

Bagley & Brazeau

Joyriders Snowmobile Club

April 2006 Snow News & Minutes

President's Corner

Roy Lawrenz

Meeting Schedule

**April 8, 2006 Spring Clean Up
9:00 a.m.
Joyriders Storage Shed**

March 11, 2006 Minutes

Meeting was called to order by President Roy Lawrenz at 10:10 A.M. at the Walker's Bay, White Potato Lake, WI.

First Order of Business:

Secretary's Report

A motion to accept minutes as mailed was made by Tony Gmand, seconded by Jerry Frey. Motion approved.

Second Order of Business:

Treasures Report

A motion to accept treasures report as given by Roy Lawrenz on behalf of Bob Oseland was made by Tom Stadler and seconded by Bert Weidemier. Motion approved.

Third Order of Business:

Old Business:

State Funding:

Bert Weidmeier raised the question where we stand on funding in Marinette County.

Gene Duffy gave the report that we are still trying to secure the funding. The issue is the 5.8 miles that we groom in that county. He hopes that next year with continued pressure being put on we can secure the funding.

Supplemental State Funding:

Tom Stadler gave a report on how the Supplemental Funding works. Oconto County was concerned that in our area due to the lack of snow to southern and eastern part of the county that they would not qualify for state funding. They were really counting on our club to put the county over the cap. With the amount of grooming we did it would appear that we were successful and the county will qualify for the supplemental funding. How much and what percentage we will get reimbursed will be determined at the end of the season.

Trail Grooming:

Reports coming back from many different sources indicate that the snowmobilers in our area were very pleased with the quality of our trails both from a grooming and brushing standpoint. We as a club can be very proud of our trail system.

T-Zone Hunting:

Roy Lawrenz presented to the club a letter mailed to him regarding the T-Zone issue and that the landowner is considering closing down his land to snowmobiling. For our club this is of great concern. Over the years we have established a very good working relationship with the landowners and we are hopeful that this issue will not create a problem for us in the future.

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Tom Yingling an avid hunter and snowmobiler presented to the club the issue from both sides. It would appear it is the DNR who has pinned the hunters against the snowmobilers, and the real issue is the hunters do not like the way the Earn A Buck program is set up.

It was decided that we will have to face this issue on a landowner by landowner basis.

Four Orders Of Business: New Business:

Trail Grooming:

Tom Stadler brought up the issue that in the swamps early in the year before the swamps freeze solid our groomer can not go through them. If we had a lighter piece of equipment Trac Type Vehicle we could use our smaller drag and really do a nice job in the swamps. His question was dose the membership feel it would be a good investment to purchase a smaller piece of equipment in addition to the groomer we are presently using. The investment would be approximately \$25,000 and perhaps we could also purchase a brush cutter for it. After much discussion it was decided to put the issue on hold.

Brazeau Rescue Squad Donation:

Roy Lawrenz read a thank you letter to the club from the Brazeau Rescue Squad thanking us for our donation.

Snowmobile Deaths:

Year to date there have been 4 snowmobile deaths in Oconto County. All the deaths were speed and drinking related.

Discussion took place on how we can continue to mark our trails better. Also Tom Stadler told the club that the state is going create a law that snowmobiles can not travel faster than 55 miles per hour at night.

New Bridges:

Discussion took place on two new bridges that will have to be made next year. One of the bridges is located on the trail between Klondike and White Lake approximately 8' long. The second bridge that need replacing in the swamp coming off of the Coleman trail. That bridge will be more difficult to make because all the materials have to be hand carried in. We will be working on those projects next fall.

Mail Box Replacement:

Roy Lawrenz reported to the club that our groomer knocked down a mail box on Lee Lake Road. Approval was given to purchase a new mail box for the owner.

AWSC Awards:

Roy Lawrenz informed the club that he has received the forms to nominate Snowmobiler of the Year Award. Any one interested should contact him.

April Meeting:

It was decided that for the April Meeting we will be meeting at the Club Storage Building and have a short meeting and then work on the trails removing signs. No lunch will be served at this meeting.

Motion to Adjourn:

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second by Tony Gnan. Motion approved.

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