

Northern Lights Snowmobile Club
February 26, 2018

Meeting was called to order by President, Jerry Gilbertson at 7:10 pm. Other officers present: Joyce Nykolayko, Pat Radtke, Sue Frank and Eric Wick. Members present: Kathy Gilbertson, Linda and Jay Schuette, Paul & Carol Steinhauer, Jim Nykolayko, Joe and Faye Maschke, John and Nancy Zabel, Mark Obukowicz, John Younker, Tom Nykolayko, Cindy Nelson, Jackie Kuehn, Ed Grajkowski, Bonnie Lamb, Rick Gensler, Ron and Joyce Friedle, Karl & Chris Gaffron, Mark Wallesverd, Dave & Pat Wheeler, Morse and Debbie Hintz, Chuck Radtke, Ken & Carol Zator.

Jerry welcomed all who attended. The club thanked the MoonDance staff for their hospitality.

Treasurer's Report: Joyce Nykolayko reported that our season to date for membership revenue is \$11,230. Total revenue and income including donations, raffles, Christmas party, stickers, membership and ride with pride is \$22,341.00. Total expenses including donations, AWSC dues & fees, club activities, website related expenses, insurance and registration is \$18,189.59. Ending bank balance as of 2/26/18 is \$4457.68. Membership total includes 55 new members and 338 renewals. Note: prior YTD was 414 total vs this year's total of 393. (See more detail in treasurer report)

Ride with Pride: workers were acknowledged and thanked, including: Jim Nykolayko and John Ibach for collecting receipts and stubs, Paul and Carol Steinhauer and Ron and Joyce Friedle, who did Trackside sales and all the other volunteers mentioned last month who made the event so successful. A total of \$5005. was collected for Ride with Pride this year!

Overnight ride: The club heartily thanked organizers Mark O, Ron F, Larry R, Dave W and Mark W for all their work on this event, which was a great success. Discussion has already begun on next year's overnight ride, which organizers Mark Wallesford and Dave Wheeler announced will be Feb 5 through Feb 8 (Tues – Fri). More details on this will follow in September.

Weenie Roast: took place Feb 18. The Zabels were congratulated on running a nice event with so many people stopping by that more hotdogs will be ordered next year! Jay and Linda Schuette were also thanked for their assistance with the weenie roast. It should be noted that Karl Gaffron is thanked & appreciated for plowing the area, bringing the firewood as well as some tables. Raffle tickets were sold during the event. Suggestions that will be considered for next year's event are: coolers to keep buns & onions from freezing, the use of a windbreak of some sort-Karl recommended 3 sided food tent of some sort to offer protection; Jim N said he has a canopy tent 10x20 that might work. Jerry suggested the club consider purchasing some of these items. This will be further discussed at a board meeting.

Weekly Ride updates: Rides have taken place consistently in February, with some of the best conditions of the year this past week. Jerry and Eric have both been leading rides which included trips to Phelps, Conover, Brule River, Bauer's Dam and Land O'Lakes. Generally rides have included 3 to 13 riders. Jerry also noted that long time snowmobile club member and co-founder of the scenic rides (15-17 years ago) Jack Schlaefer, passed away this month. Ed G also noted that the trails have been in very good condition.

Elections to take place during March Club Meeting:

Eric Wick will continue as VP; looking for a co treasurer with Joyce Nykolayko, or possibly a separate membership treasurer? It would be ideal if this person were here most of the year as a lot of the work takes place between Christmas and New Year's. (Note: there was a brief discussion explaining the concern with many people waiting to renew memberships in Dec. Options & incentives were mentioned that might encourage people to renew in September to alleviate the time pressure. Jerry will follow up with these ideas at a board meeting.) Nominations for positions will be taken from the floor in March. (Note: Individuals must agree to their nomination ahead of meeting.)

Other

Jerry thanked Sue Frank for her wonderful job creating the club newsletters. The pictures are terrific also, and promptly placed in corresponding newsletters, which is much appreciated!

A reminder that club clothing is available from Chris Gaffron. Of special interest is that NLSC website will be linked to Chris's Stitch It website so clothes can be ordered in this convenient way. This feature should be up and running by September!

The Friedles won the 50/50 raffle. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

The next meeting is at Bonnie's Lakeside on March 26, 2018 at 7 pm.