

Bagley & Brazeau

# *Joyriders Snowmobile Club*

Web Site [www.bbjoyriders.com](http://www.bbjoyriders.com)

## *February 2021 Snow News & Minutes*

### Presidents Corner

Due to the Pandemic, we are not putting together a Meeting and Events Schedule; we are just taking it month to month. The February meeting will be held at Brads Wouters' Front II on White Potato Lake at 9:00 am on Saturday February 6, 2021.

I think we are all going through withdrawal with the lack of snow. Being a member of this club for 37 years I cannot think of another year that I have not put one mile on my snowmobile. In November I moved my snowmobiles from the corner of the garage and parked them in front of the garage door already started them up and they were all so excited and ready to go. Now when I go in the spare garage, I walk by them and look at the head lights and I thought I saw a tear in the lens. Needless to say we are all disappointed.

For some good news. I am so happy with the turnout of members at our last meeting. We all should be immensely proud of the hard-working active members who spend so much time working on the trails and supporting our club and the sport of snowmobiling. I guess all we can do is think SNOW and hope it comes soon.

Some of you might wonder why we are having our meeting on a Saturday at 9:00 in the morning. Well, that discussion was made many years ago because 75% of our members do not live in Oconto County. The club back then and today is made up of weekend worriers. Our club does not identify as part of a community like the Oconto Falls or Lena.

I want to say a big thank you to all the local businesses that have supported our club throughout the years.

**Roy Lawrenz**  
President



### Attentions all Club Members!

In accordance with the bylaws approved at the October 2020 meeting, we will be holding elections at our April meeting. Elections will be held for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and three Directors. Please review bylaws posted on [bbjoyriders.com](http://bbjoyriders.com) for details of Positions and election procedures. Nominations will be accepted at the March meeting or via email/phone within ten days of that meeting. You may nominate yourself or another club member. Per the bylaws, a member may be nominated for both an officer position and a director position. We would love to see a robust election with more members getting involved! Bylaws may be reviewed on the club website, click on (About Us) tab. Questions for the Election Committee can be emailed to [bbjoyriders@gmail.com](mailto:bbjoyriders@gmail.com).

# Meeting Events Schedule

## **Sixth Membership Meeting of the Year Saturday February 6, 2021**

**Location:**

**Brads Wouters' Front II  
White Potato Lake  
Pound, WI**

**The Meeting will start at  
9:00 in the morning**

## **January 9, 2021 Member Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by club president Roy Lawrenz at Article 15 Bar & Grill at 9:00 a.m. Seventeen members were present. Thank you Article 15 for hosting our meeting!

### **First Order of Business**

**Agenda** – A motion to approve the agenda was made by Hubert Weidermer and second by Joe Reba. Motion approved.

### **Second Order of Business**

**Secretary Report/Minutes** – A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jerry Frey and second by Bob Paasch. Motion approved.

### **Third Order of Business**

**Treasurer Report** - Income and expenses were discussed. The club is in a sound financial position. A motion to approve the report was made by Jerry Frey and second by Tom Yingling. Motion approved.

### **Fourth Order of Business: Old Business**

The club expressed appreciation to Rick Marshall who graded the steep hill that was causing problems for the groomer. Rick spent several hours lowering the incline to make it easier for the groomer to pass. A motion was made by Tom Stadler to compensate Rick \$100.00 for his time and for the use of his equipment. Motion was second by Bob Paasch. Motion approved.

### **Fifth Order of Business: New Business**

1. Roy and another club member spent about 6 hours smoothing out the swamp area of the trail. When we receive snow, additional packing will be done.
2. February's club meeting will take place at Brads Wouters Front 2 Bar & Grill – Saturday 2/6, at 9:00 am
3. Roy asked for clarification on a letter that was returned from a landowner.
4. LED lights have been placed on the groomers for a huge improvement.
5. Brush cutter – there is trouble with the clutch on the brush cutter. Tom Stadler fixed the cutter temporarily and ordered a new clutch which is coming in March. It was suggested to purchase both a pull behind and walk behind brush cutter. Tom will investigate options and cost and will bring the information back.
6. Membership – the club has had 119 members renew and 10 new members for a total of 129 members. Roy noted that there has been a gradual decline in membership over the years not just for the club but state membership as well.
7. Elections - In accordance with the bylaws approved at the October 2020 meeting, we will be holding elections at our April 2021 meeting. Elections will be held for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and three Directors. Please review bylaws posted on [bbjoyriders.com](http://bbjoyriders.com) for details of positions and election procedures. Nominations will be accepted at the March meeting or via email/phone within ten days of that meeting. You may nominate yourself or another club member. Per the bylaws, a member may be nominated for both an officer position and a director position. We would love to see a robust election with more members getting involved! Bylaws may be reviewed on the club website, questions emailed to the Election Committee at [bbjoyriders@gmail.com](mailto:bbjoyriders@gmail.com).
8. The Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs (AWSC) January and March 2021 meetings have

been cancelled. Future meetings will be held virtually.

- Tom asked that any workday reports be turned in timely so the club can receive payment in January.

#### 9. Oconto County Snowmobile Alliance (OCSA) Meeting

- Tom Stadler and Brad VanHoff attended the last meeting where it was voted to keep the current trail map for one more year - the current map will be used again next year.
- The OCSA is moving forward with the plan to number the snowmobile trails.
- Police attended the meeting. Two police officers will be out on snowmobiles to assist the DNR with patrolling and monitoring the trails.
- GPS units will be required on all groomers starting next year. Clubs will purchase the GPS units and can then submit for reimbursement. Data from the GPS units automatically transfers to SNARS. The data needs to be approved before it is sent to the county for payment. It was suggested to purchase the GPS units now so the groomer drivers can become familiar and the units can be tested before being put into official use next year. A motion to purchase the GPS units now was made by Tom Stadler and second by Tom Yingling and Joe Reba. Motion approved.

**Adjournment** - a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jerry Frey and second by Tom Yingling.

Meeting adjourned

#### 10. Trail Reports

- The dangerous culvert has been replaced near one of our landowners.
- Tom Stadler reported the gates by the sanitary station were stolen. New gates have been purchased and are now secured. The landowner in this area may want this section of the trail moved further south.
- Chuck Panure reported that the lake trail needs to be marked.
- The trail that goes around Ross Lake has been marked with Alternate Route signage should the marsh not freeze, or riders want to avoid the marsh area







from \_\_\_\_\_ Jerry

