

Northern Lights Snowmobile Club  
**October 28, 2019**

Meeting was called to order by President Jay Schuette at 7:00 pm. Other members present include: Linda Schuette, Jim and Joyce Nykolayko, Sue Frank, Mark Wallesverd, Dave and Pat Wheeler, Karl and Chris Gaffron, Rick Gensler, Scott Swendson, Steve Swendson, Kylee Swendson, Eric and Jackie Wick, John Zabel, Faye and Joe Maschke, Charles Brady, Jerry and Kathy Gilbertson, Dave and Cindy Bacon, Mike Wahlberg, Bonnie Lamb, Jackie Kuehn, Al Huntington, Tom Lang, Ginny Gerlach, Mark and Rosie Obukowicz, Gary and Brenda Keuler, Tom Nykolayko, Cindy Nelson, John and Sue Younker, and Paul and Carol Steinhauer.

Jay welcomed all in attendance, including new members, and thanked the American Legion for hosting the meeting, and Bonnie's Lakeside for providing the food.

Jay stated that the minutes from the last meeting of September 23, 2019 can be found on the NLSC website and to forego the reading of them.

Jay asked all in attendance to please sign in, and to purchase 50/50 tickets as the proceeds offset the cost of the food served at the meetings.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Joyce Nykolayko read the report as of 10/28/19, indicating a beginning balance of 1,234.75; total income of 7,868.00; expenses of 3,903.04 leaving a net income of 3,964.96 and an ending bank balance of 5,199.71. Joyce noted that the donations are down by 1,300 from last year.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE – Linda Schuette noted that the membership name and address must match identically to the name and address on the snowmobile registration. She asked members to get their renewals in as soon as possible to avoid delays. She also noted that donations can be added during the membership renewal process on the application.

BYLAWS – Dave Wheeler stated that the bylaws have been revised as follows: To mirror the AWSC membership expiration date of June 30 and run concurrent with AWSC membership year of July 1 – June 30; If a new member joins after February 1 the membership will run through the next year; revised the number of members on the Board from 2 – 4; September 1 – August 31 fiscal year will remain the same. Motion by Joyce Nykolayko, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy Gilbertson to approve the bylaw revisions as presented. All ayes.

CHRISTMAS PARTY UPDATE – Sue Frank asked those in attendance for donations and to assist with seeking donations. She also stated that a sign-up sheet will be available at the November meeting for bringing a dish to pass. Bonnie will be providing the main dish. The committee and other volunteers will be working at Bonnie's on Monday, December 2 at 3:45 to prep for the party.

GROOM TO RIDE TICKETS – Jay asked for volunteers to sell tickets at Trackage. Jim Nykolayko has the sign-up sheet.

OVER NIGHT RIDE UPDATE – Joe Maschke provided an update on the progress of the overnight ride. He apologized for not thanking all of the volunteers who helped and is truly appreciative of all who helped out with the planning. There are 6 rooms left in the reserved block. When all of the blocked rooms are reserved, he will try to get more rooms blocked. If you plan on riding into Michigan, remember to get your Michigan trail pass. There are many routes in Wisconsin otherwise. The pre-ride trip dates will be announced in the future. If interested in the pre-ride it will be announced on the website. Please sign up in advance. Scott Swendson recommended riding to the West of Mercer for some awesome trails. Jay thanked Joe for his report and efforts.

TRAILS UPDATE – Scott Swendson reported that brushing and signing is taking place on the trails. The new groomer has been delivered. Scott thanked the Club for the donations that assisted greatly with the purchase. Volunteers are needed. Contact Scott Swendson to sign-up. Go the TL Trails Facebook page to see the schedule. Signing and final brushing will take place heartily after the gun deer season. The trails are very wet. December 15 is the earliest date for trail opening. Keep in mind that Oneida County opens as a “county”, therefore all trails in the county must be ready to open. TL Trails cannot open until the “county” is ready and open.

WEEKLY RIDE LEADERS – Jay asked for leaders to lead the weekly rides and indicated who is currently volunteering: Dave Wheeler will take Thursdays – slow ride to start at 9:30 am. Eric Wick leads on Wednesdays starting at 9:30 am. There is also a spirited ride on Wednesdays leaving at 8:30 am with the leader to be determined. Mark Obukowicz will lead on Fridays starting at 9:30 am with a hybrid ride which is a little bit longer and faster than the other rides. Jerry Gilbertson will lead on Tuesdays leaving at 9:30 am. Linda Schuette will take a group on Fridays for a slow ride leaving at 10:00 am. Give Mark your email address to receive the notices of his route information for his Friday rides. All rides leave from the Shell Station in Three Lakes.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - Jay asked for two volunteers to be the nominating committee. Joyce Nykolayko and Eric Wick volunteered. The terms of Vice-President and Treasurer are expiring at the end of this season. Please consider volunteering for one of these positions.

PHOTOS – Jay asked for riders to take photos of their rides for the website. Dave Wheeler stated that the photos need to be of the highest resolution for social media. Dave will place photos on the website and social media. Please take your photos without alcohol in the photo.

KAOS MITTEN DRIVE – Kylee Swendson provided more information on the mitten and hat drive. KAOS is collecting hats, mittens and socks (all new) for the drive. Please bring your items to the November meeting. The KAOS event is Feb 7-9 in Lakewood at the YMCA camp. They donated \$800 to the AWSC Scholarship Fund.

The new Miss Snowflake is from Rock County and her name is Tia Fuchs with email address:  
[misssnowflake1920@gmail.com](mailto:misssnowflake1920@gmail.com)

WEINIE ROAST – John Zabel updated the club on the Weinie Roast to be held on February 16, 2020. There was a question as to whether or not we should invite Miss Snowflake to the roast. With a cost of approximately \$400 for mileage the club decided the event would not benefit from having her there for that cost.

OPEN ITEMS:

Linda Schuette noted that the AWSC has a trailer available for use for events.

Scott Swendson, AWSC Oneida Co. Representative, attended the AWSC Fall Conference. He reported that the trail passes are working as the proceeds have been able to fund 615 new miles in the state and Three Lakes Trails received funding back on Trail 13. He noted that the GPS tracking has indicated that clubs reported a total of 400 fraudulent miles. There is more funding available in the future with a reserve of \$2 million. There are 859 active grooming machines in the state. A total of 7,200 trail passes were purchased by 4,312 people. All memberships will expire on July 1, 2020. The OWI Bill is still on the desk. The fuel issue regarding levels of ethanol is going to be addressed by the AWSC.

Jay asked Scott if the GPS tracking is available on the trails. He replied that there are GPS devices in the groomers to track where they groomed. There is a 6-hour delay, however with the postings. Three Lakes Trails does not have this available. A mandate is forth coming. Scott will provide the website at the next meeting and he believes that the Sno Eagles have the website link on their website.

Linda Schuette, and Karen Videgar also attended the AWSC Fall Conference general session and received some valuable information regarding membership details and was surprised at the number of individuals working behind the scenes for the success of snowmobiling. They received information regarding business memberships which can listed on the AWSC website for an annual membership fee of \$45 and for \$95 they will receive a listing in the AWSC magazine.

Scott Swendson is selling AWSC raffle tickets for a top prize of \$10,000. There will be only 450 tickets sold at \$100 per ticket. The drawing will be held on March 21, 2020. See Scott for a ticket. There was a motion by Bonnie Lamb, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Schuette to approve the purchase of one AWSC raffle ticket for \$100 by the NLSC. All ayes.

Joyce reported that the open book review was completed by Karen and Reg Videgar. They performed a thorough review and found all items were in complete order.

Jay requested a volunteer to sell Groom to Ride tickets at the next meeting. Mike Wahlberg volunteered.

Jay mentioned that the Club has several decals left over and is giving them away. Come to a meeting to pick some up.

The next meeting is scheduled on Monday, November 25, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Black Forest.

Karl Gaffron and Scott Swendson reported that the Snowmobile Friendly Community signs have been put up. There was a motion to adjourn at 7:55 pm by Bonnie Lamb, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jerry Gilbertson. All ayes.

The 50/50 raffle drawing was held.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Frank  
Club Co-Secretary