

Fond du Lac County Snowmobile Association

PO Box 1681, Fond du Lac, WI 54936



December Meeting Minutes

Date: 12/08/20 Location – Roadhouse Dundee

Host: NKM Crooked Trails

Present	Absent	Officers and Directors		Club	Guest
X		President	Steve Ditter (Dotyville)	Crooked Trails - Dundee	Tom Hinchliffe Tammy Backhaus Gary Strom
X		Vice President	Joe Vitale (Ruff Riders)	Dotyville Drifters	Steve Ditter Tim Mueller
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
X	X	2 YR Director (Odd Years)	Tom Beltz (FDL)	Silver Creek Snow-Odders – Ripon	Kyle Gellings Evan Conlon Tami Conlon
	X	2 YR Director (Even Years)	Pat Conlon		
X X	X	1 YR Director	Tony Sauer (Brandon Sno)	Sno-Cougars - Campbellsport	Ray Sippel Jim Kiesner Scott Heath
		1 YR Director	Tim Mueller (Dotyville)		
		1 YR Director	Jeff Montsma (Twin Oaks)		
X		Youth Rep	Evan Conlon	Sno-Cubs - Brandon	Clayton Jahns Tony Sauer
■	■	FDL County	Terry Dietzel	Snow Flyers _FDL	Tom Beltz
	■	Website	Tom Hinchliffe	Trail Blazers – Fairwater	Chris Retzlaff
■	■	Facebook	Jeff Montsma	Twin Oaks – Oakfield	
■	■	Snow Captain East Side	Steve Ditter Secondary – Ray Sippel	West Shore Snow Pistons- Friendell	Pete Tatro Rodney Redman
■	■	Snow Captain West Side	Pat Conlon Secondary – Jeff Montsma	County Parks	

Call to Order: 7:40 pm by President Steve Ditter.

Secretary's Report: Tom Hinchliffe

Tom read the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved by Tony Sauer and Seconded by Tim Mueller.

Treasurers Report: Clayton Jahns

Clayton read the Treasurer's Report. Approved by Dean Thelen and seconded by Tom Beltz.

Beginning Balance:	\$12,021.60
Income:	\$14,571.30
Expense:	\$17,669.00
Ending Balance	\$ 8,923.90

AWSC Report – Ray Sippel and Tom Hinchliffe.

- 1) The November AWSC Magazine has an article on the Wisconsin Military Snowmobile Ride in Eagle River. The ride is a family snowmobiling event designed to thank veterans for their service and grow the sport of snowmobiling. The event is looking for sponsors to cover the cost of gas, oil and banquet for the Vets. You can learn more on page 14 of the AWSC Magazine. On a motion from Tony Sauer and seconded by Dean Thelen a donation of \$100 was approved.

SNARS, Grooming, and Trail Report:

- 1) Maintenance hours and supplies should be entered in SNARS as soon as possible.
- 2) **Once grooming begins, SNARS must be updated by Monday night.**
- 3) Some clubs have noticed that hours entered in SNARS disappeared. If you go back into SNARS and refresh the screen your information should appear. No information was lost.

President Report - Steve Ditter

- 1) Last month Clayton emailed each club the insurance allocations for payment. Steve worked with the insurance company to get the premium reduced. As a result three clubs will receive a \$246 refund for overstated equipment insurance and all clubs to receive a \$10 overpayment for general liability. On a motion from Quin and seconded by Tami it was approved to apply the \$10 to next year's dues. As a result the 2021 will be reduced from \$135 dollars to \$125 dollars.
- 2) Mike Holden from Sheboygan County was elected to Executive Director of the AWSC. Mike will be a guest speaker at the January meeting held at the Holyland Club House.
- 3) SNARS Dash Board. As discussed at the last meeting, Steve is working with Katie Gunzy on weekly tracking of approved grooming dollars/hours processed and forwarded to the DNR for funded trails. The dash board tracks grooming dollars relative to achieving supplemental funding for the current snow season. To qualify, supplemental funding requires a minimum of \$60,440 in approved county-wide grooming expenses. All clubs are required to enter grooming hours weekly in SNARS no later than Monday night. Hours will be reviewed by Ray and Katie. Approved entries will be forwarded to the DNR. The dashboard indicating approved dollars/hours will be updated and emailed weekly to clubs' SNARS managers who will distribute information to the appropriate club members.
- 4) Next year all updates to SNARS will be auto loaded from the GPS in the groomer. Although auto loaded clubs should verify that all hours uploaded to SNARS is complete. Supplemental funding requires a minimum of \$200/mile in grooming expenses to reach supplemental funding.
- 5) A new map will be printed for the 2021-2024 snow season. For now Steve, Ray and Tami Conlon are working on the project. **Steve handed out a packet to each club which included forms, instructions and ads each club is responsible for renewing. When securing the ad, please include a phone number on the form so Tami can call if she has questions. Return the 2021 ad's ASAP so that any remaining non-renewal ad space can be assigned to another club.** The formal map committee will

contain a representative from each club with all Board of Directors participating. Plan is to have the map go to print early spring 2021. For the trail side of the map, clubs must ensure their trails are correct on the draft map. The county has the master GIS file that will be used on the new map. If you need to make a change to the GIS file, contact Josh in the FDL parks department. **Each club should study the trails on the current map closely and report any changes to Steve, Ray or Tammy.**

- 6) Steve would like to encourage clubs to use our younger members where we can, especially with websites and social media communication platforms. Discussion followed on how to get riders under 21 into the clubs. The following are several ideas:
 - a. Just charge \$12 to cover the AWSC dues.
 - b. Find out what others around the state are doing to get young people to join and keep in the clubs.

Even was asked to email his county youth rep contacts for ideas on what they are doing. Evan should bring his findings to the next meeting.

FDL County Youth Rep. Report - Evan Conlon

- 1) Even reported that the youth ride is tentatively scheduled for the weekend of Feb 19th.

Facebook Report – Jeff Montsma

- 1) Clubs are encouraged to take pictures of trail set up, brushing, improvements, etc. and share it on Facebook. Please send the pictures to Jeff for posting on the association's Facebook.
- 2) See the recent posts below:
 - a. Silver Creek Sno-Odders Brushing(25 likes, 4 shares, reached 1024 people)
 - b. Miller Pro Motor promotion (8 likes, 1 share, reached 476 people)
 - c. Veterans Day (16 likes, 1 share, reached 307 people)
 - d. Turkey Day greeting (7 likes, 2 shares, reached 273 people)

Other New and Old Business

- 1) Each year the AWSC holds an annual “Women on Snow” ride. Tami will be riding. The event is looking for donations to be used as door prizes for the participants. On a motion from Tony Sauer and seconded by Dean Thelen it was approved to buy and donate four \$25 gas cards.
- 2) Jeff is still waiting for a count of land owners from some clubs. Jeff will be calling the clubs that have not provided the count.
- 3) In collaboration with the DNR, the Snowmobile Recreation Council on Tourism and the AWSC material was presented to promote safe snowmobiling in the state. **Tom Hinchliffe and Jeff Montsma to work together on how to use the material on our website, face book and newspaper print.**

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 – TBA

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
01/23/21 11:00 – 4:00	Vintage Ride 14 Mile Ride	Party Palace – Dotyville	Steve Ditter 920-948-2141	Dotyville Drifters

*Open to sleds 25+Years Old
No Admission – Just a fun day riding the old iron
Soup Dump on the trail – Bring a can of soup
Cancelled if the trails are closed*

02/06/21 8:00 - 5:00	Sno Bol Vintage show	Kiekhaefer Park	Darrin Lefeber 920-273-9601	Holyland Snowflyers
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Sat – 02/06/21 Before 2 pm Snow or no snow	Memorial Poker Run	Various Bars See poster for details	920-533-3000	Campbellsport Sno Cougars
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*Bucket Raffles
50/50 Cash Raffle
Poker Hands Drawn between 6:30 @ 7:30
Party at CC's – Live Music – Reckless Remedy "Acoustic"*

02/13/20 10:00 am	Brat Fry Chili Dump	Dundee Sportsmen's Park Across from gas station	Tom Hinchliffe 414-322-8483	Crooked Trails
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*Snow or no Snow
All means of transportation welcome
Warming Fire - Plenty of parking
Raffles*

02/20/21	County Ride	Party Palace Dotyville	Tim Mueller 920-251-4186	Dotyville Drifters
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Details to Follow

Sat – 08/14/21 11:00 – 8:00	Free Corn Roast	Dundee Sportsman's Park	Candy Lange 920-933-7238	Crooked Trails Dundee
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*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 safety 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 NKM Crooked Trails for hosting the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm on a motion by Tami Conlon and seconded by Tony Sauer

Tom Hinchliffe - Secretary

FDLSA Website www.fdlsnowmobileassn.com