

# Fond du Lac County Snowmobile Association

PO Box 1681, Fond du Lac, WI 54936



## April Meeting Minutes

Date: 04/10/04 Location: Marghael's Tavern

Host: West Shore Snow Pistons

Present	Absent	Officers and Directors		Club	Guest
<u>X</u>		President	Steve Ditter (Dotyville)	Crooked Trails - Dundee	Tom Hinchliffe
<u>X</u>		Vice President	Tony Sauer (Brandon Sno)	Dotyville Drifters	Steve Ditter
<u>X</u>		Secretary	Tom Hinchliffe (Crooked Trails)	Drift Jumpers - Waupun	Ron Moeller
<u>X</u>		Treasurer	Clayton Jahns (Brandon)	Holyland Snow Flyers – NE FDL	
<u>X</u>		AWSC Director	Ray Sippel (Campbellsport)	Kettle Riders – New Fane	Quin Mueller
<u>X</u>		AWSC Rep	Tom Hinchliffe (Crooked Trails)	Ruff Riders – SC FDL	
<u>X</u>		2 YR Director ( <i>Odd Years</i> )	Tom Beltz (FDL)	Silver Creek Snow-Odders – Ripon	Tami Conlon Pat Conlon Evan Conlon Randall Brown Cathy Brown
<u>X</u>		2 YR Director ( <i>Even Years</i> )	Pat Colon		
<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	1 YR Director	Lenard Uebel (Brandon)	Snow Birds - Eden	
<u>X</u>		1 YR Director	Tim Mueller (Dotyville)		
<u>X</u>		1 YR Director	Jeff Montsma (Twin Oaks)		
<u>X</u>		Youth Rep	Evan Colon	Sno-Cougars - Campbellsport	Ray Sippel
<u>X</u>		FDL County	Paul Klein	Sno-Cubs - Brandon	Lenard Uebel Clayton Jahns Tom Sauer
		Website	Tom Hinchliffe	Snow Flyers _FDL	Tom Beltz
		Snow Captain East Side	Steve Ditter Secondary – Ray Sippel	Trail Blazers – Fairwater	Chris Retzlaff
		Snow Captain West Side	Steve Farrell Secondary - Pat Conlon	Twin Oaks - Oakfield	Jeff Montsma
				West Shore Snow Pistons- Friendell	Pete Tatro Rodney Erdman

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

### **Secretary's Report: Tom Hinchliffe**

Tom read the minutes from the last meeting. Approved by Tom Beltz and seconded by Chris Retzlaff.

### Treasurers Report: Clayton Jahns

Clayton presented the Treasurer's Report. Approved by Pete Tatro and seconded by Jeff Montsma.

Beginning Balance:	\$ 5,797.08
Income:	\$ 1044.00
Expense:	\$ 100.00
Ending Balance :	\$ 6,741.08

### Fond du Lac County Planning Dept. - Paul Klein (paul.klein@fdlco.wi.gov)

- 1) Only seven clubs have submitted to Paul their GPS trail files. Without the submission you will not be paid for trail and grooming expenses for the 2017-2018 snow season. **If your club is not one of the seven, please get to it ASAP. This is due now.** Steve Ditter cautioned clubs to compare the GPS'd mileage with their assigned mileage to ensure all is accounted for. **Steve will follow up with the clubs that have not GPS'd their trails.**
- 2) If you have trails that you would like to see funded in the future, complete the paper work and get the request to Paul by April 13th.
- 3) Please enter all completed trail and grooming volunteer time in SNARS by April 30<sup>th</sup>. If you will have some spring work to complete after the 30<sup>th</sup>, estimate the time.

### AWSC – Ray Sippel and Tom Hinchliffe

- 1) American Income life after May 11<sup>th</sup> will no longer offer the free accident death benefit to AWSC members. They paid out \$45,000 in claims last year and have 12 claims this year that will need to be settled. Not enough people purchased policies to justify the benefit.
- 2) There are 613 clubs in the AWSC. Total memberships are 41,595.
- 3) "Of the Year" award nominations are due in the AWSC office June 6, 2018. The categories are:
  - Club of the Year
  - Snowmobiler of the Year
  - Young Snowmobiler of the Year
  - Snowmobile Family of the Year
  - Snowmobile Dealer of the Year
  - Volunteer Groomer of the Year
- 4) The 2018 raffle winners have been announced. We had no winners in this area. A full list of the raffle prizes and winners can be found on the home page of the AWSC website ([www.awsc.org](http://www.awsc.org))
- 5) Blue Mound State Park continues to be a problem with the 3<sup>rd</sup> version of the master plan to include snowmobiling in the Park. Soon there will be another hearing and a request from the AWSC membership to voice their opinion. Loss of this trail to snowmobiling will have ramifications in other parks in the state.
- 6) Their continues to be opposition to the Blue Mount State park master plan which includes snowmobiling. Most of the opposition is coming from the "Friends of the Park" groups. They are a strong opposition that does not want snowmobiling in the park. AWSC members are encouraged to join a local "Friends" group so that they can find out what they are up to and it's potential effect on snowmobiling.
- 7) The Directors and Rep's need to pass on important AWSC information out to their club membership on a timely basis. 75% of calls to the office can be answered by a Director, Rep or the website.
- 8) Club membership chairs need to send membership renewals in on a timely basis. Many calls come into the AWSC office checking on their membership only to find out they were never forwarded to the AWSC.
- 9) Officer elections took place at the March Convention. Lori Heideman and Jim Blouin ran for Vice President. Lori Heideman came out on top. All other officers were re-elected without opposition.

## **Grooming and Trail Conditions:**

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 [\\_Sign up in the “Three Ways to Stay Connected” section.](#)

## **Steve Ditter Reports**

- 1) The public has an opportunity through May 4 to comment on the Recreation Opportunity Analysis that examines existing outdoor-based recreation opportunities and future recreation opportunities in several areas of Wisconsin. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is seeking comments on draft chapters developed from information collected from the public in the fall of 2017. Snowmobiling does not appear in any of the recreational use paragraphs nor are we listed in the motorized section of the additional requests survey information. It is very important for all members to request snowmobiling as part of plan. Please provide feedback and suggestions on the draft chapters. The draft chapters can be reviewed by visiting [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov), and searching the keyword "ROA." A link to provide feedback is provided on the website.

## **SNARS Implementation and Issues: Tom Hinchliffe, Paul Klein and Ray Sippel**

- 1) Enter all maintenance equipment and volunteer time in a timely manner.

## **Other New and Old Business**

- 1) Evan Conlon gave a report on the Snowmobile convention he attended with his mother, Ray Sippel and Tom Hinchliffe. He thanked the clubs and individuals who donated items for the Youth's Silent Auction to raise money for the Scholarship fund. The auction brought in \$5,376. If you have youth in your clubs between the ages of 14 to 18 that would like to join the FDL Youth Snow Slingers Youth Group, please have them email Evan Conlon at [lilcatkid@gmail.com](mailto:lilcatkid@gmail.com).
- 2) Evan reported that the AWSC youth rep's are looking for a campground to hold a state wide camping trip scheduled for August 10-12<sup>th</sup>. This is open to all Association members and their families. They are also looking for a location for their winter Leadership Meeting. It needs to be a YMCA type setting with sleeping quarters. If you know of any place large enough to hold a large group, please have them contact Brittany Thompson at [misssnowflake1011@gmail.com](mailto:misssnowflake1011@gmail.com)
- 3) Jeff Montsma reminded members when riding to keep track of each intersection number you pass so that it can be reported to the authorities in case of an accident. He would like to see a future app that can be used to show each intersection GPS location reporting accidents.

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## **COUNTY MEETINGS**

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*October 10, 2017 - Hosted by Fred's Fastrac @ Fred's Fastrac in Peebles*

*November 14, 2017 - Hosted by Pro Motorsports @Pro Motorsports in Fond du Lac*

*December 12, 2017 – Hosted by the Brandon Snow Cubs @ Leahy's in Fairwater*

*January 9, 2018 - Hosted by Twin Oaks @ Holiday Inn in Fond du Lac*

*February 13, 2018 - Hosted by Dotyville Drifters @ Party Palace in Dotyville*

*March 13, 2018 – Hosted by Holyland Snow Flyers Club @ Holyland Snow Flyers Club House in Mt Calvary*

*April 10, 2018 – Hosted West Shore Snow Pistons @ Marghaels in Fond du Lac*

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**CLUB EVENTS**

*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 to be included in the*

Sat – 08/11/18 10:00 am - 8:00 pm	<b>Free Corn Roast</b>	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)*

**Snowmobile SAFETY CLASSES**

If you were born on or after Jan. 1, 1985, and are at least age 12, you must complete a snowmobile safety certification course to operate a snowmobile on Wisconsin public snowmobile trails.

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. Club volunteers, not the DNR conducts the training. If you are at least 16 years of age, you will qualify for the on-line course.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 by *Chris Retzlaff* and seconded by Tom Sauer

Tom Hinchliffe- Secretary

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