



## NEWSLETTER

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**Knight Owls Snowmobile Meeting**  
**Monday March 4, 2024 - Groomer Shed,**  
**W5041 Hoovie Road, Tomahawk, WI 54487**  
**7:00 p.m.**

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

**Business member** count was six (6) in attendance.

**New Members** None

**Minutes** of the last meeting (2/5/2023) were read and approved following a motion by Tank Jonas, and a second from Nick Rosenmeier.

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

**Trail Report** was presented by Gary Hilgendorf. Trails remain closed. There are some work hours to be reported. Also, the groomer warranty will be extended a year.

### **Old business**

**Spring HOOT! Fundraiser.** April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at Inshalla Country Club, Tomahawk. The doors will open at 4:00 pm and dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. Tickets are available via the previously sent letter to all members. Tickets

are selling and some nice prizes have already been donated. Planning is going well. Nancy Swan

**Community fun ride** was held the weekend of 2/23 and 24 with UTV's and some cars. A poker run and several raffles were held, including a basket of goodies provided by Northwoods Riders. The event brought in about \$4800! Information gained from the poker run will make it more efficient next year. Strong consideration is also being given to an early-fall ride on ATV's / UTV's using the same format. Tim and Tammy Blackwell

**\$100 Raffle supporting trail funding was held** @ Nutzee's February 17<sup>th</sup>. Tickets were sold out, and our net profit was about \$7000, down only slightly from previous years due to attendance being somewhat less. Kevin LaMarche

**Gun Raffle** @ Nutzee's, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024. Ticket sales ended strong and our profit was almost \$6000. Ray Zweck

2X4 Ad space at Nutzie's. Of the eight (8) ad spots two (2) are sold, and six (6) are in discussion. Contact Tim DeBels (masthead info) for latest on availability.

Please continue to support the Club in any way you can. Buy tickets. Volunteer time. Everyone in the Northwoods has been negatively affected by the lack of snow.

Splash Fundraiser. Bob Leonhard received \$396 in pledges, with half of that going to the STAR Foundation and half to Knight Owls.

Newsletter Editor After some discussion, it was decided to incorporate the duties of the Newsletter Editor into the Secretary position, with a goal of getting that information out to the membership in about a weeks time, following the meeting. To further streamline the process, we will no longer use snail-mail for Newsletter delivery; only email, so be sure your household has an email address on your membership form.

### **New Business**

A Meat Raffle Fundraiser will be held as a new event and will be hosted by Dereck's Town and County. The date was revised to 6/1/24. Details to follow. Tim Blackwell.

Nancy Swan read a letter from landowner Clyde Richert, declining his \$50 Landowner Appreciation Certificate, in recognition of the financial difficulties our Club and all businesses in the area have experienced this past "winter".

Nancy Swan reviewed the inventory of Knight Owls Logo clothing available for purchase.

Nancy Swan read a very nice letter of appreciation for the Club's work in providing recreational opportunities enjoyed by Club members from the Graden Family (Graden Aviation). Their letter also included a \$750 donation. Our sincere thanks to the Graden's for their nice letter and the donation.

Rich and Lori Thiemer, President and Treasurer respectively of Hooligans Snowmobile Club were again on hand to provide information about their Club's fundraising to involve young snowmobilers

through AWSC Adults and Kids on Sleds (KAOS), which includes leadership training, convention prizes, hospitality rooms, and other programs. They are seeking raffle items and donations for the convention. Contact them at either 715-966-0614 or 262-689-6553. Their Club also managed to scrape together enough snow and ice to hold their annual drag races, which drew a good crowd! They shared that success with our Club, and graciously provided a \$1500 donation. Thank you, Hooligans!

Northwoods Riders announced their Pontoon Palooza for July 20<sup>th</sup>, on Lake Nokomis. Posters will be out soon. It's a good time on the water.

In accordance with our Bylaws, a first call of nominations were received for President, Secretary, two Member Directors, and one Business Director.

Nominations for President were as follows: Gary Hillendorf nominated John Bootz. Tank Jonas nominated Gary Hilgendorf, but the nomination was declined. Without further nominations, Joan Hilgendorf moved that the nominations for President be closed. Bob Leonard seconded, with all in favor.

Nominations for Secretary were as follows: Tammy Blackwell was nominated by Tank Jonas. Without further nominations for Secretary, Joan Hilgendorf moved that the nominations be closed. Bob Leonard seconded, with all in favor.

Nominations for two Member Directors were as follows: Gary Hilgendorf was nominated by Melody Chambers. Jason Davis seconded, with all in favor. Tim DeBells was nominated by Jason Davis. Tank Jonas provided a second with all in favor. Mike Moore was nominated by Nancy Swan. Bob Leonard provided a second with all in favor. Without further nominations for Member Director, Stu Lemke moved that the nominations be closed. Jason Davis seconded, with all in favor.

Nominations for one Business Director were as follows: Tom Wulf was nominated by Jason Davis. Kevin LaMarche provided a second, with all in favor. Without further nominations

for Business Director, Joan Hilgendorf moved that the nominations be closed. Bob Leonard provided a second and all approved.

A second call for nominations for these same positions will occur at our next meeting, with elections to follow. (It was discovered following the meeting that Director Tim Blackwell's position is due for election this year instead of Tim DeBels. I regret the error and the second round of nominations prior to election at our next meeting will provide an opportunity to correct it. My apologies to all.)

Next Meeting is 4/1/2024.

**50-50 Raffle** was won by Jason Davis, who donated the money to the Club. Thank you Jason!

**Adjournment** was at 7:44 pm following a motion by Joan Hilgendorf, a second by Nancy Swan, and unanimous approval.

Carl Gray, Secretary.

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

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

**April 1** - Meeting at the Groomer Shed

**April 20** - Spring Hoot - 4:00 pm at Inshalla CC

**June 1** - Meat Raffle - Derek's Town & Country  
- TBD

### **Upcoming Northwoods Riders Events**

**July 20** - Pontoon Palooza

**Members were mailed a letter for sponsorship opportunities and the form to purchase your Spring Hoot tickets. Be sure to get these sent in as soon as possible as space is limited.**

## **Agenda**

### **NEXT Knight Owls Snowmobile Club Meeting**

**Monday, April 1, 2024**

**7:00 p.m. at Groomer Shed, W5041 Hoovie Rd., Tomahawk, WI**

#### **Call to order**

**Minutes** of the last meeting

**Business** member count

**Treasurer Report**

**New members**

**Trail Report**

#### **Old business**

- Spring HOOT! Fundraiser 4/20/2024 update. Nancy Swan and committee
- Adding business signs at the STAY BETWEEN THE BLAZES trail head. Update. Tim DeBels
- Meat Raffle 6/1/24 at Derek's Town and Country. Tim Blackwell
- AWSC Convention Recap
- Second call for nominations of Officer and Director positions. Per the Bylaws; even years; elections will be held for President, Secretary, two At-large Directors (Gary Hilgendorf and Tim DeBels), and one business Director (Tom Wulf).
- Conduct election of Officers and Directors

#### **New Business:**

#### **50-50 Raffle**

Don't forget the Northwoods Riders Pontoon Palooza on Lake Nokomis, July 20<sup>th</sup>!

**Next meeting** Monday, August 5, 2024 - Come early for the cook-out!

#### **Adjournment**

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