

Bagley & Brazeau

# ***Joyriders Snowmobile Club***

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## ***December 2016 Snow News & Minutes***

### **Presidents Corner**

It is that time of the year to clean up our membership roster. If you have not renewed your membership do it today. You can renew the membership on our website or send it in the membership envelope sent to you last month. Those members who have not renewed their membership by the end of the year will be removed from our mailing list.

Your club this year has been very busy getting the trails ready. From the very beginning your club has had as one of its goals, whenever possible, to get off of the roads and to continue to improve our trail system. When I became a member of our club some thirty years ago, yes I am that old, our trail system was seventeen miles long round trip from Lee Lake to Klondike and back, one sled wide. We now manage over 68 miles of groomed trails. Over the years we have had really dedicated members who continued to work hard to establish the trail system we have today, and that is true with the trail bosses and active members who have worked on the trails this year.

Again this year we have been busy marking as many trails as they can. In some cases some of our trails still have corn on them. Hopefully in the next couple of weeks these trails can be marked. Just how big a job is it to mark the trails? I tell people imagine our storage building and along the 45' wall there are 55 gallon drums from one end to the other. In the spring of the year all those drums are stuffed

with signs that are put up in the fall. On top of that we have two of our trail bosses who store their signs at their home. That is a lot of times, stop signs, and arrows that go up every year. A new addition to our trail system road signs naming the road you are crossing mounted below the stop. This should make it easier to identify where you are.

That does not mean that the work is done. We still have many trails that need to be brushed. Also a real concern are the swamps we go through. We have experienced extremely strong winds the last couple of weeks. As a rule with strong winds there are usually a lot of trees the fall over in the swamps. The bad news is we have to wait for a good freeze before we can go into the swamps. I know not everyone likes to hear this, but we really need some very cold weather now to work in those areas.

In closing I cannot thank enough, the members who volunteer their time and equipment to open up the trails each year. It is greatly appreciated. Hope to see you at our next meeting at Wouter's II, White Potato Lake.

Roy Lawrenz  
President

**Think Cold Weather and**  
**Think Snow**

# Meeting Schedule for the Year

## December 3 , 2017

Club Meeting

Location:

Wouters II, White Potato Lake, WI.

Time 9:00 am

## January 7, 2016

Club Meeting / Work Weekend

Location:

Hart Land Bar & Grill

N5238 Parkway Rd

Time 9:00 am

## 2017 Special Event

Tentative Date Club Overnight Ride  
Super Bowl Weekend

## February 4, 2017

Club Meeting - Location:

Klondike Bar, Klondike, WI. - Time 9:00 am

## March 4, 2017

Club Meeting

Location:

Red Maple Golf Club, Suring, WI.

Time 9:00 am

## April 1, 2017

Club Meeting - Work Weekend

Location:

Club Storage Building, Lee Lake, WI. –

Time 9:00 am

## April 8, 2016 Special Event

Landowner Appreciation Dinner

Holiday Inn, Kelly Lake, WI

# Club Overnight Ride

For me one of the really fun events we have been able to do as a club is our Overnight Ride. We have always scheduled on Super Bowl Weekend. You may ask why Super Bowl Weekend? Well for one thing there is not a lot of traffic on the trails, and it has been our experience that the trails have always been in excellent conditions.

In the past our destination has been to ride up to Rhinelander Wisconsin and we have stayed at the Holiday Inn. That does not mean we have to go there this year, would like to hear some suggestions as to where you would like to ride. For the new members we all meet in the middle of Lee Lake on Saturday morning with a departure time of 8:30 in the morning. Tom Stadler our Senior Trail Boss is our leader. He always really does a great job of mapping out the trails we will be riding on. Our goal is to make the Saturday ride a little longer so we have an arrival time of about 5:00 to the Hotel. We get a private room for us to meet in and usually order in Pizza, and have munchies, beer, wine, and soda. A good time to reflect on our ride and tell snowmobile stories.

We depart the Hotel at 8:30 in the morning and find a quick way home so we are back to Lee Lake by around 2:00 leaving us plenty of time to enjoy the Super Bowl. So mark your calendars and join us on Super Bowl Weekend providing the weather condition are good for snowmobiling.

## **NOVEMBER 5, 2016 MEMBER MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at Lee Lake Tavern on Lee Lake Road at 9:00 AM

Welcome, introductions and by President Roy Lawrenz. 17 members present and only 5 live in the area, the rest live elsewhere but still take time on weekends to be a part of our club. A special thank you to them.

### **First Order of Business Secretary's Report**

A motion was made by Hubert Weidemeier and seconded by Tom Yingling to approve the minutes. Motion approved.

#### Second Order of Business

##### Treasurer's Report

Chuck Panure submitted the Treasurer's report on club income and expenses from Sept. 30th to October 31st. A motion to approve the report was made by Linda Holtger and seconded by Joe Reba. Motion approved.

### **Second Order of Business Treasure's Report**

Chuck Panure gave the treasure's report. Tom Yingling made a motion to approve the report second by Tom Stadler. Motion approved.

### **Third Order of Business Old Business**

Hubert Weidemeier congratulated all those who worked on the steep hill trail going to White Potato Lake on the NE power line. He commented that this was the best piece of trail work ever done by the club. Tom Stadler added that after the rain stopped he and Steve went back to the site to de-stump and remove trees. Tom reported the new bridge built on Brazeau turned out well. We are waiting for Scott Thompson to bring in dirt as soon as the ground dries out. He also reported on brushing on the new trail between Kelly Lake and Cooley Lake. Two weeks later they opened up another new trail. The new land owner wanted us to switch the trail location. We tied into the trail from last year and took some of the twists and turns from the trail saving mileage and making it easier for grooming especially toward the Suring area. We also got off a road that never held any snow. We can now use area between road and woods and also opened up a section of 150 yards long that gets us off the road. Tom Stadler and Tom Yingling put gates up by bridges on the Cooley Lake area. We re-posted the big information sign that got ripped down by the wind coming into Montana Lake. It is now held with stainless steel cable that will last longer. Chuck Panure reported that the sign by the

pipeline is down and sitting on the ground. They plan to pick it up and bring it back for repairs and put it up again.

### **Forth Order of Business New Business**

Roy reported we are up to date with the landowner changes and insurance. He encouraged trail bosses to contact their landowners earlier next year if possible before first club meeting for insurance purposes.

Roy said that in order now to get state funding he needs to download all material from the spreadsheet to an internet site. He asked for a volunteer to do this.

The club now has 105 members as of today. We had 154 last year. Because of change of law with trail passes, many of those out of state paid with Pay Pal through our website. It is a downside for our club if those new members don't participate or become active as it puts more work on our club and less cash. Out of the \$20 membership fee; \$10 goes to the AWSC and \$10 covers expenses of communicating with members. It was suggested we raise the club dues. We need to see what are our operation costs this year before we make that decision. It was also mentioned that the Pickrel-Tombstone Club has members join for 3 years instead of one. This generates more income earlier. That is something for us to think about also,

Tom Stadler reported that the intersection signs have arrived. Next week we hope to put them out as well as the road crossing, stop signs and road signs, example: Parkway, Lee Lake Road. It is a brown sign with name on it 3 inches high. This is how the county wants this done.

Tom passed out maps showing how we have segmented our trail systems by trail numbers from intersection to intersection. This is something the state has asked the county to do and the county is asking the clubs to do so. Tom is going to the Alliance meeting and will present this idea to them. This is a great way to keep in touch with the groomer's location and when someone has a

trail emergency. A GPS system on groomers may be implemented to keep track of groomer moving and standstills.

Roy reported that the new representative of Oconto County Forest informed him that we were funded for 56 miles instead of 68. Roy met with him and went over our map versus his map and there were some variations. They are going to redo several sections on the map to reach a correct conclusion. We are being funded for 68 miles this year, but it could change next year.

A landowner around Wescott Lake and Z called Tom about finding junk on fields and said he would let us use the land this year but shut it down next year. Tom convinced him we had been seeing the junk for years and it is not coming from the snowmobiles. He relented and will let us continue using it. He asked us to help him out and to let him know if we catch anyone trashing the land.

Tom received news that it is now illegal to put a sign on a tree on a county road. It needs to be posted on a pole. Stay tuned for that!

The county has logged the woods across Z that was getting narrow in the woods. We need to go take a look at it today.

Roy asked for a show of hands for those who wanted to work on trails on this beautiful, sunny Autumn day. Many takers!!

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Tom Yingling and seconded by Bob Peters.









from \_\_\_\_\_ Jerry

