

Northern Lights Snowmobile Club

October 26, 2020

Meeting hosted on Zoom

Meeting was called to order by President Jay Schuette at 7:04 pm.

Members present: (Please note that the names are the participant's Zoom account name) Jay and Linda Schuette, Sue Frank, Karen and Reg Videgar, Ginny Gerlach, Nancy and John Zabel, Mark, Dave Wheeler, Mike Graume, Jenny Videgar Daun, Cory Bailey, Jim Nykolayko, Scott Swendson, Eric and Jackie Wick, Jeff, John, sdivito, Pete and Mary Gramoll, Rick Gensler, Betty Roth.

Jay welcomed all in attendance and thanked everyone for attending.

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

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

TREASURER'S REPORT – Reg Videgar reported as of 10/19/2020: Beginning balance \$13,913.98; Income \$4,565.00; Expenses \$12,029.99 which includes a \$10,000 donation to TL Trails; ending balance \$6,448.99

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Linda Schuette reported that there are 227 members to date this season.

TRAILS REPORT – Scott Swendson reported for Three Lakes Trails. He thanked the NLSC for the \$10,000 donation.

- We have a new recreational officer in Three Lakes, Mitch Ellis, who will be more active with patrolling this season beginning January 1, 2021. Last year 69 warnings and 47 citations were issued.
- The state funding awarded 100% supplemental funding. There will be new miles available for funding with the changes.
- The Florence Co Blue Ox Trails case of the snowmobile vs. groomer incident has been thrown out. This has been a long battle. Insurance and contracts are extremely important to have in place.
- There has been an issue with commercial signs on state trails. Signage with business advertisements are not allowed on state trails. The Bearskin Trail has been an example of this.
- The bridge in Langlade County has been funded.
- There is a change to the law coming regarding loud pipes on sleds. You can currently get away with it by saying that you purchased it that way. This will no longer work in the future.
- When submitting memberships, be sure to use your current mailing address, not a second home address.
- Last year, St. Germain had the highest number of club members at 1107; Mercer 617, Sno Eagles 457, NLSC 446, Minocqua's Cross Country Cruisers 445. The competition is on to pass up Sno Eagles. Promote our club! There are 603 clubs in the state with 39,847

members, 1,249 business members, totaling 41,096 club members statewide. All of these numbers will be published in the AWSC magazine.

FUNDRAISING – Reg reported that we have a fundraising goal of \$16,000 and have received \$3,410 to date.

CHILI DUMP – John Zabel reported on the upcoming new chili dump event scheduled for January 17, 2021 from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. The event will be held on Maple Lake. Karen was asked to add this event to the calendar of events in the newsletter. Members were asked to donate chili for this event and to get back to John with your commitment. We will need approximately 54 gallons of chili.

There was discussion regarding lack of meeting participation and encouraged all to promote the zoom meetings to help improve participation.

WEENIE ROAST – The Weenie Roast is scheduled for February 14, 2021 from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm on Maple Lake. The previous trail side location has been limited by the DNR with a permit to 10 people, with a fee, and no alcohol is allowed. No permits are needed on Maple Lake, hence the location change. Scott Swendson commented that Maple Lake is a good location. John tried to secure a banner from Pepsi. Due to Covid there are not any available. He will make event signs. Scott Swendson mentioned that TL Trails may have some available to use. Scott is working on putting a poster together that lists all of the winter events, and will post in local establishments.

BASKET RAFFLE – Sue Frank reported that we are pursuing this avenue to assist with the fundraising goal. Baskets will be located in local establishments with a sign in board to purchase a square or more to win. Bonnie's Lakeside has a Bloody Mary basket on display, which she donated, for a chance to win and is almost sold out. She has also taken it upon herself to sell a chance on a strip card for a chance to win a bottle of liquor. She has one complete to date, giving the club \$25 towards the goal.

CASH DONATIONS – Dave Wheeler has made modifications to the website. He has added a fundraising tab where there is a form for cash donations. Also included on the website is a letter from Reg, Treasurer explaining the fundraising goal. He suggested that everyone go out to the website to take a look at the improvements.

PIZZA SALE – Linda Schuette reported that Heather Biro from the Black Forest has contacted her to see if the club would have any interest in a pizza sale for fundraising. Another club has been successful and earned \$1,200 with the sale. We would have to get the orders and set up some type of delivery. More information needs to be gathered and she is looking for someone to volunteer to meet with Heather. Nancy Zabel offered to work with Linda on this. Further discussion and more information needed to be brought back to the next meeting.

GROOM TO RIDE – Jim Nykolayko reported that all of the tickets have been distributed to the ticket outlets except for Mollyville and the Alvin locations. Tickets are selling well and he expects a really good season. He is putting a schedule together for selling at Trackside

BADGER TORCH PARADE – Jim Nykolayko shared information regarding the January 14-15, 2021 ride from Wausau. The ride will stop in Sugar Camp to meet with their club, then onto Three Lakes Trails Groomer shed for a photo op. They will then proceed to a local establishment

from there. There will more information to follow after the November 10 meeting. The schedule is being worked out.

Jim reported on the Military Ride for Veterans scheduled for January 17, 2021. Veterans are invited for a full day of racing. On Monday they meet at the Derby track for the daily ride and wrap up at the Derby track with dinner. The Oneida County Snowmobile Club supports this event as did our club in the past and plan to support this event again this year.

WEEKLY RIDES – Dave Wheeler indicated that the same leaders will be leading again. Scheduling is in progress. The current situation with Covid-19 will be considered with ride length and scheduling.

SNOWMOBILE QUEEN – Jackie reported that this has been postponed for a year because of Covid-19.

CLUB CLOTHING – Linda Schuette spoke with Chris Gaffron regarding NLSC clothing. She ordered some personal items for examples. She suggested posting 2 different colors to choose from on the website. Mary Gramoll volunteered to help her with the color decisions. Discussion took place regarding the club colors. Jim shared the club patch which has two different shades of blue, red, and white on it. An order form will be made available on the website for members to order directly from Chris at Stich-it.

OPEN ITEMS – John Zabel asked Scott if there are any dates scheduled for trail brushing. Scott stated that there are not any dates scheduled at this time but to keep an eye on the TL Trails Facebook page for updates.

John asked for volunteers to make chili for the chili dump at that an ice cream bucket full would be appreciated. There were a couple volunteers.

NEXT MEETING – November 30, 2020 7:00 pm at Bonnie's Lakeside and on Zoom. Jay noted that this is the fifth Monday of the month. There will not be a meeting in December.

Meeting Adjourned 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Frank, Co-Secretary