

## Northern Lights Snowmobile Club

September 28, 2020

Meeting hosted on Zoom

Meeting was called to order by President Jay Schuette at 7:05 pm.

Members present: (Please note that the names are each participants Zoom account name) Jay and Linda Schuette, Sue Frank, Karen and Reg Videgar, Ginny and Bill Gerlach, Nancy and John Zabel, Mark Wallesverd, Doug Alfke, Dave and Pat Wheeler, Mike Graume, Jenny Videgar Daun, Ken Zator, Cory Bailey, David Bickmore, Gary Keuler, Scott Swendson, Jackie Wick, Bonnie Lamb, Jeff, Craig, DAJ, Pete G, Scott G

Jay welcomed all in attendance.

**ZOOM MEETING PROCEDURES** - Karen Videgar reviewed instructions, procedures, and guidelines for Zoom meeting participation as included in NLSC newsletter.

**MINUTES** – Sue Frank reminded attendees that minutes are posted on the NLSC website for review.

**TREASURER’S REPORT** - Reg Videgar reported that total income from membership and donations as of 9/20/2020 is \$3,462.35. Expenses including various fees, dues, membership, advertising, and printing of 3000 tickets for Groom to Ride, etc. are \$1,534.69 for a net income of \$1,927.66. Ending bank balance as of today \$13,913.98. It was announced that the Board approved a motion at the Board meeting on 9/21/2020 to donate \$10,000 to Three Lakes Trails.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT** - Linda Schuette reported that there are currently 135 members and noted that previous memberships expired as of 6/30/2020. Linda processes memberships in batches of 10-15 at a time to minimize AWSC processing fees. Business memberships are available. Business sponsorship is also available, and information will be included in the next newsletter.

**GROOM TO RIDE** – Report provided by Linda as Jim Nykolayko was unable to attend.

- Trakside has provided significant donations including a 2021 Ski-Doo or 2021 Can-Am ATV, 4 tickets to World Championship Snowmobile Derby including admission, hot seats and parking.
- Other prizes: One half day fishing guide by Pertile’s Up North Guide Service which includes dinner for 2 at Aromas and dinner for 2 and a bottle of wine at Bonnie’s Lakeside; and a Weatherby or Winchester rifle.
- Tickets are starting to be distributed to area establishments and will be on sale thru February for \$5 each / 3 for \$10. The drawing will be at Trakside on February 27 at 1:00. There will also be same day raffles.
- Reg, Jay, and Dave delivered tickets last year. Reg & Dave will help deliver again this year. Let Jim know if interested in helping
- Bonnie’s Lakeside has tickets and has sold \$90 already!

**CHRISTMAS PARTY** – Jay indicated that the Christmas party is our biggest fundraiser but is now on hold due to Covid; we are working on alternate fundraising ideas. Linda mentioned Joyce’s comments at the recent Board meeting related to Women’s club fund raising suggestion. The Women’s club sent an email asking for donations similar to what would have been spent in person at their event; club members with ideas should forward them to the Board.

**CLUB OVERNIGHT TRIP** - Jay indicated that the overnight club trip has been cancelled due to hotel limitations because of Covid.

**WEENIE ROAST** -

- John Zabel indicated that the event would proceed as planned on 2/14/2021 as social distancing can be maintained. He will be looking for volunteers –stay tuned for more info. A suggestion was made to move it to Saturday. However, after discussion we determined that we need to avoid conflict with Poker run Saturday activities. Scott noted that poker runs are scheduled for Presidents day and MLK weekends.
- Jay suggested that we hold a second Weenie roast event and Scott mentioned considering a possible chili cookoff instead of weenies in mid- January. We would need to avoid hosting a chili cookoff on the Saturday of poker run weekend – it would be ok to host an additional event on Sunday of MLK weekend; Scott asked us to determine dates so the Chamber can include the dates in their calendar which is going to print soon. We need to determine dates for AWSC calendar within a week also; Scott offered additional details on the Trails chili cook off event for reference – event is held on the Saturday closest to New Year’s day - they need 10-15 people providing 3-4 gallons each – chili is gone in 2-3 hours. They served approximately 150 bowls of chili at the last event. He is not sure if able to do chili cookoff this year due to Covid restrictions.

**WEEKLY RIDE** – Jay indicated that weekly rides will be planned as trail conditions dictate but noted that he is unsure of which bars/restaurants will be open for lunch.

**SNOWMOBILE QUEEN** – Jackie reported that Cheyanne Warren put applications in the high school late this summer. There are no further updates.

**KAOS** - Linda reported for Kylie that there are no updates. Scott noted that KAOS had one camping trip event this summer.

**TRAILS & AWSC REPORT** - Karl /Scott (Karl was not present)

- Scott indicated that the AWSC spring meeting had been cancelled; fall meeting for directors/ reps is scheduled late October and believes it will be viewable on the AWSC Facebook page. The Fall convention has been cancelled.
- A Trails workday is coming up this Saturday – Muskego Creek bridge that goes into Eagle River junction with Three Lakes trail needs to be re-decked – looking for volunteers to meet at 8:30 at the groomers shed on Saturday. They may also need volunteers for Thursday - Contact Scott or Bill Scheurer at Shell gas station; Scott will post volunteer needs on FB page and Dave will copy the link to our FB page

- Scott noted that there is a commercial membership through AWSC. Scott will get info to the club. Commercial members get named and their business does get printed in AWSC magazine a couple of times a year.
- Scott stated that they very much appreciate the donation NLSC is making to Trails.

**FUNDRAISING** – Jay indicated that we are open to all fund-raising suggestions especially in light of Christmas party being on hold.

- Sue likes Joyce’s suggestion made at the Board meeting regarding the Women’s club who sent a letter for soliciting donations via email as noted above. We should consider a similar message stating that we are unable to host our Christmas party and ask that members consider donating the amount that would normally be spent at the live event to the club to help support trail maintenance. Members on the call concurred that this is a good fundraising idea to pursue.

**OPEN ITEMS**

- Mark Wallesverd presented a member award that he and Reg intended to present at the last meeting of the year but due to Covid, the meeting was cancelled. Mark talked about the last Friday ride of the season that he took on 3/6/20 with Reg and a 3<sup>rd</sup> club member toward Iron River – the 3<sup>rd</sup> member followed wrong group after making a trail-side pit stop . . . Dave Wheeler was that third member. Mark presented Dave with the “NLSC Hound Dog” award as he demonstrated a relentless ability to follow a trail regardless of where it led him. 😊
- Scott Swendson suggested sending an email message to all members from the 2019 membership list requesting that they renew their membership. Karen will facilitate sending a message as well as including a reminder in the newsletter; Scott will include a reminder on the Trails Facebook site along with a link to the NLSC Facebook page. Dave will post a reminder on the NLSC Facebook page.

Meeting Adjourned 7:48pm

**NEXT MEETING** - October 26, 2020 7:00PM on Zoom

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Gerlach, Co-Secretary