

# Fond du Lac County Snowmobile Association

PO Box 1681, Fond du Lac, WI 54936



## November Meeting Minutes

Date: 11/13/18 Location: Dundee

Host: Crooked Trails Club

Present	Absent	Officers and Directors		Club	Guest
<u>X</u>		President	Steve Ditter (Dotyville)	Crooked Trails - Dundee	Tom Hinchliffe Sue Hafferman Mark Hafferman Ken Depperman Mike Weston
<u>X</u>		Vice President	Tony Sauer (Brandon Sno)	Dotyville Drifters	Steve Ditter CJ Immel
<u>X</u>		Secretary	Tom Hinchliffe (Crooked Trails)	Drift Jumpers - Waupun	
<u>X</u>		Treasurer	Clayton Jahns (Brandon)	Holyland Snow Flyers – NE FDL	Dennis Stenz Dean Thelen
<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	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	Kyle Gellings Pat Conlon Evan Conlon
<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
		Website	Tom Hinchliffe	Snow Flyers _FDL	Tom Beltz
		Facebook	Jeff Montsma	Trail Blazers – Fairwater	Chris Reztlaff
		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	Pete Tatro

**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 Tom Beltz and seconded by Evan Colon.

**Treasurers Report: Clayton Jahns**

Clayton presented the Treasurer’s Report. Approved by CJ Immel and seconded by Tony Sauer.

Beginning Balance:	\$ 5,289.92
Income:	\$ 6,228.14 (Mostly insurance to be paid out in December)
Expense:	100.00
Ending Balance :	\$ 11,618.06

**Fond du Lac County Planning Dept. - Paul Klein ([paul.klein@fdlco.wi.gov](mailto:paul.klein@fdlco.wi.gov))**

- 1) All rec trails will be cleared and opened for the snow season.
- 2) Clubs with breaks in their GPS readings were given a paper map to document their funded trails and trail names. This was due November 9<sup>th</sup>.
- 3) **Clubs seeking new trails should bring their request to the next meeting. Paul will bring trail requests he already has.** Requests for new trails are due in the County Parks office by April 15, 2019

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

- 1) AWSC Raffle tickets are still available. 1<sup>st</sup> prize \$10,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize \$2,500, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize \$1,000 and 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> prizes are overnight lodging from various places in the state. All clubs are encouraged to purchase at least one ticket. Call Ray if you need tickets. (920-602-1172).
- 2) AWSC members and commercial memberships are 38,640.
- 3) The Workshop attendance was 707. Up from last year.
- 4) If you are interested in knowing how many funded miles other clubs in the state have, you can find out by opening SNARS and clicking on “Historical Data” at the bottom of the home page. This will give you miles, type of grooming equipment funding and more.
- 5) The Governor’s Council will be awarding new mileage in August of 2019. Mileage requests will be ranked based on state wide criteria.
- 6) There is now a state wide contract for all clubs that groom and maintain state trails.
- 7) In swampy areas, it is recommended that clubs use compact rollers and snowmobiles to set up trails.
- 8) When packing snow, groomers can save 20% on fuel if they do not hold snow in the drag.
- 9) It is recommend that clubs hold a grooming meeting at the beginning of the season to go over grooming policies and safety issues.
- 10) If your bridge needs to be replaced or repaired do not get a permit until you are approved for funding. For bridge repair approval you will need to take pictures of the damage on top, sides and bottom.
- 11) The AWSC is asking for input on increasing the membership from \$10 to an amount up to \$15. The reason for the proposed increase is that the cost per membership is \$14 and not covered by current membership dues. The shortage is covered with the sale of the AWSC raffle ticket and by tapping into the legal fund. Continuing down this path will prevent the funding of future legal battles.
- 12) If you have members that could apply for one of the AWSC’s scholarships, submit the application by January 10, 2019. The application is available on the AWSC website.
- 13) AWSC continues to ask the membership to respond to their legislators when asked to do so. Your response is very important. Tom Hinchliffe sends notifications for response to the club delegates who are then responsible to forward to their membership. Don’t put it aside. Act and share with your members.

**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 <http://www.fdlsnowmobileassn.com> and sign up in the “Three Ways to Stay Connected” section.

### **Steve Ditter Reports**

- 1) **By the next meeting clubs must report any trails that are not ready to open.**
- 2) **Clubs must report their GPS'd trails to Ray so he can coordinate by the next meeting where we are as a county.** Once known we can reassign clubs with overstated mileage to clubs that are unstated.
- 3) Steve is requesting a breakdown of the major areas that make up the \$14. Tom will contact the AWSC to get a break down.
- 4) Steve has updated the FDL County Snowmobile Association's brochure and will have some printed and available at the next meeting. The attached is available now to print and distribute. Pat Colon took exception to the wording “state funded trails” as there is no public money used in funding our trails. He feels it should be relabeled, “user funded”. All agreed the change needs to be made to the brochure.

### **Evan Colon KAOS Report**

- 1) Evan reminded clubs to keep the AWSC calendar up to date with club events and also any snowmobile equipment for sale. You will need to go to the AWSC website and enter your information including who, what, when, where, why and who to contact for more information.
- 2) The KOAS summer camping trip in Oakdale is the weekend of July 26-28, 2019. Everyone is invited and welcome. There is space for tent and RV camping. They are looking for a large turnout. “Attending shows you care what our youth is doing”. To learn more contact Evan at 920-896-5195 or email at lilcatkid@gmail.com
- 3) The KOAS group is asking for donations of items to be auctioned at the silent auction at the March Convention. The money raised is used to support KOAS activities. If you have items to donate please contact Evan at 920-896-5195 or email at lilcatkid@gmail.com
- 4) He asks that you get your young people in your club to help in brushing and signing as this will get them involved at an early age.

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

- 1) Tom is in the process of obtaining renewals for Fred's Fastrac and Pro Motors which are our website sponsors. The ad's run two years for \$125. This supports our yearly payments to our webmaster.
- 2) Jeff Montsma reported that since September, our face book page has 6,000 hits mostly regarding our safety programs. You are reminded to “friend” those you know as snowmobilers.
- 3) Tom suggested clubs let their land owners know they can sign up for trail opening and closing emails on our website.

### **Follow Up Items**

- 1) Tom followed up with Dave Newman on what makes up the \$14 cost per membership. The items making up cost are operating the office, paid staff, computer systems, website, legal, lobbying, director and executive board expenses including mileage and the cost of the workshops and convention expenses not covered the attendees.

COUNTY MEETINGS

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*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	<b>Poker Run</b>	Oak Central  Oakfield	Jeff Montsma  920-960-4644	Twin Oaks
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*\$10 for a book – Fourteen participating businesses*

*Check out Twin Oaks Facebook for details*

Sat - 01/19/19 10:00– 4:00	<b>County Ride</b>	Brandon	Tony Sauer  920-517-5014	Brandon Snow Cubs
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*Details to Follow*

Sat - 01/05/19	<b>Brat Fry</b>	Trail Intersection 10A  5520 N Willow Rd	Steve Ditter  920-940-2141	Dotyville  Drifters
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*Held snow or no snow*

Sat 01/26/19 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*

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.

***A special Thank you to the Crooked Trails Club for hosting the meeting.***

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 by /Tony Sauer and seconded by Even Conlon.

Tom Hinchliffe- Secretary

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