

# Fond du Lac County Snowmobile Association

PO Box 1681, Fond du Lac, WI 54936



## April Meeting Minutes

Date: 04/09/19 Location: Marghaels in Van Dyne

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	Tony Sauer (Brandon Sno)	Dotyville Drifters	Steve Ditter Tim Mueller CJ Immel
	X	Secretary	Tom Hinchliffe (Crooked Trails)	Drift Jumpers - Waupun	
X		Treasurer	Clayton Jahns (Brandon)	Holyland Snow Flyers – NE FDL	Dean Thelen Scott Suarace
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 ( <i>Odd Years</i> )	Tom Beltz (FDL)	Silver Creek Snow-Odders – Ripon	Randall Brown Cathy Brown
	X	2 YR Director ( <i>Even Years</i> )	Pat Colon		
X	X	1 YR Director	Lenard Uebel (Brandon)	Snow Birds - Eden	
X		1 YR Director	Tim Mueller (Dotyville)		
X		1 YR Director	Jeff Montsma (Twin Oaks)		
	X	Youth Rep	Evan Colon	Sno-Cougars - Campbellsport	Ray Sippel
X		FDL County	Paul Klein	Sno-Cubs - Brandon	Clayton Jahns Lenard Uebel
		Website	Tom Hinchliffe	Snow Flyers _FDL	
		Facebook	Jeff Montsma	Trail Blazers – Fairwater	Chris Retzlaff
		Snow Captain East Side	Steve Ditter Secondary – Ray Sippel	Twin Oaks - Oakfield	Jeff Montsma
		Snow Captain West Side	Pat Conlon Secondary – Jeff Montsma	West Shore Snow Pistons- Friendell	Rodney Erdman Wayne Tatro Robert Wenzel
				County Parks	Paul Klein

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

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

Tom read the minutes from the last meeting. Approved by Jim Montsma and seconded by Quin Mueller.

### **Treasurers Report: Clayton Jahns**

Clayton read the Treasurer's Report. Approved by Quin Mueller and seconded by Ray Sippel.

Beginning Balance:	\$ 6618.00
Income:	\$ 34.00
Expense:	\$ 105.50
Ending Balance	\$ 6546.50

### **Fond du Lac County Planning Department Report. - Paul Klein**

- 1) Clubs gave Paul nineteen new trail submissions.
- 2) (From March Minutes) "The state has deemed the bridge on trail #5 in New Fane is unsafe to cross with the groomer. The state does not have the funds to replace it. A joint meeting was called between Quin Mueller, Steve Ditter, Sam Tobias, Paul Klein and the DNR to find a solution. After observing the bridge, Sam and Paul feel it can be repaired and not replaced. Since the bridge is not a multi-use bridge, county money can be used. They will seek a 3<sup>rd</sup> party to verify" At this meeting Quin indicated that Sam Tobias is leaning toward rehabbing the bridge.

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

- 1) Nineteen deaths for the snow season.
- 2) There is 2.6 million in the supplemental fund which includes 1.5 million left over from last year. With this total the supplemental payout could be 100%. We will not know the final total available until September.
- 3) The AWSC gun raffle brought in \$4,900 and the Raffle ticket \$31,000.
- 4) There were a total of 157,084 state and out of state trail passes sold.
- 5) Supplemental submissions for funding will be audited before any payouts.
- 6) Clubs grooming for the DNR must bill the DNR with SNARS reports as back up for dollars billed.
- 7) Bridges are not eligible for FEMA. This must come out of insurance claim and/or snowmobile funding.
- 8) GPS in the groomer is under consideration by the Rec Council but they do want to push it at this time.
- 9) New safety and signing handbook is in the works. It will be on the website by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Hard copies available in the future. It looks like the 44 foot rule will be removed. Michigan and Minnesota do not have the 44 rule.
- 10) Please add email addresses to membership forms.
- 11) Clubs that groom for the DNR did not receive last year's reimbursement checks until a month ago due to a problem at the DNR headquarters.
- 12) To celebrate the AWSC's 50 years, clubs are asked to donate club patches, pins and decals to the World Snowmobile Headquarters in Eagle River where they will be on permanent display. If you have any you can give them to Ray to deliver to the AWSC.
- 13) Governor Evers transferred 1.6 million from the Indian gaming fund to the general fund for law enforcement. This money previously went into the snowmobile fund. The AWSC is on it. More to come on this.
- 14) Club was sued because a snowmobiler hit the groomer that was not properly marked.
- 15) Working on a state trail map that will only be on the website. No printing.
- 16) From 40 scholarship applications received there were nine scholarship winners at the convention.
- 17) The silent auction for the KAOS program raised \$7,224.
- 18) The bi-law change for memberships was approved at the annual meeting. The revision reads, "Effective July 1, 2019, the membership year for the A.W.S.C. is July 1 to June 30. Membership in the

A.W.S.C. shall begin the day the membership information and dues are processed by the A.W.S.C. office and all memberships will expire on June 30.

- 19) See attached “Snowmobile Trail Maintenance on a DNR-Managed Property”. Note that there are 64 miles of groomed trails in Fond du lac, Sheboygan and Washington Counties. The Crooked Trails and New Fane clubs are contracted to groom the state trails in Fond Du Lac County.

### **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

### **President Report - Steve Ditter**

- 1) Steve Ditter went over the GIS/GPS mileage summary. As a county we were short three miles from our current contracted miles. The three miles was awarded to the Fairwater Trail Blazers which does not have any funded miles.
- 2) The Eden Snow Birds will be dissolved effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. On a motion from Quin Mueller and seconded by Dean Thelen their 5.5 miles will be assigned to the Ruff Riders.
- 3) **Clubs have until May 15<sup>th</sup> to enter volunteer hours and receipts into SNARS or lose out for this year.** If you have a special situation that prevents you from entering by May 15<sup>th</sup>, obtain an extension from Paul. This hard deadline was approved on a motion from Tony Sauer and seconded by Dean Thelen.
- 4) Just a reminder that your non-grooming maintenance is capped at \$300 per mile.
- 5) **There is a proposed Holiday Hunt in Green County.** It is important for snowmobiles to attend the meeting where the vote to approve or reject takes place.

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

No Report

### **Facebook Report – Jeff Montsma**

- 1) Just a reminder to send Jeff Montsma your summer events you want posted on face book. His email address [whynotmotts@yahoo.com](mailto:whynotmotts@yahoo.com)
- 2) See attachment for Facebook statistics for March.
- 3) Jeff will consider writing an AWSC article on the counties March Madness event.

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

- 1) The September meeting will be at Scuds in Eden.
- 2) Brandon will host the 2020 county snowmobile ride. In fall changing the date from the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in January will be discussed.

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

*September 11, 2018 - Hosted by Fred's Fastrac @ Fred's Fastrac in Peebles*

*October 9, 2018- Hosted by Twin Oaks @ Oakfield VFW post 8092. (502 north main street)*

*November 13, 2018 - Hosted by Crooked Trails Club @ the Roadhouse in Dundee*

*December 11, 2018 – Hosted by the Ruff Riders @ Scuds in Eden*

*January 8, 2019 – Hosted by the Dotyville Drifters @ the Party Palace in Dotyville.*

*February 12, 2019 – Hosted by the Brandon Sno Cubs @ Mel's Bar & Grill in Brandon*

*March 12, 2019 – Hosted by the Holyland Snow Flyers@ The club house*

*April 9, 2019 – Hosted by the West Shore Snow Pistons @ Marghaels in Van Dyne*

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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 – 08/10/19 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)*

**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.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 by Dean Thelen and seconded by CJ Immel.

Tom Hinchliffe – Recording Secretary

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