

Mercer Area Sno-Goers General Meeting
Snowmobile Club Barn April 13,2021
Meeting called to order at 6:31 p.m.

In Attendance:

Hank & Kelly Joustra – K&H Plumbing	Carol Morden
Rick & Julie Klug	Tanner Hiller
Bill Gust	Jim & Kathy Hannemann
Scott Beebe	Tammy Gelden
Dan & Sandy Tompkins	Brian Weinkauf – Sunken Horse
Avery Brandt	Hannah Joustra
Steve Altman	Henry Krauss
Adam Kussard	Levi Joustra
Darrell Fohr	Henry Krauss
Scott Klein	Ben Joustra
Deb Hohner	Dave McNutt

Absent: Kyle Dibelius, Keith Godfrey, Tom Ziegler

Agenda: Adam Kussard motions to approve agenda. Dan Tompkins seconds. Motion carries.

Secretary Report: Motion to accept minutes by Darrell Fohr, Brian Weiskauf seconds. Motion carries.

Treasurer Report: Balance is \$145,742.27 in checking account. PayPal has \$27,522.46 The tractor loan balance is \$95,670.44 Question on PayPal balance. Discussion on keeping smaller balance. No motion.

Motion to accept Treasurer's report by Tanner Hiller, Dave McNutt seconds. Motion carries.

Discussion on disposal service as price has doubled. After research no better choices are available. Deb Hohner will suspend service for the summer.

Membership: We have 746 individual/family memberships and 59 business sponsor memberships. We have \$24,995 in dues paid and \$9,446.00 in groomer driver donations. 465 as PayPal renewals and 302 in checks or cash. Memberships numbers from AWSC. We are second in the state. Discussion on how numbers/rankings are determined.

PR:

- Sled raffle went well. Final numbers are pending. Thank you to Yukon 51 for hosting the raffle. New sled for raffle will be a Riot 800 from SS Sports. Colors are Black/Red. \$500.00 down due by April 15, 2021.
- Compliments from other clubs about our website and live feeds.
- To assist Tanner, the club has named Tammy Gelden and Becky Bettin as Event Coordinators.
- Board and Event coordinators are working on the schedule for next year's events. Request to have club rides/leaders posted ahead and include lunch location. Please include at least 4 days for trail maintenance dates on the calendar.
- Discussion on "summer" and "fall" club ride dates.

Sign Master: Rick Klug will get a sign inventory done to determine what signs need to be ordered.

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Trail Administrator: Working on groomer sheets. The non-grooming hours need to be compiled yet. This will add to how much in supplement funds the club will get. These need to be entered by July 1, 2021. Trail counter numbers were reviewed. 3 counters had issues most of the season.

Trail Boss: Adam gave his end-of-year speech. Thanked the groomer drivers and talked about the early melt and end of the season. Some trails will need to have rocks and stumps removed. Adam and Rick will assess the routes requiring this maintenance. Some trails may need to be rerouted due to factors outside the club's control. Hank is following up on these route issues.

Directors Reports:

1. Kyle – Absent
2. Keith – Absent
3. Darrell– No report

Vice President Report: No report.

President's Report:

- Additional information on trail re-routing issues. Adam and Hank are following up with the affected routes. (51E, Beaver Road on trail 10, Murray Landing road, Trail 12 and Trail 10 from the Flowage).
- Safety council meeting with Park commission/Forestry to possibly create a space by Lake of the Falls with trail side grilling, picture opportunities and advertising to promote new membership.
- Hank has been contacted by several clubs about tractors/equipment, funds and how we keep board members engaged. Questions and compliments from them.
- ATV club and sharing the trails. Hank will invite members to our meeting to address any issues.

Iron County Youth Rep:

- Mention of Mercer Sno-Goers and KAOS highlighted in Wisconsin Snowmobile news.

Scholarship Chair:

- Waiting for information from school on candidates. Discussion on criteria for choosing recipient(s). **Motion to leave to the board's discretion by Dan Tompkins. Second by Steve Altman. Motion carries.**

Items for discussion/possible action:

- By-Laws approval. **Motion by Adam Kussard to approve. Second by Avery Brandt. Motion carries.**
- Tractor purchase: Discussion on purchasing a tractor versus a Tucker. Final numbers pending. The Tucker is significantly lighter. Decision to purchase is tabled at this time. Discussion on creating a 5 year plan on major expenditures. No motion made. **Motion to pay off 50% of the New Holland loan by DaveMcNutt. Second by Darrell Fohr. Motion carries.**

Public comment:

- A question/suggestion by Jim Hanneman regarding the trail counters. Will there be analysis about what needs to be done, i.e. any changes to how often a trail gets groomed? Suggested checking counters more often during the season to help adjust grooming schedule.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm