

Fond du Lac County Snowmobile Association

PO Box 1681, Fond du Lac, WI 54936



March Meeting Minutes

Date: 03/10/20 Location - CJ's at the Wayside

Host: Silver Creek Sno-Odders

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	Ron Moeller Greg Holz
X		Treasurer	Clayton Jahns (Brandon)	Holyland Snow Flyers – NE FDL	
X		AWSC Director	Ray Sippel (Campbellsport)	Kettle Riders – New Fane	
X		AWSC Rep	Tom Hinchliffe (Crooked Trails)	Ruff Riders – SC FDL	Joe Vitale Kevin Roth Dan Crouch
X		2 YR Director (Odd Years)	Tom Beltz (FDL)	Silver Creek Snow-Odders – Ripon	Kyle Gellings Pat Conlon Evan Conlon Tami Conlon Tim Muller Randall Brown Cathy Brown Glen Vandekolk John PerrPerr Jen Perr Mitchell Perr
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 Scott Heath
X		Youth Rep	Evan Colon	Sno-Cubs - Brandon	Clayton Jahns Clayton Jahns
■	■	FDL County	Paul Klein	Snow Flyers _FDL	Tom Beltz
	■	Website	Tom Hinchliffe	Trail Blazers – Fairwater	Chris Retzlaff
■	■	Facebook	Jeff Montsma	Twin Oaks – Oakfield	Jeff Montsma
■	■	Snow Captain East Side	Steve Ditter Secondary – Ray Sippel	West Shore Snow Pistons- Friendell	Pete Tatro Rodney Erdman
■	■	Snow Captain West Side	Pat Conlon Secondary – Jeff Montsma	County Parks	Paul Klein

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 Ray Sippel and seconded by Tim Mueller

Treasurers Report: Clayton Jahns

Clayton read the Treasurer's Report. Approved by Tom Beltz and seconded by Tony Sauer.

Beginning Balance:	\$ 6,923.11
Income:	0
Expense:	\$100.00
Ending Balance	\$ 6,823.11

Fond du Lac County Planning Department Report. - Paul Klein

- 1) (Carry Forward) New contracts are still in draft form and not approved by the FDL Legal Department. When the contracts are available, clubs need to ensure the equipment is correct and the mileage agrees with SNARS.
- 2) **There are still some clubs that have not completed the "Contact of Land Owners"** form that each club is required to mail or email back to Paul. The club president must sign it. The form is attached to the January minutes.
- 3) Last chance to turn in paperwork to Paul to get your non-funded trails funded. As of today there has been no requests for additional trail funding. Must be to Paul ASAP.
- 4) To ensure our trails are as safe as possible, clubs should review the signing requirements in the new snowmobile handbook located on the AWSC website.

AWSC Report – Ray Sippel and Tom Hinchliffe.

- 1) SB 623 and AB 356 has passed to raise the snowmobile fund available to the program from a \$2.475 million cap to \$5.475 million. Thanks to all members that contacted their legislator.

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) Steve thanked the Brandon Sno Cubs for a great job running the FDL County snowmobile ride.
- 2) He asked who would like to sponsor it next year. Tim Mueller volunteered the Dotyville Drifters. All agreed to let the Dotyville club run it next year on the 3rd Saturday in February. (02/20/21)
- 3) Discussion followed 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.

- 4) Steve and Ray summarized where we are as a county for supplemental funding. Some clubs had not entered grooming hours in SNARS on a timely basis and others reported hours in error preventing an accurate count of the YTD dollars needed to get into supplemental funding. As a result of inaccurate reporting the Ripon club pushed to groom beyond their \$300 a mile in thinking they would receive supplemental. This hit home on the need for accurate and timely reporting going forward.
- 5) Discussion followed on getting accurate reports out of SNARS. It appears there may be a problem with SNARS itself. Tom Hinchliffe to follow up with SNARS before the next meeting.

FDL County Youth Rep. Report - Evan Colon

- 1) Evan asked Clubs to donate items to the KAOS silent auction taking place at the March AWSC Convention. You can bring your donations to the next meeting or give directly to Evan, Tom or Ray.
- 2) On a motion from Ray Sippel and seconded by Joe Vitale, the association is authorized to spend around \$100 on a silent auction item from Fred's Fastrac. Steve will make the purchase.

Facebook Report – Jeff Montsma

- 1) The March madness Facebook challenge is now available to FDL county club riders. The rules are: 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

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 @ Oakfield VFW post 8092. (502 north main street)

December 11, 2019 –Hosted by the Holyland Snow Flyers@ The club house

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 Silver Creek Sno-Odders @ CJ's at the Wayside (W13201 Cork Street Ripon)

April 14, 2020 – Hosted by the West Shore Snow Pistons @ Marghaels in Van Dyne

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.

Date and Time	Event	Location	Contact	Sponsor
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Fri March 27 & 28 9:30 – 2:30 pm	Brat Fry	Brat Stop in Brandon Main ST. HWY 49	Clayton Jahns 920 346 5224	Brandon Sno Cubs
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Brats / Burgers / Pork Chop Sandwiches / Chili
Poster attached

Sat – 08/08/20 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*

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

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 safety 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