



Fifield Sno Drivers *Meeting Minutes*

Pat Ley – President

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Below are the Minutes from the **October 10, 2024** meeting

Next Meeting - November 14th at Idle Hour

Meeting called to order by President, Pat Ley at 7:07 pm

A Quorum was met with 17 members attending the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all members.

SECRETARY REPORT

Minutes from the September 2024 meeting were emailed to all members. Two corrections were identified which included the spelling of Clemens and the meeting in which the Club would be informed about the AWSC Workshop. A motion was made to accept the minutes with corrections by Cindy Ley/2nd by Jeff Eibergen. Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT

The September Treasurer's report was presented by Melissa Dupke-Bourgeois which included expenditures, deposits and ending balance. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Randy Yunk /2nd by Jayne Robinson. Motion carried.

Melissa reported that the Club now had 27 Platinum members.

Membership: 175 (individual, business and landowner memberships)

TRAIL AND EQUIPMENT REPORT

The Trail and Equipment Report was given by Roy Funk. We have held two scheduled workdays with 18 individuals present on September 28th and 14 individuals present on October 5th. Additional trail work has been going on during weekdays (grader, skid steer, tractor, etc.) Roy thanked all that are supporting the trail work efforts and would like to see a good turnout on October 12th when we will be working on Trail 120 to 4 corners. There are four remaining trail days this Fall.

Roy was asked about the status of the "Trail Work Ahead" signs. Roy reported that he had spoken to Rent a Flash and received a quote and that the USFS had not responded yet to his request. Randy Yunk offered to check with his contact

regarding pricing for such signs. Peggy Kuss made a motion to purchase four signs at a cost not to exceed \$200. A 2nd was provided by Melissa Dupke-Bourgeois. Motion carried.

Randy Yunk will be checking with his employer regarding the possibility of donating high visibility vests to use while trail work is underway.

Pat Ley reported that he has utilized the grader 33 hours so far totaling \$4,125 in expense. Pat believes he has 5-10 days of grading to be done yet and sees the final expense coming in around \$8,000 plus fuel. There is also the cost of gravel where needed on 101 and 111. Island City Dray has been contracted for the gravel.

It was suggested that we establish a grader fund. There were several ideas on how to accomplish this including soliciting donations from business members and also from some businesses who are not members. Randy Yunk will solicit a donation from Birch Street Funeral Home who has been generous in the past with the Sportsman's Club. It was also suggested that we contact Forward Bank for a donation. The Big Dipper has also offered to support the cost of using the grader.

Jim Clemmons provided an overview of his entries into SNARS. There has been 230 hours of labor entered so far which was contributed by 62 volunteer entries.

GROOMER UPDATE

In Mike Ida's absence, Roy Funk provided an update. A reminder that Mike and Bonnie Ida will be hosting a groomer kickoff party at their residence on Sunday, October 27th. Mike will be following up with the groomers as he has done in past years regarding their trail choices for grooming, time off needed, etc. Nearly all (13 of the 16) groomers have been involved in the trail workdays so far this season.

COUNTY MEETING (PCSTA)

There was no report as the October meeting has not occurred as of October 10th. Pat reminded everyone that they are invited to attend this meeting. The October meeting will be held at Sunset Lake House on Solberg Lake at 7 pm on October 14th.

OLD BUSINESS

PRIORITIZING WI TRAIL PROJECTS

Pat provided a brief explanation of how projects are prioritized and approved by the Governor's Snowmobile Recreation Council each year. For more information go to <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/aid/SnowmobileTrails.html> or check out the article in October's issue of Wisconsin Snowmobile News (page 13).

CLUB RIDE LEADER VOLUNTEERS

Randy Yunk, Merle Schellinger and Josh Wilbert volunteered to be Club ride leaders this season.

FORWARD BANK MATCHING FUNDS

Melissa Dupke-Bourgeois has met with Forward Bank and we are now considered a non-profit customer in their system. Our account is also now considered as non-profit. This means that we can obtain matching funds from the bank.

BENEVITY

Melissa advised that she would be depositing the check she has received from this corporate giving company per direction from the Board.

ANNUAL RAFFLE UPDATE

Melissa Dupke-Bourgeois communicated that anyone interested in purchasing or dropping off tickets at establishments can do so. Our sales have started much earlier than last year. The break even point on ticket sales is \$2,000 (200 tickets)

BUDGET PRESENTATION

Melissa presented the budget in the form of a handout and reviewed the entries. A motion was made by Jim Clemmons/2nd by Jeff Eiberger to approve the 2024-2025 season budget. Motion carried.

A discussion took place on other ways to raise money for the Club. This included:

- Calling on our business members to solicit donations (ambassadors)
- Placing donation boxes at establishments on our trails
- Include a donation feature on our Facebook page allowing people to contribute via Cheddar Up or on the trail with a QR Code linking them to Cheddar Up
- Solicit donations at the Snowmobile Friendly County event
- Place waterproof, locked cans on our trails for donations

A motion was made by Jim Clemmons to move forward with donation cans with a 2nd by Otto Kuss. Motion carried. Randy Yunk will create a can for our November meeting for all to see.

KICKOFF PARTY

Mary Dupke-Bourgeois presented a list of businesses who have agreed to donate to the Kickoff Party via the ambassador visits. There are 22 places. She asked that members select a business they frequent or otherwise solicit a donation and complete the log indicating where you are soliciting. Melissa has two-part donation slips available if anyone would like them so they leave a receipt for the donation they are receiving.

AWSC WORKSHOP DONATION

Peggy Kuss spoke about a \$100 donation to KAOS of backpacks and school supplies which will take place at the AWSC workshop. She will take care of this.

VOLUNTEERING – SNOWMOBILE FRIENDLY COUNTY

Pat Ley communicated that the Club will be holding an event to welcome snowmobilers to the Price County trails on Saturday, January 18th from 11-3 pm at the Oneida County line. Our groomer and drag will be on display and we are hoping to display a Tucker and drag as well. We are hoping that our groomers will have the opportunity to check out the Tucker. A \$2.00 coupon for non-alcoholic purchases will be given to all who pass through the trail during the event. The coupon will only be redeemable on January 18th from our local businesses who are Club members.

Melissa announced that the Board will be publishing a survey to all Club members regarding how they would like to get involved with the Club as a volunteer.

NEW BUSINESS

GIVING TREE

Melissa informed those present that the Board had approved putting up a giving tree at the Kickoff Party. Santa's Elves, a local group, is providing the children's Christmas wishes. Last year this group served over 200 children. The Board committed to taking 50 wishes. Cash can be given which will allow a volunteer to shop for a gift. The Sno Drivers will fulfill any remaining children's wishes that are not taken.

MTA by Roy Funk/2nd by Jayne Robinson at 8:30 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Kuss, Secretary