

Knight Owls Snowmobile Club

NEWSLETTER

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Knight Owls Snowmobile Meeting 9/7/2021 at 5041 Hoovie Rd. - Groomer Shed

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

Business member roll call by Vice President Stu Lemke. Three (3) in attendance.

Minutes of the last meeting (8/2/2021) were read and accepted after motion by Bob Leonhard and second by Joan Hilgendorf.

Treasurer Report was given by Treasurer Nancy Swan.

New members: Ken Engel introduced himself and was welcomed.

Additional new members: Ted and Gileen Wadzinski, Marshall and Ann Porter, Dave and Gayle Schoone

Trail Report was given by Gary Hilgendorf, and he clarified the "new funded" trail paralleling US-51 into Merrill as a "take-over" of grooming only. The trail remains part of the Rock Falls Snow Drifters Club, and we groom for them. Additionally, the Alta Springs Trail J connecting from our "Ty" Trail to the north and the L&L Tree Dodgers Club to the south at County J, could also potentially become a

funded trail this year. As a reminder, the Club is in need of a Trail Boss. It's a position critical to our Club's success, especially for interaction with the many landowners who allow our trails to cross their lands. Please contact Will Duckett. The Club also continues to need groomer operators. Please contact Gary Hilgendorf for instruction and practice. Trail section maintenance owners are also needed. There is a tentative date for an ALL CLUB TRAIL BRUSHING DAY of 11/6/2021, and potentially an additional earlier date.

Groomer Building Construction is very close to completion, but the most obvious shortcoming is the bathrooms not being useable! Additionally, the upstairs meeting room interior walls require completion. Gary envisions Club volunteers shouldering that job.

Fish Boil. Frank Drake gave a brief update for the 5/7/2022 event. The fish "cooker" has been invited back, and the search for a band is on!

Gun Raffle. Ray Zweck provided information that he had distributed guns and tickets to various support business locations. Tickets are one for \$10 or three for \$20. Call Ray at home 715-453-0964 or on his cell: 262-215-0284, or email at rayzweck1@gmail.com

[Business Director Election: on hold.](#)

New Business.

Pig Roast – Donna Napierala of Shurwood Forest has again agreed to host the pig roast dinner and \$100 ticket raffle, 2/26/2022. Ticket information will be available at a later date. The event also includes many other raffle items, with those tickets being bought at the event.

Brian Piehl inquired about the Club running an Ice Fishing Derby on Lake Alice, 2/5/2022. There was interest from the group, so Brian agreed to investigate and report.

Gary Hilgendorf, who is also a member of the Snowmobile Governor's Council, shared a lot of information from the meetings, including the criteria utilized to determine whether a trail will be a "funded trail" by among other factors, connections accomplished. The funding is derived from snowmobile registrations, with a small fraction of the gasoline tax (monies snowmobilers all pay). Gary noted that snowmobile registration in the state was up more than 30,000 over last year. Other items mentioned included the problems with super-bright LED headlights for other riders and if in the proximity of motor vehicle traffic. Some changes have been made to equipment requirements also. Be aware those changes are the OPERATOR'S RESPONSIBILITY, rather than some anonymous "seller". The meeting was greatly enhanced by the information shared and the questions asked.

Drawing was won by Jeff Cates.

Adjournment was at 7:54 following a motion by Joan Hilgendorf and a second from Nancy Swan, and unanimous approval. Carl Gray, Secretary.

**Check the website for
Announcements!**
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NEXT - Knight Owls Snowmobile Club Meeting

Monday, October 11, 2021

**7:00 p.m. at Knight Owls Groomer Shed on
Hoovie Road**

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, potential pre-season work, and All Club workday-Will Duckett
7. February Gun Raffle update-Ray Zweck
8. May Fish Boil fundraiser update-Frank Drake
9. Pig Roast / \$100 ticket fundraiser update. Donna Naperalla
10. Potential ice fishing derby on Lake Alice. Brian Phel
11. Business Director (1) election determination, potential first call for nominees
12. New business.
- Polaris App random drawing entry. Carl Gray
13. Drawing
14. Next meeting LOCATION and date reminder. Groomer Shed, 11/1/2021
15. Adjourn

Upcoming 2021/2022 Important Dates

October 11 – 7:00pm Meeting - Groomer Shed

November 1 – 7:00pm Meeting - Groomer Shed

November 6 – Trail Brushing Day

December 6 – 7:00pm Meeting - Groomer Shed

January 3 – 7:00pm Meeting - Sure-Wood Forest Bar & Grill

February 7 – 7:00pm Meeting & Gun Raffle - Guppy's

February 26 – \$100.00 Ticket Drawing & Dinner - Sure-Wood Forest Bar & Grill

March 7 – 7:00pm Meeting - Groomer Shed

April 4 – 7:00pm Meeting - Groomer Shed

May 7 – 2nd Annual Fish Boil Fundraiser at Sara Park

Deepest sympathy to our President Dave Duranceau on the passing of his beloved wife Betty. You are in all of our thoughts and prayers.

Membership Renewals

Just another reminder that membership renewals were due on July 1st. Please complete the membership form included with the newsletter email. It can also be found on our website at

www.knightowlsnowmobileclub.com

Mail all renewals to Nancy Swan.

Remember when you are a member of a snowmobile club 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 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.

ALL \$10 TRAIL PASSES -

- Can only be ordered through the AWSC: online, mail in form with a check, or call the AWSC with a Credit Card during business hours
- You can legally ride with your Trail Pass receipt
- Are mailed from the DNR and can take up to 21 days for delivery via US mail

Plan ahead and renew early