

Fond du Lac County Snowmobile Association

PO Box 1681, Fond du Lac, WI 54936



April Meeting Minutes

Date: 04/13/2021 Location – Marghaels in Van Dine

Host: West Shore Snow Pistons

Present	Absent	Officers and Directors		Club	Guest
X		President	Steve Ditter (Dotyville)	Crooked Trails - Dundee	Tom Hinchliffe
X		Vice President	Joe Vitale (Ruff Riders)	Dotyville Drifters	Steve Ditter Tim Mueller Lynn Ditter
X		Secretary	Tom Hinchliffe (Crooked Trails)	Drift Jumpers - Waupun	
X		Treasurer	Clayton Jahns (Brandon)	Holyland Snow Flyers – NE FDL	Dennis Stenz Dean Thelen
X		AWSC Director	Ray Sippel (Campbellsport)	Kettle Riders – New Fane	Quin Mueller
X		AWSC Rep	Tom Hinchliffe (Crooked Trails)	Ruff Riders – SC FDL	Joe Vitale Kevin Roth
	X	2 YR Director (Odd Years)	Tom Beltz (FDL)	Silver Creek Snow-Odders – Ripon	
	X	2 YR Director (Even Years)	Pat Conlon		
X X X	X	1 YR Director 1 YR Director 1 YR Director	Tony Sauer (Brandon Sno) Tim Mueller (Dotyville) Jeff Montsma (Twin Oaks)	Sno-Cougars - Campbellsport	Ray Sippel Scott Heath
	X	Youth Rep	Evan Conlon	Sno-Cubs - Brandon	Clayton Jahns Al Dahlke
		FDL County	Terry Dietzel	Snow Flyers _FDL	Tom Beltz
		Website	Tom Hinchliffe	Trail Blazers – Fairwater	
		Facebook	Jeff Montsma	Twin Oaks – Oakfield	Jeff Montsma
		Snow Captain East Side	Steve Ditter Secondary – Ray Sippel	West Shore Snow Pistons- Friendell	Rodney Redman Robert Wenzel Wayne Tatro
		Snow Captain West Side	Pat Conlon Secondary – Jeff Montsma	County Parks	

Call to Order: 7:30 pm by President Steve Ditter.

Secretary's Report: Tom Hinchliffe

Tom read the minutes from the last meeting. There is one correction. Number 1 under SNARS indicates that the maximum allowable non-grooming expense is capped at \$300 per mile. It should have read capped at \$250 per mile. The minutes with the correction was approved by Joe Vitale and Seconded by Jeff Montsma.

Treasurers Report: Clayton Jahns

Clayton read the Treasurer's Report. It was approved by Ray Sippel and seconded by Quin Mueller.

Beginning Balance:	\$ 10,599.90
Income:	\$ 2,222.00
Expense:	\$ 100.00
Ending Balance	\$ 12,721.90

AWSC Report – Ray Sippel and Tom Hinchliffe.

- 1) The total trail passes sold was very close to the prior year. Passes brought in around 4 million dollars.
- 2) The AWSC has suggested eliminating the Holiday Hunt and replacing it with a 4 day Antlerless Hunt in October.
- 3) Trespassing continues to be a statewide issue. It was suggested that clubs double signs in sensitive areas and widen the corners to allow for the groomer to make a gradual turn. Clubs should do a better job communicating with Recreation Officers and DNR Wardens. They need to know the issues. Invite them to your meeting.
- 4) Clubs in larger cities like Rippon should consider applying for the "Snowmobile Friendly Community" plaque. Go to the AWSC website to learn more.
- 5) Re-instated is the free accidental death policy offered by the American Income and Life Insurance Company. There will be a \$3,000 pay out for accidental death to AWSC members. Don't let your AWSC membership lapse.
- 6) HR bill 1864 has been introduced to increase the gas allowance for snowmobiles from 84 million to 252 million. Contact your legislator to support HR 1864.
- 7) Contact Nathan through the SNARS software if you have questions or issues with SNARS. Do not use his personal email address as this is not monitored timely.
- 8) The fall workshop will have a session on SNARS and GIS units in the groomers. Mark your calendars for October 23rd. Details will follow.
- 9) There soon will be the elimination of the 40 foot rule as it applies to snowmobile trails along side of highways. Basically trails will be legal running adjacent to a highway as long as the headlight is dimmed when traffic is approaching. Hopefully this will be finalized and approved by fall.
- 10) AWSC memberships are up 1,363 from the prior year.
- 11) Twelve deaths have been reported for this snow season.

SNARS, Grooming, and Trail Report:

- 1) Clubs should complete their fall trail take down ASAP and enter the hours in SNARS. Since clubs can request up to the maximum of \$250 in non-grooming expenses, they can consider buying signs, brushing, rehabbing bridges etc. through the 3rd week of June. All project cost and labor must be in SNARS by June 30th.
- 2) Thanks to Steve Ditter and the Holyland Snow Flyers for the well-attended workshop on new trail submission paperwork.
- 3) Clubs were again reminded that it is critical to ensure that the GIS file is updated with the correct mileage.. The GIS recorded trail location will be imbedded into the new map, There with no manual drawing in the trailss as we have in the past.
- 4) Clubs should receive 50% of their SNARS submission by September 15th with the balance paid out by December 15th.

President Report - Steve Ditter

- 1) Clubs are to continue to obtain map ad renewals. **There will be a special map meeting held at Jeff Montsma’s place on April 22 at 7 pm.** Jeff’s address is W6939 county road 000 Fond du Lac. All money collected is to be given to Clayton Jahns and all ad paperwork not already given to Tami, should be emailed to her at Conlon.tamara@gmail.com. The members of the map committee are listed below.

Crooked Trails - Dundee	Tom Hinchliffe
Dotyville Drifters	Steve Ditter Tim Mueller
Drift Jumpers - Waupun	Greg Holz
Holyland Snow Flyers	Dennis Stenz
Kettle Riders – New Fane	Quin Mueller
Ruff Riders – SC FDL	Joe Vitale
Silver Creek Snow-Odders	Tami Conlon Pat Conlon
Sno-Cougars - Campbellsport	Ray Sippel
Sno-Cubs - Brandon	Clayton Jahns
Snow Flyers _FDL	Tom Beltz
Trail Blazers – Fairwater	Chris Retzlaff
Twin Oaks – Oakfield	Jeff Montsma
West Shore Snow Pistons	Rodney Redman

FDL County Youth Rep. Report - Evan Conlon

Facebook Report – Jeff Montsma

- 1) There were eight total posts since the last county meeting. The following were the top four posts.
 - #1 vs #8 matchup on March 28th, 2761 people reached, 10 likes, 9 shares
 - Today's semifinal matchup, 2382 people reached, 10 likes, 18 shares
 - #1 vs #15 matchup March on March 9th, 2319 people reached, 9 likes, 9 shares
 - #4 vs #5 matchup on April 1st, 1870 people reached, 10 likes, 8 shares

Other New and Old Business

- 1) **Even Colon has agreed to write an article on the county ride that can be used in the FDL reporter, AWSC magazine and our association website.** Tom Hinchliffe needs photos from the ride to add to the website. Please email them to hinchdundee@gmail.com.
- 2) Just a reminder to complete the annual 990 and state incorporation paperwork to ensure you do not lose your tax exemption.

COUNTY MEETINGS ----- CLUB AND BUSINESS SPONSORS

September 08, 2020 - Hosted by Ruff Riders @ Scuds in Eden

October 13, 2020- Hosted by Fred's Fastrac @ Fred's Fastrac in Peebles

November 10, 2020- Hosted by Twin Oaks @ Jeff Montsma's Home (W6939 Co Rd 000, North FDL.

December 08, 2020 – Hosted by Crooked Trails@ The Roadhouse in Dundee,

January 12, 2021 – Hosted by the Holyland Snow Flyers@ The club house in Mt Calvary

February 09, 2021 – Hosted by the Brandon Sno Cubs @ Mel's Bar & Grill in Brandon

March 09, 2021 – Hosted by the Dotyville Drifters @ the Party Palace in Dotyville

April 13, 2021 – Hosted by the West Shore Snow Pistons @ Marghaels in Van Dyne

CLUB EVENTS- News Letter and Web site

If you have an event you want in the newsletter, send Tom an email with your club name, name of the event, day, time, event location, and contact name and phone number. To ensure accuracy, submissions need to be by email. No phone calls. All requests must be to Tom Hinchliffe by the meeting date. Tom's email address is hinchdundee@gmail.com.

Date and Time	Event	Location	Contact	Sponsor
Sat – 08/14/21 11:00 – 8:00	Free Corn Roast	Dundee Sportsman’s Park	Candy Lange 920-933-7238	Crooked Trails Dundee

*Free Corn, Food, Games, Raffles
Live Music*

Details on the clubs website at nkmcrookedtrails.com

CLUB EVENTS-Face Book

If you have an event you want posted on face book, send Jeff Montsma your club name, name of the event, day, time, event location, and contact name and phone number. To ensure accuracy, submissions need to be by email. Jeff’s email address is whynotmotts@yahoo.com

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY CLASSES

General Information

Go the FDL County Association’s website and click on the “Contacts” page to locate the link to the DNR safety classes held in your area.

Clubs Holding Classes

If your club is sponsoring a safety course, you will need to order safety material from the DNR to get your safely class updated on the DNR website. To get your class on Face Book, send an email to Jeff Montsma with the date(s) of the class, time, location, contact person and phone number.

To receive up to date changes on opening and closing of trail zones or conditions of trails, encourage your members to sign up for automatic emails. Please go to the home page of our website at <http://www.fdlsnowmobileassn.com> and sign up in the “Three Ways to Stay Connected” section.

A special thank you to the West Shore Snow Pistons for hosting the meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 on a motion from Jeff Montsma and seconded by Joe Vitale

Tom Hinchliffe - Secretary

FDLSA Website www.fdlsnowmobileassn.com