



Brule River Riders Snowmobile Club

Twin Gables Restaurant, Brule, WI

April 5, 2018

The April 5, 2018 meeting was called to order by Vice President, Eric Shaffer at 7:08 PM.

Introductions of 2 guests: Mike Funk and Howard Rasmussen, recent members.

The Secretary's report was read one last time by Eric Shaffer. The minutes were accepted.

Correspondence: Matt Hughes stated that he received a couple magazines in the mail. Bruce Bergsten reported he received a donation check from Waino Riders Snowmobile Club.

Treasurer's report was read by Matt Hughes and accepted. Discussion of electric bills for the block heaters on the groomers. Bills were presented. Motion made by Dave Whitehead, seconded by Bruce Bergsten to pay bills.

Groomer/Trails Ctte:

- The mower is going on the tractor to get the new brush guard. Brush guard will need painting. Bob Peltonen will coordinate getting it sandblasted and painted. Motion by Bruce Bergsten, seconded by Dave White to get this taken care of.
- We will probably be doing some brushing and dosing on Brule River State Forest trail. Discussion of widening Trail 27 west of the Trail 27 and Trail 24 intersection.

Northwest Trails Association:

- Discussion of budgets. Our club is \$9,000 over our budget. The county, as a whole, is \$16,000 into supplemental.

AWSC:

- Bruce Bergsten reported on the AWSC Annual meeting and the Director's meeting. Information is available from the DNR Community Service Specialist re: where are funding comes and goes.
- American Income Life Insurance will no longer be providing the \$3000 Accidental Death and Dismemberment benefit to our members. (This may help us with setting membership expiration date, so that people cannot double dip on getting their trail passes). Also, American Income Life will not be donating their \$1000 toward our Scholarship program.
- Discussion of Blue Mound State Park and how this may be setting a precedence for all trails on state property. (The trail was abandoned, then the club requested using it again and community groups have gotten injunctions to keep snowmobiles out.)

- Membership is down from last year. Our club membership numbers have us with only 58 clubs in the state with more members than us. There are 625 clubs in the state.
- Next year AWSC will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary!
- Sue Smedegard, from Burnett County and is AWSC Secretary, received the President's Cup Award.
- AWSC has a budget short-fall and is looking at ways to increase funds or decrease expenses. Suggestions: increase dues, decrease mileage paid to directors/ reps, charge the directors and reps for attending the Annual Meeting and Fall Workshop, charge for credit card transmissions.
- AWSC Elections – Lori Heideman won her bid for another year as Vice President.
- Holiday Season Deer Hunt is decided county by county. The Conservation Congress date is April 9.
- Gary Eddie, DNR, is working on updating the Signing Handbook.
- ATV/UTV – some local municipalities have been allowing routes on county highways – this may not be legal and is being sorted out.
- There were 14 snowmobile deaths in Wisconsin this year.

Tri-County Corridor:

- John Deterling reported that Scott Williams is having difficulties with the SNARS program (the TCC is in 3 counties).
- There is discussion of a bridge in Ashland county with a 100-foot span. The ATV program only wants to put in a 13-14,000 pound bridge, but the Snowmobile program wants the bridge to handle 25,000 pounds.

New Business:

- June meeting – due to another engagement at Twin Gables, we have been asked to move our meeting. Motion by Bruce Bergsten, seconded by Dave Whitehead to move our June meeting to June 14.
- Web site – Donna Bergsten talked to Wendy Cory about adding new pictures. Wendy told her that we had been hacked and will probably be needing a security system. She will be in touch re: this and it's cost. Discussion that our web site is important to us.
- Eric Shaffer gave the "Cliff Notes" version of what our club does to our new members.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Bruce Bergsten, seconded by Bob Peltonen at 7:48 PM.

Next meeting: Mary 3, 2018

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Bergsten
BRR Secretary