

Taylor County Snowmobile Council Meeting
April 7th, 2022
HOSTED BY: Stump Jumpers at The BS Bar

Called to order: 7:00 PM

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

Treasurer's Report: Report given by Elaine Emmerich for January, see attached for details. Motion made and 2nd to accept Treasurer's Report. 1st Matt Roiger 2nd Rickie Schmitz, motion carried.

AWSC Report: Bob Meyer and Nick Meyer

- Safety Posters: Bob Meyer had examples of Safety Posters from ACSA and ISMA. You can order the full-size posters from either organization for free. If you want smaller versions, they can be downloaded from ACSA and ISMA websites. ACSA website: snowmobilers.org / ISMA website: snowmobile.org. New promotion poster theme will be 'ride right'.
- Conservation Congress is April 11th. Subject will be passengers on ATV's – snowmobiles are exempt.
- AWSC trailer will be at Farm Progress Days.
- KAOS Auction total was \$9,368.00.
- Fall Workshop – looking for ideas for the Workshops.
- 41,046 Memberships.
- There were 2 contests started this year – Clubs with at least 10% increase in Membership and Clubs with at least 10% increase in Commercial Sponsors.
- Proposed -Lifetime Membership for 60-year-olds and over.
- Discussed increasing Law Enforcement wages.
- Vote for Bylaws changes was approved.
- 2021-2022 season had 14 fatalities. Speed and alcohol were a common factor.

Old Business:

- Trail closures went smoothly.

New Business:

- Taylor County Tavern League now has gift certificates available. Consider purchasing for landowners or club raffles.
- Walcisak provided a trail maintenance funding update. All clubs need to approve SNARS grooming entries before they can be reviewed and approved by the County. Approximately \$58,000 of trail maintenance funding remains county-wide to date.
- All claims must be submitted by clubs into SNARS by May 31st, 2022. This will give the County enough time to review, approve and reallocate any remaining funds.

- New miles were amended for the 2021-2022 season including: Q, M4, Rib Lake City, and Brooks. Total miles now come to 346.4.
- Applications were submitted to the state for two segments of maintenance. Fuzzy's Trail 0.3 miles and 86 Trail (in Lincoln County) 2.7 miles. All other trails are funded.
- 2021-2022 season lasted 68 days, not including early opening of the Pine Line. This is longest season we have had since 2014. Average season length over the past 8 years is 53 days.

Election of Officers:

- Nick Meyer made a motion to elect Jake Walcisak as secretary. Motion seconded by Dan Roiger. Motion carried.
- Starla Meyer made a motion to elect Elaine Emmerich as treasurer. Motion seconded by Dave Roiger. Motion carried.
- Dave Roiger made a motion to elect Angie Schmeiser as vice president. Motion seconded by Starla Meyer. Motion carried.
- Elaine Emmerich made a motion to elect Dave Roiger as president. Motion seconded by Angie Schmeiser. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: October 6th, 2022, Hosted by Jump River Runners. Location is TBD.

Adjourn: Motion made and 2nd to adjourn. 1st by Dave Roiger, 2nd by Cal Nick Meyer, motion carried.

Adjourned 7:52 pm

Respectfully submitted by:
Jake Walcisak
Taylor County Forestry Dept.

**TAYLOR COUNTY SNOWMOBILE COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 3rd, 2022
HOSTED BY WESTBORO SNO-DUSTERS – WESTBORO VFW HALL**

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

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

Old Business

- Youth Rep Report: Halee, the new Youth Rep, was not present.
- Convention: Convention is in Green Bay March 25th thru March 27th. March 10th is the deadline to get your Voter Registration forms to AWSC. If you are not going to Convention, Director Bob Meyer and County Rep Nick Meyer can vote in your place. -- Side Note: It was requested that, at the Directors' meeting, Bob talk about allowing 12year-olds and up take snowmobile safety courses online.
- Raffle Report: Elaine had the results of the Fun Day Raffle; see attached for details. Next year will be hosted by the Jump River Runners.

New Business

- Trails: Jake sent email asking if we should close the trails. After much discussion, it was decided to keep them open through this weekend. Need to see what the weather is going to do. Revisit the subject on Monday. There was a complaint that part of the trail on Corridor 21 was down to dirt in the section that is being logged.
- Safety Posters: It was asked whether there were posters to remind riders to STAY RIGHT. Director Bob will check with ACSA and AWSC. Maybe we could sponsor a Poster Contest? Something to think of for next season.
- Election: Next month is the Election of Officers. President Wally Emmerich is stepping down. Everyone get your campaigns going!
- Local Events: Interwald Wanderers Pie Shoot is this Saturday at Cattail Tap. Pine Creek Riders are holding a Meat Raffle. When all the cards are sold, they will draw. Hope Hospice Fish Boil is scheduled for April 29th at the Chelsea Conservation Club.

Next Meeting: April 7, 2022, hosted by Stump Jumpers at BS Bar, Highway 64 Medford.

Adjourn: 1st by Dave Roiger 2nd by Lynn Jochimsen

Respectfully submitted by:
Elaine Emmerich
Temporary Secretary

Taylor County Snowmobile Council Meeting

February 3rd, 2022

HOSTED BY: Black River Rock Dodgers at The Groomer Shed

Called to order: 7:03 PM

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

Treasurer's Report: Report given by Elaine Emmerich for January, see attached for details. Motion made and 2nd to accept Treasurer's Report. 1st Steve Thums 2nd Roger Bube, motion carried.

AWSC Youth Report: Nick Meyer and Bob Meyer

- Scavenger hunt signs are finished. Nick Meyer brought most signs with to the meeting. Carli will deliver the remaining signs this weekend.
- KAOS leadership ride – Lakewood February 11-13.
- Silent auction at the convention. Donations appreciated.
- Seven KAOS members will attend ISC June 8-11 Dubuque, IA.
- KAOS apparel will be available online.

AWSC Report: Bob Meyer

- Current proposal to change/update AWSC by-laws. Changes are available for review in the magazine and on the website. Minor changes. Mostly clean-up language. Additional section for emergency powers (particularly applicable during unforeseen situations).
- Membership at end of December was 40,567. Up notably from pre-trail pass era.
- Discounted trail passes through AWSC at end of December approximately 50,000. Full price trail passes through DNR at end of December 40,641. Well below the total number of snowmobiles registered in Wisconsin.
- American Council of Snowmobile Associations is asking for clubs to report when a trail is rerouted or lost due to trespassing. Notify Dave Newman.
- ISC in Dubuque, IA June 8-11. Registration is currently \$235.00 but will increase as it gets closer to the event. Block of hotel rooms at \$119.00 per night. Consider attending as this is a close location compared to most other years.

New Business:

- Grand opening of the Taylor-Price connector trail (new segment of trail D) at noon on Tuesday February 8th, 2022. Groomers from each county will meet at the county line. Jake will provide drone footage. Dave Newman and AWSC will be there to write an article.
- Forestry Department staff met with Jeff Anderson from Travel Wisconsin on February 1st. Jake will be attending the upcoming county Tourism Committee meeting to discuss Travel Wisconsin providing a Destination Assessment for Taylor County. This is a free assessment. It is conducted through resident and visitor surveys. Travel Wisconsin then provides recommendations on how to increase marketing and other promotional efforts that work with Taylor County's strengths. Not exclusive to snowmobiling.

- Jake will apply for new maintenance funding of trail 86 between the Lincoln County line and Wildwood Road, (2.65 miles). If successful, this segment will be added to the maintenance contract of the Grooming Association for the 2022-2023 season.
- Jake provided an update on active timber sales
 - County Forest:
 - Intersection of Bear Ave and Emil Drive, extending 1.4 miles north.
 - Bear Avenue between Emil Drive and Cut Off Road.
 - Fawn Avenue between Newood Avenue and Camp 8 Road.
 - National Forest:
 - Lake 11 sale has been awarded to Beiwer Sawmill with activity unlikely this winter.
 - Jig sale between Urling Lane and Spieles Road. Contractor is plowing FR 570 going west from Lake 19 Road.
 - South Twin sale on M and E Trail east of FR 566/Twin Lake Road. Only hauling remains.
 - Homestead sale near Winter Sports Road and Beaver Creek Road is active. Use of trail is not allowed but logging will occur near the trail.
 - Trail plowed west of Mauer Drive may be groomed. Logger will not have time to harvest this winter.
- AWSC Director and Rep Elections
 - County Snowmobile Council President, Wally Emmerich, called for nominations.
 - Bob Meyer nominated for Director. No other nominations.
 - Wally called for a voice vote. Passed unanimously.
 - Nick Meyer nominated for Rep. No other nominations.
 - Wally called for a voice vote. Passes unanimously.

Next Meeting: March 3rd, 2022, Hosted by Westboro Sno-Dusters at the Westboro VFW Hall.

Adjourn: Motion made and 2nd to adjourn. 1st by Scott Zondlo, 2nd by Cal Drost, motion carried.

Adjourned 7:43 pm

Respectfully submitted by:
 Jake Walcisak
 Taylor County Forestry Dept.

Taylor County Snowmobile Council Meeting
January 6th, 2022
HOSTED BY: SWAT at Zondlo's Bar

Called to order: 7:00 PM

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

AWSC Youth Report:

- Carli Berger will deliver Scavenger Hunt signs. Please call her at (715) 965-1673.
- Potential new youth reps. Hailey Zickert and Rebekah Strobach.

Old Business:

- Elaine has more raffle tickets available for those who have not received them yet or additional tickets if you run out.

AWSC Report:

- Bob Meyer has American Council of Snowmobile Association raffle calendars available for \$20 each.
- 40-foot rule has passed. Can now apply for maintenance funding of a one-way trail within 40 feet of a roadway. Must still be 10 feet from the shoulder or fog line.
- Director's meeting this weekend in Hayward.

New Business:

- Jake reviewed the process to develop and receive funding on a new trail. Please contact Jake if you are working on a new trail or major reroute.
- Small reroute near A&E.
- 54th Annual International Snowmobile Congress (ISC) June 8-11, 2022, Dubuque, IA.
- Jake provided an update on active timber sales
 - County Forest:
 - 1st quarter mile of Emil Drive.
 - Bear Avenue between Emil Drive and Cut Off Road.
 - National Forest:
 - Lake 11 sale is out for bids until January 17th. Market conditions may contribute to activity yet this winter.
 - Jig sale between Urling Lane and Spieles Road.
 - South Twin sale on trail east of FR 566/Twin Lake Road.
- Bob Meyer has a promising candidate for AWSC rep.
- Jeff Anderson from Travel Wisconsin has offered to meet with the County and local clubs to discuss how to promote snowmobiling in our area.

- Jake, Elaine and Bob Meyer have been on WIGM Radio for educational and information interviews regarding snowmobiling and the roles played by our clubs.

Next Meeting: February 3rd, 2022, Hosted by Black River Rock Dodgers at The Groomer Shed, on Howard Road behind Cindy's Bar.

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

Adjourned 7:58 pm

Respectfully submitted by:
Jake Walcisak
Taylor County Forestry Dept.