

# Fond du Lac County Snowmobile Association

PO Box 1681, Fond du Lac, WI 54936



## September Meeting Minutes

Date: **09/08/20** Location – **Scuds in Eden**

Host: **Ruff Riders**

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
X		Secretary	Tom Hinchliffe (Crooked Trails)	Drift Jumpers - Waupun	
X		Treasurer	Clayton Jahns (Brandon)	Holyland Snow Flyers – NE FDL	
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		2 YR Director (Odd Years)	Tom Beltz (FDL)	Silver Creek Snow-Odders – Ripon	Kyle Gellings Pat Conlon Evan Conlon
X		2 YR Director (Even Years)	Pat Colon		
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
X		Youth Rep	Evan Colon	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
■	■	Snow Captain West Side	Pat Conlon Secondary – Jeff Montsma	County Parks	

**Call to Order:** 7:35 pm by President Steve Ditter.

**Secretary's Report: Tom Hinchliffe**

Tom read the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved by Quin Mueller and seconded by Tim Mueller

**Treasurers Report: Clayton Jahns**

Clayton read the Treasurer’s Report. Approved by Tony Sauer and seconded by Ray Sippel.

Beginning Balance:	\$ 6,823.11
Income:	0
Expense:	\$ 149.17
Ending Balance	\$ 6,673.94

**AWSC Report – Ray Sippel and Tom Hinchliffe.**

- 1) No action has been taken by the Governor’s Council and DNR to approve additional trail funding for 2020-2021.
- 2) Both Dave Newman and Jeff Schwaller were not re-appointed to the Governor’s Council. They were replaced with Leon Wolfe and Gary Hilgendorf. In contacting Dave Newman, he said the change should be fine and not affect our balance of snowmobile friendly folks on the Council. Gary was on the Council in the past and both are AWSC County Directors.
- 3) It is very important to have a paid up club membership before trying to get your trail pass. It can take up to 21 days to obtain your pass by US mail. You are encouraged to use the AWSC website to obtain it. There are three ways to obtain your membership number:
  - a. Your magazine mailing label.
  - b. Your club’s membership chair.
  - c. Using the look up feature on the AWSC website.
- 4) If you do not renew your AWSC membership by July 1<sup>st</sup>, you will continue to get the AWSC magazine for three months and then removed from the mailing list. Your magazine label will indicate “Expired”.

**Grooming and Trail Report:**

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.

To ensure that we know where we are for possible supplemental funding, all trail maintenance and grooming must be entered in SNARS the Sunday night prior to the FDL County meeting. As we get into February and looking close for supplemental, reporting will be weekly.

**President Report - Steve Ditter**

- 1) Just a reminder that the Dotyville Drifters will chair the county snowmobile ride on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in February. (02/20/21)
- 2) There has been a change in the FDL County’s Planning and Parks Department that will affect how we interact with the county in the future. Sam Tobias has retired and Terry Dietzel is now our county contact. Paul Klein has been transferred over to the County Highway Department and no longer associated with the snowmobile program. Katie Gunzy remains in her current position assisting Terry. The Association thanks Paul for his years of service with the snowmobile program.
- 3) On the attachment clubs are listed with their GPS approved mileage for 2020/2021. Clubs highlighted in yellow lost funded mileage while the others remained the same or gained mileage. Unfortunately some clubs were under paid and others over paid in the 2019/2020 funding distribution. All agreed to call it complete “as is” with no attempt to redistribute.

- 4) As a result of the change at the county level, the association will take the following steps:
  - a. Steve will act as the focal point when communicating with Terry Dietzel. All contacts you previously had with Paul will now be directed to Steve.
  - b. Ray will continue to approve the club's SNARS submissions. At the county level it appears Katie Gunzy will make the final approval and submit them to the DNR.
- 5) With nothing coming from the county on the contract approval, we will use the existing approved contracts with the mileage updated to the GPS mileage on file. This mileage must agree with SNARS and mileage reported for your clubs share of insurance. If updates are needed, contact Steve for processing.
- 6) A new trail has been approved between the Wild Goose Trail and Mercury Marine.
- 7) The highway 23 project will require a re-route of the trail near the B&B gas station. If not approved, the trail would be closed for two years.
- 8) We will be publishing a new map for 2022 snow season thus requiring a renewal of sponsors in spring. For now, all clubs are to review the accuracy of the trails shown on the map. If the map does not reflect an accurate routing of your trails, mark on the map what it should be and give the mark up to Steve. If your trails are marked correctly communicate this to Steve as well.

### **FDL County Youth Rep. Report - Evan Colon**

- 1) Not much going on during the summer.

### **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) How many land owners do you have in your club. Send your count to Jeff . He will use the totals in a Facebook talking point. [whynotmotts@yahoo.com](mailto:whynotmotts@yahoo.com).

### **Other New and Old Business**

- 1) A reminder from the March minutes on how to keep our trails safe. All agreed we do a very good job marking trails in FDL county, however we can improve in the following areas:
  - a. Driveway marking – Active driveways should be marked with a stop ahead and stop sign. Tractor and other drives not active in the winter should have a Yield ahead sign.
  - b. Junction marking and curve signs – If you have a trail that is blind until in the curve or junction, mark with additional warning or stop signs.
- 2) Tom could not make the county ride last year and thus has no pictures for the website. For those attending can you email some reflecting outdoors in the snow?
- 3) Tom discussed a plan to convert our current website to a mobile “phone” site. Once converted all text and photos will appear on your phone with no need to use your fingers to zoom in on website content. When you use your phone to check for opening and closings, the content will auto adjust to the size of your screen. The best reasons to convert to a "responsive website"
  - i. The site will be readable on all devices (phones, tablets, TVs.)
  - ii. Better position on the search engine.
  - iii. Better experience for visitors.

- iv. Overall the biggest benefit for the association is that the site feels the same when jumping between mobile and desktop versions.

Jerry Drescher owner of Jet Acer that hosts our website, will make the conversion for \$300. A motion was made by Tony Sauer and seconded by Evan Colon to approve up to \$400 for the conversion.

**COUNTY MEETINGS ----- CLUB AND BUSINESS SPONSORS**

*September 10, 2019 - Hosted by Ruff Riders @ Scuds in Eden*

*October 8, 2019- Hosted by Fred’s Fastrac @ Fred’s Fastrac in Peebles*

*November 11, 2019- Hosted by Twin Oaks @ Jeff Montsma’s Home (W6939 Co Rd 000, North FDL.*

*December 11, 2019 –Hosted by the Holyland Snow Flyers@ The club house in Mt Calvary.*

*January 14, 2020 – Hosted by the Dotyville Drifters @ the Party Palace in Dotyville.*

*February 11, 2020 – Hosted by the Brandon Sno Cubs @ Mel’s Bar & Grill in Brandon*

*March 10, 2020 – Hosted by the Crooked Trails Club @ the Roadhouse in Dundee*

*April 14, 2020 – 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](mailto:hinchdundee@gmail.com).*

<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
09/26/20 11:00-4:00	Brat Fry	Dundee Sportsmen’s Club	Candy Lang 920-933-7238	MKM Crooked Trails

*Details to Follow*

02/20/21	County Ride	Party Palace Dotyville	Tim Mueller 920-251-4186	Dotyville Drifters
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Sat – 08/14/21 11:00 am - 8:00 pm	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](http://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](mailto: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.

*A special thank you to the Silver Creek Snow Otters for hosting the meeting.*

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 by Tom Beltz and seconded by Pete Tatro

Tom Hinchliffe – Recording Secretary

FDLSA Website [www.fdlsnowmobileassn.com](http://www.fdlsnowmobileassn.com)