lemke wanted to acknowledge all who had contributed to the very recent completion of the Groomer Shed. For those who haven't had the privilege of seeing it, it's a beauty! Located in the loft of the building, is a beautiful winter scene murals on the long walls, and a faux plank wood floor. First Class! Nancy Swan and Gary Hilgendorf were singled out for their major contributions toward the room's completion. They in turn cited the help of many more. The Club is very grateful for our members giving of their talents and time. Thank you all for a job well done.

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

Minutes of the last meeting (4/4/2022) were read and accepted following a motion by Andy King and second by Will Duckett.

Treasurer Report was given by Treasurer Nancy Swan.

New members: Richard and Mary Kroemmer, Paul and Sarah Leiman, Russell Masterson, Alan and Stephanie Van Strydonk, and Kelly Martinson.

Trail Report was given by Will Duckett and Gary Hilgendorf. Trails are closed. Information about an ATV riding on private lands was shared due to a landowner reporting the violation to the Club. Gary Hilgendorf made a follow-up report to the sheriff who was able to track down the violators. The close relationship of landowners with Club members gives them confidence their complaints will be acted upon, and that relationship goes a long way in maintaining access to many crucial trail segments in our system. Will Duckett tentatively scheduled the FIRST SATURDAY IN NOVEMBER as an all-hands trail brushing day, most likely leaving from Nut-Zee's at 9:00am. It was also noted we need to get into the swamps after freezing because the

clearance is getting very tight. Probably need brush hogs on skid steers and people to follow along for clean-up. The Club continues to need groomer operators; please contact Gary for instruction and practice. Trail section maintenance owners are also needed.

Groomer Building Complete!

Spring HOOT! Fundraiser. Frank Drake gave a brief synopsis of the event, noting approximately the same profit as last year on a somewhat reduced attendance. The steering committee was unsure of the reasons for lower attendance but will pursue that, a potential location change, and potential menu changes as well. It was noted that AWSC would print our events in their newsletter if received early enough.

Old business

The possibility of an additional fundraiser for next year, featuring antique snowmobiles and swap-meet, was previously brought up by Pete Renn. Pete believes we may be able to get a bar sponsor to provide the needed room but needs more information.

A poker-run is being organized by Tim and Tammy Blackwell as a fun event, rather than a fundraiser as earlier thought. Logistics have yet to be finalized. They anticipate the need for some donations, but not from Bars.

Trail Map boxes. Tim DeBells finished constructing all the needed boxes and they will be placed as soon as the new maps / sponsor listings arrive.

Meeting locations: After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mike Moore to hold all monthly meetings in the Groomer shed. Devon Hollis provided a second, and all were in favor.

Community Friendly Status needs to be reapplied-for and is awaiting the application date. Gary Hilgendorf, Andy King, and Lori from NW Passage Snowmobile Club will shepherd the project.

Our website receives thousands of "hits" and it was wondered if a link to FaceBook would be useful. Sarah Taves to investigate.

Investigate cost / feasibility of our website "running ads" for our business members. Sarah Taves.

New Business: Schoone Construction performed final grading and compacting of the Groomer Shed parking lot and gave a sizeable discount for the work. A thank you note will be sent.

Because of all future meetings being held in the Groomer Shed, it was noted that the Gun Raffle will need to be organized as a stand-alone event and will need a location.

Gary Hilgendorf gave a briefing on the AWSC and other snowmobile related meetings over the summer. October 29th will be an official AWSC Snowmobile Day (haven't figured out if they are hoping for an early season) He also learned that the AWSC insurance program is no more. They were unable to generate enough support from the snowmobile community to continue that offering.

Andy King wondered about our progress toward On-Line membership payment. Nancy Swan to investigate.

50-50 Raffle was won by Jason Davis who donated a portion to the Club.

Adjournment was at 8:20 following a motion by Nancy Swan, a second by Mike Moore, and unanimous approval.

Carl Gray, Secretary.

Upcoming 2022/2023 Important Dates

September 6 – Meeting at the Groomer Shed

October 3 - Meeting at the Groomer Shed

October 29 - 50th Anniversary Celebration

November 5 - Trail Brushing Day

November 7 – Meeting at the Groomer Shed

December 5 - Meeting at the Groomer Shed

January 2 – Meeting at the Groomer Shed

February 6 - Meeting at the Groomer Shed

March 6 – Meeting at the Groomer Shed

April 3 - Meeting at the Groomer Shed

Upcoming Northwoods Riders 2022/2023 Events

To be announced

Check the website for
Announcements and Updates!
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Membership Renewals

Reminder that membership renewals were due on July 1st.

Knight Owls Snowmobile Club Logo Apparel

Metro Screenprinting & Embroidery has an assortment of apparel available to order with the Knight Owls logo

A sample of the apparel will be available at the next meeting 9/6 for sizing. Attached to this email is a copy of the order form.

Orders need to be placed with Metro in person at 510 Lincoln St, Rhinelander, WI 54501 or by phone at 715-365-3195

Agenda

NEXT - Knight Owls Snowmobile Club Meeting

Tuesday, September 6, 2022

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

-Call to order

-Business member roll call.

-Minutes of the last meeting (8/1/2022)

-Treasurer Report

-New members:

-Trail Report: Tentative all-hands trail brushing day first Saturday in November. Potential swamp brushing with skid steers after freeze-up.

-Committee: Spring HOOT! Fundraiser

-Committee: Community Friendly Status reapplication.

Old business

-New Fundraiser: Antique snowmobiles and swap meet. Action Pete Renn

-Poker-run. Action Tim and Tammy Blackwell.

-50th Anniversary celebration information gathering. Committee? November.

-Website-Facebook link "web team" investigate. Sarah Taves

New Business:

-Discuss and potentially **vote** on **revisions to the Club Bylaws** which primarily involve which years to hold elections for Officers / Directors.

-Directors request the web team investigate the use of a **'running ad'** on our website for each of our business sponsors.

-Determine if repeat gun raffle, when, where, organizer.

-Determine If repeat Pig Roast, when, where, organizer..

-50-50 Raffle

-Adjournment

Carl Gray, Secretary.