

## **Northern Lights Snowmobile Club**

January 25, 2021

Meeting hosted on Zoom

Meeting was called to order by President Jay Schuette at 7:03 pm.

Members present: (Please note the participants are indicated by their Zoom account name) Jay and Linda Schuette, Sue Frank, Karen and Reg Videgar, Ginny Gerlach, John and Nancy Zabel, Pete and Mary Gramoll, Eric Wick, Jeff Lehman, Steve Divito, Scott Swendson, Jim Nykolayko, Tim Schuette, Larry Roth, Rick Gensler, Cory Bailey, Kylee Swendson, Christine Julius, Robert Clifford, Dave Wheeler, and Doug Alfke.

Jay welcomed all in attendance and thanked everyone for attending.

**MINUTES** – Ginny Gerlach informed those in attendance that the minutes from the past meetings are posted on the NLSC website for review.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Reg Videgar reported on the finances for the period of 12/14/2020 through 1/25/2021: Beginning balance \$7,674.87 Income \$5,395.00; Expenses \$1,082.24; ending balance \$11,987.63. Donations received were \$1,600 this period. Reg suggested making another donation to TL Trails. Discussion followed with Jim Nykolayko apprising everyone that we will need some of the funds for the Groom to Ride Raffle. Scott Swendson suggested that we wait until after the expenses for the Groom to Ride Raffle are paid after the February 27 drawing. The donation to TL Trails has been tabled until the March meeting. Reg went over the \$16,000 fundraising goal and noted that we have received \$12,180 to date with \$8,685 from donations, \$2,265 from Groom to Ride Raffle, and other raffles \$1,230. We have an open date to sell Groom to Ride at Trackside on February 20. Ed Wick, Jay and Linda Schuette, and the Zabels volunteered to sell.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT** - Linda Schuette reported that the club now has 457 members to date this season.

**OPEN BOARD POSITIONS – NOMINATING COMMITTEE** – Jay informed the club that there are two board positions expiring at the end of this season, President and Secretary/Co-Secretary. He asked for volunteers to come forward to volunteer for these positions. The club needs you! Please come forward if you are interested in any of these positions.

**AWSC REPORT** – Scott Swendson didn't have anything new to report. The location of the Spring meeting is yet to be determined. The President, Dave Newman has someone running against him. Get your votes in.

**KAOS REPORT** –Kylee Swendson, KAOS Representative, reported that the purpose of KAOS is to get youth more involved in snowmobiling. Due to COVID, events have been cancelled. A future Zoom meeting is being planned. She spoke at the Snowmobile Safety Class at Three Lakes High School and is partnering with a youth representative. She felt very honored to be a part of the Badger State Games Torch Ride. She carried the torch from Three Lakes to Eagle River. She took many pictures and was very grateful to be able to be a part of such an amazing event. She hopes to be able to participate again next year. With the lack of snow and closed

trails, the event took place by automobile. Everyone who attended enjoyed the event even though transportation was by automobile rather than snowmobile. She is hoping to be able snowmobile at the event next year.

**FUNDRAISING AND EVENTS** – John Zabel discussed the Weenie Roast which is scheduled for Sunday, February 14 from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm and has advertising set up with radio stations and the newspaper, with TV to schedule yet. All of the logistics are coming together. Eric Wick will be getting the cake.

**BASKET RAFFLE** – Sue Frank provided an update. There are raffle baskets at Pine Isle, Bonnie's Lakeside, and Black Forest.

**SNOW DANCE** – Linda Schuette reported on the snow dance that was held impromptu in the front yard of Bonnie's Lakeside with a warm campfire. Snow dancing took place to a preschool song. A great time was had by all. A future snow dance will be scheduled on a weekend.

**MILITARY RIDE** – Jim Nykolayko reported that the ride was cancelled. The event consisted of a visit to the Hall of Fame Museum in St. Germain and lunch.

**GROOM TO RIDE** – Jim Nykolayko reported that the raffle ends on February 27 with the drawing at Trackside in Eagle River. Get your tickets soon.

**TRAILS REPORT** – Scott Swendson reported for Three Lakes Trails. The trails are opening at noon tomorrow, Tuesday, January 26, except for Forest County. A request has been submitted to open the Three Lakes-Brule River Trails portion of Forest County. The trail conditions are better out toward the Forest County area. Scott stated that they hope to get the lakes marked by the end of the week. There is not much snow to work with, causing the trails to be rough and in early season conditions. Jay thanked Three Lakes Trails for all of their hard work with trail maintenance and preparing the trails for opening.

**WEEKLY TRAIL RIDES** – Jay mentioned that the weekly rides will begin next week with Dave, John, and Eric on board as leaders. Jim Nykolayko will be leading a spirited group on Wednesdays beginning next week and leaving at 8:30 am.

**OPEN ITEMS** – John Zabel asked to have everyone in attendance introduce themselves. All members present introduced themselves. John will be leading a ride tomorrow from Sunset Grill leaving noon-12:15.

**NEXT MEETING** – The next meeting will be held on February 22, 2021 at 7:00 pm at Bonnie's Lakeside and on Zoom. The March meeting will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, March 15, rather than the last Monday at Pike's Pine Isle at 7:00 pm and also on Zoom. Sue Frank will contact Bonnie's and Pine Isle to schedule the meetings.

Motion and second to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Frank, Co-Secretary