

Taylor County Snowmobile Council Meeting

December 2nd, 2021

HOSTED BY: Westside Trailwinder's at PBR Lounge Around

Called to order: 7:00 PM

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept November minutes as presented. Motion made and 2nd to accept Secretary's report. 1st Dave Roiger, 2nd Cole Rudolph motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Report given by Elaine Emmerich for November see attached for details. Motion made and 2nd to accept Treasurer's Report. 1st Delvin Smith 2nd Sandy Roiger motion carried.

AWSC Youth Report: Carli Berger will deliver Scavenger Hunt signs if requested. Please call her at (715) 965-1673.

Old Business:

- Annual military ride at Eagle River Derby Track. Please visit www.wimilitarysnowmobileride.com for more information.

AWSC Report:

- Bob Meyer has American Council of Snowmobile Association raffle calendars available for \$20 each.

New Business:

- Elaine has raffle tickets available for those who have not received them yet or additional tickets if you run out.
- New Trail Maps: Maps have been ordered and will be delivered in early December.
- Price-Taylor Connector Trail: Price County and Taylor County have both completed dozer work. Limited finishing dirt work will occur in both counties in 2022.
- Forestry Department will open the 11 County gates this next week for maintenance access.
- Lake 11 Reroute: USFS has brushed the corridor, removed some trees to make wide turns and put in a temporary culvert along this route. They have also put in a gate at the intersection of the detour and FR553. The Club will have to sign the detour. Jake is waiting on confirmation if this timber sale was successfully awarded to a contractor and whether there will be sale activity this winter.
- Colby Trailblazers Snowmobile Club will be hosting a safety class for all ages. The class is limited to 30. Class dates of December 28th and 29th from 5:00 – 8:00 pm. Materials pickup on December 19th from 5:00-6:00 pm. The class will be held at

the Colby Lions Shelter, 103 W Adams Street, Colby. The cost is \$10. Contact Dave Newman (715) 212-7914.

- Snowmobile Council will be looking for a new AWSC Rep at the March election meeting.

Next Meeting: January 6th, 2022, Hosted by SWAT at Zondlo's Bar, W2407 State Highway 102, Rib Lake.

Adjourn: Motion made and 2nd to adjourn. 1st by Dave Roiger, 2nd by Cole Rudolph motion carried.

Adjourned 7:58 pm

Respectfully submitted by:
Jake Walcisak
Taylor County Forestry Dept.

TAYLOR COUNTY SNOWMOBILE COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 4, 2021

HOSTED BY WHITTLESEY WHIZZERS – BS BAR

Secretary's Report: Motion made and 2nd to accept Secretary's Report as mailed. 1st Dave Roiger
2nd Sandy Roiger

Treasurer's Report: Report given by Elaine Emmerich; see attached for details. Motion made and
2nd to accept Treasurer's Report. 1st Brian Lehman 2nd Wendy Thums

Old Business

- Carli (Youth Rep) Report: Donated to Taylor County Humane Society and Paws of Hope for KOAS. Thank you to all the clubs that donated. – Scavenger Hunt signs are done. If you want to pick them up, you can email Carli at carliberger2@gmail.com or she will bring them to the next meeting. – Elaine and Carli will go to K99 Radio and to the Star News to promote the Youth program and snowmobiling.
- Fun Day: Tickets were handed out to the Clubs present. Stump Jumpers said they are on track. Will have posters at the next meeting.
- Tavern League Donation: The Taylor County Tavern League asked Bob Meyer how they can donate to the snowmobile program in Taylor County. Bob suggested donating to the clubs/Association with groomers. He presented checks to the Grooming Association, Rock Dodgers and Jump River for \$333.00 each.
- Connector Trail: Bob Meyer reported that trail has been bulldozed all the way through. A culvert was put in at the Highway E crossing and 7 culverts along the trail; plus 2 gates. Trail is much improved!

New Business

- AWSC Workshop: Bob Meyer and Wally Emmerich talked about the County Coordinator Workshop they attended. Some counties do not have the County Park and Rec employee as the Trail Coordinator. We are very fortunate to have Jake!
- Directors Meeting: Bob Meyer gave a report on what was discussed during the Directors Meeting at Workshop.
 - Road routes will not be funded.
 - When grooming, if idle for 10+ minutes, will be off the clock.
 - Military ride – to make a donation and more information go to wimilitarysnowmobileride.com.
 - AJ Kreager is Miss Snowflake.
 - Snowmobile Friendly Community applications and Scholarship applications are due January 6, 2022.
 - KOAS Auction raised \$7,453.00.
 - Youth Reps for KOAS are wanted. Ages are 14 – 18 years old.
 - January Director Meeting will be in Sawyer County.
 - Convention is March 25, 2022 in Green Bay.
 - 40-Foot Rule passed the House and Assembly, waiting for the Governor.

- Noise Test being revised so law can do better enforcement. It now says 'modified cannot operate...'. Want to change the wording.
- Interwald Trail: A section of the trail will be routed through the Komarek pit.
- Military Ride: Motion was made by Dan Roiger, 2nd by Nick Meyer to donate \$200.00 to the Military Ride. Elaine will get the information and send it out.
- Calendar of Events: Stump Jumpers Poker Run will be January 28th and 29th, end up at BS Bar.
- Tourism: It was discussed that someone should talk to the Taylor County Tourism Council about advertising in the AWSC snowmobile magazine. Elaine will check into it.

Next Meeting

December 2, 2021, hosted by Westside Trailwinders at PBR Lounge on Main Street Medford.

Adjourn

1st by Dave Roiger 2nd by Nick Meyer

Respectfully submitted by:
Elaine Emmerich
Temporary Secretary

Taylor County Snowmobile Council Meeting
October 7th, 2021
HOSTED BY: Interwald Wanderers at Cattail Tap

Called to order: 6:58 PM

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept April minutes as mailed. Motion made and 2nd to accept Secretary's report. 1st Dave Roiger, 2nd Delvin Smith motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Report given by Elaine Emmerich for October see attached for details. Motion made and 2nd to accept Treasurer's Report. 1st Rick Schmitz 2nd Cal Drost motion carried.

AWSC Youth Report: Report given by AWSC Youth representative Carli Berger. Collecting pet supplies for local needs. Paws for Hope and Taylor County Humane Society.

Old Business:

- **Fun Day:** Next Fun Day will be hosted Stump Jumpers.
- **Spieles Creek Bridge:** Walcisak updated the council on the status of this crossing. USFS and WI DNR are working out the details whether this is a bridge or a boardwalk and how to permit it moving forward.

AWSC Report:

- July Directors meeting
 - \$4.2 million in requests received by the Snowmobile – Rec Council.
 - Road routes can receive funding in the future if they are integral to the system.
- Clean Snowmobile Challenge has now been moved to the derby grounds in Eagle River.
- International Snowmobile Council will be held June 8-11 in Dubuque, Iowa.
- 40-foot rule is still in the works with legislative action.
- Excessive noise testing procedure has been updated.

New Business:

- Grooming in adjacent Counties. Jake discussed three options available. If anyone grooms or conducts maintenance in adjacent counties, please contact Jake for a plan.
- Schreiner Gravel pit now owned by Haas. Pit is expanding and trail needs to be moved. Dennis Komarek provided the update and is working with Haas to complete the move.
- New Trail Maps: Jake will send out a PDF proof to club presidents for review later this month.
- Taylor County Tavern League has invited Bob Meyer to their November meeting. The Tavern League would like to support snowmobiling in Taylor County and wants ideas.
- Price-Taylor Connector Trail: marked trees were cut in July. Hermie Wiitala has been contracted for dozer work between County Highway D and the Price County line. Jari's have been contracted for work to the south and east of County Highway D. Beaver dam was removed and replaced with a culvert by the USFS, approximately 0.5 miles west of County Highway E. Several other culverts are laying next to crossings, waiting for installation.

Next Meeting: November 4th, 2021 at BS Bar, W3539 State Highway 64, Medford.

Adjourn: Motion made and 2nd to adjourn. 1st by Dave Roiger, 2nd by Steve Thums.
Adjourned 7:50 pm

Respectfully submitted by:
Jake Walcisak
Taylor County Forestry Dept.

Taylor County Snowmobile Council Meeting
April 1st, 2021
Hosted by Northwoods Riders at Little J & D's

Called to Order: 7:01 pm

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept March meeting minutes as mailed. Motion made and 2nd to accept Secretary's Report. 1st Wendy Thums, 2nd Dave Roiger. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Report given by Elaine Emmerich for March; see attached for details. Motion made and 2nd to accept Treasurer's Report. 1st Steve Thums, 2nd Dave Roiger. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Youth Update – Carli Berger: Collection of pet supplies for October workshop. KAOS will distribute to local animal shelters. Please contact Carli for donations.
- Stump Jumpers to host Fun Day this upcoming season.
- Spieles Creek Bridge Update: DNR Water Management Specialist is working with USFS to correct deficiencies.

AWSC:

- National Park Services looking to possibly identify the Ice Age Trail as a National Park.
- 40-foot rule. Bill authored by Jerry Petrowski. DOT and DNR is favor of removing this road setback requirement for night riding.
- KAOS camping trip August 18th, 2021.
- International Snowmobile Congress (ISC) June 2021, Omaha Nebraska.
- National vintage snowmobile National Championship show and swap in Marshfield August 7, 8, and 9, 2021. <https://visitmarshfield.com/event/16th-annual-vintage-snowmobile-national-championship-show-swap/>

New Business:

- Grant Application Update:
 - 341.1 miles of current snowmobile funding
 - New Funding Applications
 - Q Trail 3.8 miles
 - Brooks Trail 0.6 miles
 - Rib Lake Cenex Trail 0.4 miles
 - M4 Trail 0.5 miles
 - 332.4 miles of current winter ATV funding
 - New Funding Applications
 - Price – Taylor Connector Trail 11.5 miles
 - Pine Creek Reroute 0.8 miles
- New Trail Maps
 - Jake will distribute map ad forms to clubs along with a historical list of past map ad contributors. Clubs are asked to personally visit each business and request support. Please have these forms completed and back to Jake no later than Friday June 4th, 2021.

- o 5,000 maps will be printed.
- o Potential Hannibal reroute on Porter property.
- o Get any other reroutes to Jake no later than August 1st, 2021.
- Election of Snowmobile Council Officers
 - o Treasurer: Motion made and 2nd to nominate Elaine Emmerich. 1st Dan Roiger, 2nd Starla Meyer. Motion Carried. Motion made to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Elaine Emmerich. 1st Dave Roiger, 2nd Dan Roiger. Motion Carried.
 - o Secretary: Motion made and 2nd to nominate Jake Walcisak. 1st Dan Roiger, 2nd Dave Roiger. Motion Carried. Motion made to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jake Walcisak. 1st Steve Thums, 2nd Dave Roiger. Motion Carried.
 - o Vice President: Motion made and 2nd to nominate Dave Roiger. 1st Dan Roiger, 2nd Carli Berger. Motion Carried. Motion made to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Dave Roiger. 1st Dan Roiger, 2nd Bob Meyer. Motion Carried.
 - o President: Motion made and 2nd to nominate Wally Emmerich. 1st Starla Meyer, 2nd Dave Roiger. Motion Carried. Motion made to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Wally Emmerich. 1st Dave Roiger, 2nd Steve Thums. Motion Carried.

Next Meeting: October 7th, 2021, hosted by Interwald Wanderers. Location TBD.

Adjourn: 7:57 pm, 1st by Carli Berger, 2nd by Dave Roiger. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:
Jake Walcisak
Taylor County Forestry Dept.

Taylor County Snowmobile Council Meeting
March 4th, 2021
HOSTED BY: KOUNTRY KORNER

Called to order: 7:00 PM

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept February minutes with one correction. The new AWSC representative is Jason Matyka. Motion made and 2nd to accept Secretary's report. 1st Matt Roiger, 2nd Nick Meyer motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Report given by Elaine Emmerich for February see attached for details. Motion made and 2nd to accept Treasurer's Report. 1st Bob Schilling 2nd Scott Zondlo motion carried.

AWSC Youth Report: Report given by AWSC Youth representative Carli Berger. Carli announced 2022 will be her last year as representative and they are looking for new officers.

Fun Day Financials: Presented by Elaine Emmerich; see attached for details. Elaine distributed checks to clubs. Next year Fun Day will be hosted Stump Jumpers. Discussion on raffle ticket pricing structure for next year, no action taken.

Old Business:

- AWSC needs to receive all votes by March 24th for officers. There are contested officer positions this year.
- Jake has GPS'ed and updated mapping for all trail reroutes throughout the County in January and February.
- Price-Taylor Connector Trail Grand Opening has been cancelled due to poor weather conditions.

New Business:

- Spieles Creek snowmobile bridge has been installed. Jake is currently working with WCFA, Forest Service, and DNR to work through some safety and regulation concerns.
- Trail Report was given by different club members with discussion. Trails are closed CTY Trail M south and HWY 73 west. Remainder of trails will be closed Sunday at 8 AM.
- Gave update on Events Calendar with upcoming events being Pie Shoot and the annual fish fry date will be Sept 24th.
- Discussion about the need to update maps for next season. Clubs will bring list of needs to next meeting.

Next Meeting: April 1st at Little J and D's

Adjourn: Motion made and 2nd to adjourn. 1st by Matt Roiger, 2nd by Lynn Jochimsen
Adjourned 7:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jordan Lutz
Taylor County Forestry Dept.

TAYLOR COUNTY SNOWMOBILE COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 4, 2021

HOSTED BY PINE CREEK RIDERS – A&E TAVERN

Secretary's Report: Motion made and 2nd to accept Secretary's Report as mailed. 1st Dave Roiger 2nd Starla Meyer.

Treasurer's Report: Report given by Elaine Emmerich; see attached for details. Motion made and 2nd to accept Treasurer's Report. 1st Scott Zondlo 2nd Lynn Jochimsen.

Old Business

- Price-Taylor Connector Trail: The trail name will be the 'D' Trail. Price County has some brushing and rock removal to do on their section. Bob reported no bridge is needed on the Taylor County side as first thought. 'D' Trail should be opening this season!
- National Forest: Each club that has a trail in the National Forest will need to map where there are any creeks that do not have a bridge.
- Taylor County Scavenger Hunt: Carli reported on the Taylor County Scavenger Hunt signs. Since school was virtual for a while, the signs were not completed. Hopefully by next season.
- Family Fun Ride: Because of the bitter cold weather we are having this week, Carli decided to cancel the Family Fun Ride. Better to be on the side of caution. Not sure if will be able to organize another one this season.
- GPS: Trail reroutes will not register on SNARS for tracking. Can be edited.

New Business

- AWSC Elections: All Clubs should have received letter from AWSC with election ballots. President Dave Neuman (from Clark County) is opposed. Be sure to send in your ballots.
- Fun Days: February 20th at the Whittlesey ball diamonds. Will have beverages, food and raffles.
- Safety Classes: There are none in Taylor County. Rock Dodgers are not able to hold them because the COVID regulations restrict the number of people at a gathering.
- GPS Units: Jake reported that the Grooming Association have ordered 4 GPS Units, with 2 being installed.
- Youth Rep: Still need a Taylor County Youth Rep.
- Events: Saturday February 6th, Tired Iron will have their Vintage Show at BS Bar and the Westside Trailwinders are holding their Steak Feed at Cindy's Bar and Grill.
- Trails: It was discussed whether all Clubs are ready to open the trails. It was agreed to open them Friday February 5th at 8:00 am. Bob will contact Jake to put it on the radio. Should state that grooming is in progress, use caution, conditions are poor to fair, stay on marked trails.

Next Meeting: March 4, 2021, hosted by Moonlite Sno-Kats at Kountry Korner on Hwy 64 Medford.

Adjourn: 1st by Dave Roiger 2nd by Barb Berger

Respectfully submitted by:
Elaine Emmerich
Temporary Secretary

Taylor County Snowmobile Council Meeting
January 7th, 2021
Hosted by Tired Iron Vintage Riders at BS Bar

Called to Order: 7:01 pm

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept December meeting minutes as mailed. Motion made and 2nd to accept Secretary's Report. 1st Dave Roiger, 2nd Bob Schilling. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Report given by Elaine Emmerich for December; see attached for details. Motion made and 2nd to accept Treasurer's Report. 1st Dan Roiger, 2nd Scott Zondlo Motion carried.

Old Business:

- **Pine Line Bridges Resurfacing (replace deck and rails):** The last two bridges on the Pine Line in Taylor County have been awarded to Eby's Portable Welding and Fabrication for \$24,300. Work will complete no later than December 15th, 2021.
- **Price-Taylor Connector Trail:** Bob Meyer handed out a spreadsheet that detailed work conducted on the trail by club members for a minimum of 618.8 hours to-date. Taylor County spent approximately 8 hours with the Forestry Department's skid steer and mulching head. The USFS delivered the heritage study to the (SHPO) State Preservation and Historical Office on December 11th. SPHO has 30 days to respond. Taylor County is ready to open with minor work needed for additional brushing. Dozer work to occur in the summer of 2021. The new trail will be named the "D" trail. Price County is nearing completion and should meet the January 31st deadline.

AWSC:

- Director and Rep elections will be held at the February Snowmobile Council meeting.
- January AWSC meeting has been cancelled.
- Blue Mound State Park master plan is out for public comment open until January 10th. Re-establish snowmobile trail within park.
<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/fl/PropertyPlanning/BlueMound>
- County Deer Advisory Committee public comment open until January 13th.
<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Hunt/cdac>

New Business:

- County needs to GPS all reroutes that have occurred in the last two year, prior to season starting. Contact Jake if you haven't already.
- Groomer Tracking Systems GPS Units: Jake ordered one unit for Black River Rock Dodgers.
- Taylor County Forest is currently experiencing a very high level of logging activity on three gravel roads which are also snowmobile trails. This includes Fawn Ave, Camp 8 Road and Trout Ave. The Forestry Department will be working with the Grooming Association to close and reroute portions of these roads/trails.
- Scott Zondlo discussed the local support to develop a trail accessing the Hultman Lake/Spirit Lake area. He will work with the Grooming Association and County Forestry Department to learn what is needed to get started.

- Stump Jumpers Poker Run has been cancelled on January 22nd and 23rd.

Next Meeting: February 4th, 2021, hosted by Pine Creek Riders at A&E Tavern, N1220 County Road E, Medford.

Adjourn: 7:58 pm, 1st by Dave Roiger, 2nd by Starla Meyer. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:
Jake Walcisak
Taylor County Forestry Dept.