

Fond du Lac County Snowmobile Association

PO Box 1681, Fond du Lac, WI 54936



February Meeting Minutes

Date: 02/12/19 Location: Mel's Bar & Grill

Host: Brandon Sno-Cubs

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 Tim Mueller
<u>X</u>		Secretary	Tom Hinchliffe (Crooked Trails)	Drift Jumpers - Waupun	Greg Holz Ron Moeller Gordy Pinch
<u>X</u>		Treasurer	Clayton Jahns (Brandon)	Holyland Snow Flyers – NE FDL	
<u>X</u>		AWSC Director	Ray Sippel (Campbellsport)	Kettle Riders – New Fane	
<u>X</u>		AWSC Rep	Tom Hinchliffe (Crooked Trails)	Ruff Riders – SC FDL	Joe Vitale
	<u>X</u> <u>X</u>	2 YR Director (<i>Odd Years</i>) 2 YR Director (<i>Even Years</i>)	Tom Beltz (FDL) Pat Colon	Silver Creek Snow-Odders – Ripon	
<u>X</u> <u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	1 YR Director 1 YR Director 1 YR Director	Lenard Uebel (Brandon) Tim Mueller (Dotyville) Jeff Montsma (Twin Oaks)	Snow Birds - Eden	
<u>X</u>		Youth Rep	Evan Colon	Sno-Cougars - Campbellsport	Ray Sippel
<u>X</u>		FDL County	Paul Klein	Sno-Cubs - Brandon	Clayton Jahns Lenard Uebel Tony Sauer Jeane Jahns Chad Crook Dennis Pinch Pam Sauer Breana Saur Logan Sauer Paul Ferch

	Website	Tom Hinchliffe	Snow Flyers _FDL
	Facebook	Jeff Montsma	Trail Blazers – Fairwater
	Snow Captain East Side	Steve Ditter Secondary – Ray Sippel	Twin Oaks - Oakfield
	Snow Captain West Side	Pat Conlon Secondary – Jeff Montsma	West Shore Snow Pistons- Friendell

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

Secretary’s Report: Tom Hinchliffe

Tom Hinchliffe read the minutes from the last meeting. Approved by Joe Vitale and seconded by Ray Sippel.

Treasurers Report: Clayton Jahns

Clayton read the Treasurer’s Report. Approved by Tim Mueller and seconded by Ray Sippel.

Beginning Balance:	\$ 6,590.30
Income:	\$ 125.00
Expense:	\$ 0
Ending Balance	\$ 6715.30

Fond du Lac County Planning Department Report. - Paul Klein

- 1) Clubs seeking new trails must send their request to Paul by April 1st. At this point only two clubs have requested new trail funding.
- 2) Call Paul if you find that something needs cutting back on the Rec trail and you can’t get to it.
- 3) Three clubs has not submitted grooming hours making the YTD report for the county inaccurate. **Steve made it clear that all trail maintenance and grooming should be entered in SNARS each week but must be entered the Sunday night prior to our county meeting.** If trails were open and you have no grooming hours to submit, give Paul a courtesy call at 920-979-9059.
- 4) A map of the full county trail system was brought to the meeting for our review and approval.

AWSC Report – Ray Sippel and Tom Hinchliffe.

- 1) All current AWSC officers are running for another term. Elections will take place at the convention in March.
- 2) The AWSC sent each club the “Club Voting Delegate Form” to be filled out and emailed to the AWSC by March 7, 2019.
- 3) If you plan on attending the AWSC convention the weekend of March 22, 2019, fill out the “Convention Registration Form” and mail it by March 7th to receive the discounted early bird registration fee. The AWSC convention will be celebrating 50 years.

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 wants all clubs with overage or shortages to verify their miles using a GPS to make sure the mileage is correct.** This is especially true if you used GIS to measure the mileage rather than actually GPS'ing. This is your last chance at the county level to reflect the mileage without going through the Governor's Snowmobile Recreational Council. **If you have new trails, submit your request to Paul by April 1st.**

FDL County Youth Rep. Report - Evan Colon

- 1) Evan gave a report on his KAOS ride in Lakewood Wisconsin. The guest speaker was Sam Landes, AWSC Executive Director and Lori Heideman, AWSC Vice President. The speakers stressed the need for young people to respond to surveys and emails so that their voice can be heard. The group was filled in on current issues such as the Blue Mount State Park and its importance to all Federal and State Parks in the country. There were 16 youth riders in attendance.
- 2) Clubs were reminded to donate items to the KAOS silent auction taking place at the March AWSC Convention. You can give your donations to Evan, Tom or Ray.
- 3) See attached newsletter from the KAOS group.

Facebook Report – Jeff Montsma

- 1) Just a reminder to send Jeff Montsma your winter events you want posted on face book. His email address whynotmotts@yahoo.com
- 2) Joe Vitale went over some of the statistics related to Facebook traffic. The four top posts are:
 - #1 Zone Opening post 1/23 (5700 people reached with 51 shares.
 - #2 Zone Opening post 1/31 (4200 people reached with 38 shares
 - #3 Zone Opening post 1/28 (1900 people reached with 10 shares
 - #4 Zone Opening post 1/24 (1500 people reached with 9 sharesClubs are encouraged video while grooming and let Jeff know so he can post it.
- 3) **(Repeat Reminder) Fond du Lac County Snowmobile March Madness** – Jeff introduced us to the Fond du Lac County Snowmobile Association March Madness proposal. Here is how it would work. People whom reside in Fond du Lac county post a picture of their sled (new, vintage, off trail, trail riding sled, racing or whatever) to the Facebook post as a comment. Based on the most "likes" each sled gets between when the post goes up and middle of February we rank the top 16 and position them into a March madness style bracket. We will then post head to head match ups on the sleds, 2x a week for people to "like" or vote on them. Winner moves on to the next match up until we have a single winning sled near the end of March. Winning sled wins \$50 gift card sponsored by the FDL Snowmobile Association for either Fred's or Pro Motor and will be highlighted on our Facebook page.

Other New and Old Business

- 1) On a motion from Tom and seconded by Joe Vitale, \$100 was approved to purchase a helmet or something else from Fred’s Fastrac as a donated items from the FDL Association for the KOAS silent auction at the March Convention. Tami to make the purchase.
- 2) If you are signed up to receive the trail status update email, you now see the following message in the email. ”In order to maintain our email list we need your help. Please click the link below (or copy and paste it in a browser) to let us know you got this email. If we don't hear from you we will be removing your name and email from our email list. Thank you”. This change was necessary to keep the emailing list up to date and prevent a corrupted file. You should click on it each time you open the trail status email, however you will need to miss it five times before you will be dropped from the list.
- 3) Elections

Office	Nomination	Nominated by	Second	
President	Steve Ditter	Ray Sippel	Tony Sauer	
Vice President	Joe Vitale	Ray Sippel	Tami Colon	
Secretary	Tom Hinchliffe	Tony Sauer	Tami Colon	
Treasurer	Clayton Jahns	Ray Sippel	Tony Sauer	
AWSC Director	Ray Sippel	Tony Sauer	Joe Vitale	
AWSC Rep	Tom Hinchliffe	Tony Sauer	Ray Sippel	
AWSC Youth Rep	Evan Colon	Tony Sauer	Joe Vitale	
Director #1-2 yr.	Pat Colon	Not up for election until 2020		Even Years
Director #2-2 yr.	Tom Beltz	Tim Mueller	Ray Sippel	Odd Years
Director #3-1 yr.	Tim Mueller	Joe Vitale	Ray Sippel	
Director #4-1 yr.	Tony Sauer	Joe Vitale	Ray Sippel	
Director #5-1 yr.	Jeff Montsma	Tony Sauer	Tim Mueller	

Note: Lenard Uebel stepped down from his position as a one year director and the position was filled by Tony Sauer. Lenard was thanked for his years of service. Both Joe Vitale and Tony Sauer were nominated for the Vice President position. After a tie vote a coin was tossed to elect Joe Vitale as the Vice President. All other positions were filled with a unanimous vote.

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 @ TBA

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

December 1st- March 30th	Poker Run	Oak Central Oakfield	Jeff Montsma 920-960-4644	Twin Oaks
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\$10 for a book – Fourteen participating businesses

Sat 02/23/19 11:00 am	Vintage Ride	Party Palace Dotyville	Steve Ditter 920-940-2141	Dotyville Drifters
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Open to sleds 25+ years old – Bring a can of soup for trailside soup-dump

Fri 03/29/19 Sat 03/30/19 9:30 am	Brat Fry	Brat Stop Brandon	Tony Sauer 920-517-5014	Brandon Sno- Cubs
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[Click here for details](#)

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

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 Brandon Sno-Cubs for hosting the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 by |Joe Vitale and seconded by Ray Sippel

Tom Hinchliffe – Recording Secretary

FDLSA Website www.fdlsnowmobileassn.com