

Bagley & Brazeau

Joyriders Snowmobile Club

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March 2020 Snow News & Minutes

Presidents Corner

It is 8:30 Monday morning and the temperature is 36 degrees on Lee Lake. It has really been a different year with temperatures weekly go from cold to warm. This despite the up and down weather we have had a good snowmobile season. Let us hope we will get some colder weather to get some more riding in.

The overnight ride on February 1st and 2nd was very successful event and a lot of fun. Again, this year we had an excellent leader Tom Stadler who laid out the trip to the resort, and Holly Panure who arranged for a really good meal and was also our chase vehicle to take home and break downs. Unfortunately, we did have one machine break down.

At our last meeting we discussed purchasing a ATV/UTV and a light drag to pull behind it. It would be used early in the season in the swamps and wetlands to pack down the high grass and freeze up the trails so our larger groomers can get into those areas sooner. Your club is always looking into ways that we can improve our trail system. We are also wanting to investigate trying to get off of Lee Lake Road.

The trail from Kelly Lake to Suring is up and running. A big thank you to Brad Van Hoff for the great job he did in contacting the landowners to get approval for this new trail. A huge improvement for our trail system. He is not done though he is working with one large landowner to get off more road running. Maybe next year that final improvement will be accomplished.

Mark your calendars and support your club by attending the Landowner Appreciation Dinner on April 3rd at the Holiday Inn on Kelly Lake. There will be lots of good bucket raffles and Roy's 50/50 raffle to raise money for our local Brazeau Ambulance Service. This event gives us the opportunity to give something back

to the community. Did you know since we started this event your club has raised over \$16,000 for Brazeau Ambulance Service? They have purchase special equipment just for the purpose of rescuing and injured snowmobiler on our trail system. We thank them for their service.

Safety in always number one with our club and marking the trails the best we can is important to our trail bosses. A lot of work goes into marking the trails. Riding the trails, I have noticed areas where snowmobilers are not staying on the marked trails. Your club must deal with 89 landowners to get permission to cross their land. When snowmobilers don't stay on the trails, they jeopardize the chance of losing that trail. Please respect our landowners and stay on the trail.

Hopefully we will get a break in the weather and get some more cold weather so we can extend our snowmobile season.

Roy Lawrenz President

Membership Report

This year has been a good year for membership, and I want to thank everyone who renewed their membership and welcome all the new members that have joined our club this year.

We have had one problem towards the end of the season with our Website and the PayPal program. We are aware of the issue and our working on correcting it for the season next year.

We recognize many of you really like to use this program and I am confident we will be up and running next year.

Meeting Events Schedule

March 7, 2020

Club Meeting

Location:

Klondike Salon

8104 County B

Pound, WI

April 3, 2020 Special Event

Landowner Appreciation Dinner

Holiday Inn, Kelly Lake, WI

April 4, 2020

Club Meeting - Work Weekend

Location:

Club Storage Building, Lee Lake, WI. –

Time 9:00 am

February 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by club president Roy Lawrenz at Brads Wouters Front 2 at 9:00AM. 14 members were present.

First Order of Business:

Secretary's Report

A motion to approve the report was made by Hubert Wiedemeier, second by Adam Krause. Motion Approved.

Treasurer's Report

Income, expenses and current account balances were discussed. Motion to approve report was made by Jerry Frey, second by Tom Yingling. Motion approved

Old Business

Tom Stadler discussed the PayPal issue and working with Grant to get it fixed. Adam Krause reached out to Grant on behalf of the Club and Grant advised that he was no longer interested in maintaining the webpage and assisting with it, as he is not affiliated with the Club in any way. Adam suggested that we get someone involved with the webpage that wants to be involved

and assist. Adam discussed the possibility of moving it to word press or another platform that would be easier to operate and manage on our own. Tom will work with Grant this week to get the PayPal back up and working and request that it be migrated to word press.

Roy Lawrenz suggested that we get a list of all items in the shed. He was able to secure the insurance for \$350/year for \$40,000 worth of coverage.

Roy Lawrenz advised that he is still working on getting his list of duties and responsibilities together for the role of President. All other roles should be getting their list of duties and responsibilities together as well. Looking to have this completed by the end of the season.

New Business

Roy Lawrenz discussed the Oconto County Alliance Meeting from January.

The Alliance has over \$10,000.00 currently in their account. Historically the club never had enough money to support the programs they had, but with the revenue coming into the club with the Oconto County Map Ads the club now has a surplus of funds. Wayne St Louis suggested the Alliance should donate money back to the Community. After discussion, the decision was made to give \$500.00 to each of the nine ambulance services that serve the trail systems. The decision was also made for the local clubs to receive the \$500.00 check and to distribute to their local ambulance service in the area. For our club, we could potentially include this \$500.00 in the donation along with the money from the Landowner Appreciation Dinner.

The first payment for SNARS should go out next Friday.

A request for payment from FEMA was submitted for \$65,000.00. The request for paying for the signs destroyed through FEMA was rejected because they require that a FEMA representative is involved in locating each sign positioned by GPS. That request to get reimbursement was not reasonable. They agreed with Monty that the signs be paid for with regular funding and there is more than enough money to cover this cost.

As of this week there has been 77 hours groomed year to date according to SNARS. We currently need 200 hours groomed during the 2019-2020 season. It was

discussed that not all hours are imputed yet that have been completed.

The President of the Alliance suggested that a committee be formed to look into numbering our trail system in Oconto County and those numbers would appear on the next Oconto County Map.

Roy Lawrenz advised that the AWSC Convention is being held in Middleton March 20-21. Historically our Club has paid for Rooms/Fees if you are interested in attending. Please let Roy know.

Adam Krause advised that he printed flyers for landowner's dinner and flyers for hanging up at businesses. He is requesting that he gets paid for the printing cost of \$67.89. Joe Ryba made a motion to approve this request, Tom Yingling second the motion. All approved. Adam will send the invoice to Chuck.

Hubert Wiedemeier made a suggestion/recommendation to put some fill in by Montana Lake when you come off the field going into the swamp. It has always been a challenge to get back in there for grooming.

Tom Stadler shared that Monty got ahold of him to discuss submitting of time sheets/volunteer hours. Please make sure you are completing your sheets accurately so we get paid out appropriately. You should have different amounts of time and labor (Example: Total working hours cannot be equivalent to or exceed total hours worked. If you install signs for 6 hours, you cannot have 6 hours of truck usage, as some of the time you are outside of your truck installing the signs).

Roy Lawrenz requested we get grooming hours and send a check to Tom Kutchka. Since they GPS's the trails, we must log how many hours are spent on non-funded trails (approx. \$400.00) and log funded trail hours as well. Roy suggested we pay the \$75.00 for the non-funded and funded trails to Kutchka. All agreed.

Adam Krause asked how Hubert's tractor was doing since it was just updated. Hubert said it seems to be running well. A suggestion was made to start looking at them at the end of the season and document what if any work needs to be completed on them for the following year. We need to do a better job of keeping up on the maintenance schedule with both tractors.

Tom Stadler thanked the groomers for doing such a great job this year with the extremely wet conditions.

It was brought up that the Club should pursue purchasing an ATV/UTV for doing the swamps/marshes and other small jobs. Adam Krause has a contact that works for Polaris directly and will see if he can get a price (cost) for a machine.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:45am by Tom Stadler. Adam Krause second. All approved.

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