

Northern Lights Snowmobile Club
Board Meeting
February 15, 2021 6:30pm

Meeting was called to order by President Jay Schuette at 6:31 pm on Zoom. Other Board Members present: Jay & Linda Schuette, Karen & Reg, Dave Wheeler, Nancy & John Zabel, Scott Swendson, Sue Frank. Not present: Jim Nykolayko, Eric Wick.

Treasurer's Report - Reg Videgar presented the report as of February 15, 2021 as follows:
Beginning balance \$ 11,987.63, Income \$845.00, Expenses \$ 149.39, resulting in ending balance of \$12,683.24.

Reg referenced the Basic Club Operating Expense report he created noted that season ends in March and asked the board to consider if there will be any upcoming expected expenses and suggested that the board discuss them at the next board meeting. Reg asked if we have existing banners, tents, signs, decorations, 4th of July parade, etc. and if so what condition are they in and where are they. Jay suggested that he and Reg meet with Jim Nykolayko to take an inventory to present at the next board meeting. Linda Schuette asked Sue Frank if more baskets are needed for raffles and she indicated that we should be ok for now and historically has not spent much on Christmas party.

Reg suggested that we hold on giving any more donations to Trails until March when we get a final tally from Groom to Ride tickets. Scott Swendson concurred that we should wait until the March meeting to determine next donation.

Reg referenced the Groom to Ride chart he distributed. We are only at 37% of what we did last year. We have not collected a lot of money yet. Reg plans to collect from businesses he is responsible for next week. Last year his locations brought in about \$500. No collections from Pike's Pine, Black Forrest and Aroma's to date. We have about a week and a half left for this fund raiser. We are currently \$4675 behind where we were at the end of fund raiser last year. This is not unexpected considering Covid. Dave Wheeler mentioned that Sno Eagles collections are down also – only at around 60% of sales.

At 79% of overall fund-raising goal per thermometer. We have received a lot of donations with memberships but do not expect a lot more at this time.

Membership Report – Linda Schuette reported 469 members. Linda was asked if this is the highest membership. Linda can research this based on trail passes purchased over the previous years but noted that this is the highest since she has been responsible for membership.

Nominating Committee – Jay and Linda are on the nominating committee. Reg Videgar has accepted nomination for a two-year term as President. In doing so, he will relinquish his final year as club Treasurer. *If elected as President, the current club President Jay Schuette will appoint Dave and Pat Wheeler as Co-Treasurer to fill Reg's vacancy.* John and Nancy Zabel have accepted nomination for a two-year term as Co-Secretary. Eric has one more year as Vice President. The vote will be announced in the February meeting and the vote will take place at the March membership meeting.

Linda noted that if someone else is interested, they can still speak up and the membership meeting.

Reg noted that per bylaws treasurer is elected to two-year term in even years so we should note in the newsletter that Dave will be appointed treasure for 1 year and then will seek reelection for two-year term.

Groom to Ride – Jim not on call but will wrap up within 1 and 1/2 weeks.

Weekly Trail Ride – Dave Wheeler led a ride last week and left at 11:00 due to cold weather. He did not do club ride this week. John Zabel did ride on Tuesday – 12 people showed up. John noted that he will not be leading a ride tomorrow – whoever shows up can decide to take lead.

AWSC election – Scott provided recommendations for the upcoming AWSC election. Linda will fill submit the recommendations on behalf of the club. Scott noted that we can submit two votes.

Time-Line for Raising Membership Dues: - Jay asked we should vote on raising dues during February or March meeting. The group suggested a vote at the March membership meeting. The Board can make this decision. Dave recommended simplifying and have one membership fee \$35. Next year, per Scott's recommendation, we should decide what to do regarding corporate memberships. Scott suggests that we start hitting up businesses in July. Dave noted that Sno Eagles sends out around 1500 letters early – Corporate sponsors will be listed in the AWSC magazine.

Sue asked for discussion as to what other clubs charge. Dave referred to previous meeting where he presented club dues comparison. All sleds registered to the member can receive trail passes

Scott made motion to raise membership fee to \$35 and only have one basic family membership category. Dave seconded the motion, and the vote was carried.

***Following the meeting it was noted that the motion is not valid and would first require a change to the by-laws. Per by-laws Section 2 - Annual membership dues for family membership, and single membership, to be determined by the Board of Directors. Thus, The Board of Directors voted by email, to approving changing the membership fee for both family and individual to \$35.

Membership Meeting - February 22 at Bonnie's – 7:00 pm and Zoom – Karen will bring laptop to run zoom meeting – Bonnie has internet

March Membership Election Meeting – The election will take place during the March 15 membership meeting at Pine Isle 7:00 pm and Zoom. Josh Pike asked Sue how many people to anticipate for the March meeting and it was decided that will make judgement call based on how many at Bonnie's

Open Items

- Reg suggested put out search for volunteers for 4th of July. John says that Jim usually puts this together. John cannot commit to the time this year. We will put a call out in the newsletter to form a committee
- Reg asked when we plan for next year's overnight ride. Jay noted usually start in July and hotel is booked by August. Jay noted that Joe is willing to take lead on this again and Dave indicated he will help. Linda noted that a lot of pre-work was done for this year and could perhaps be leveraged.

- Jay asked Karen to include who is running for president and secretary/co-secretary in the newsletter and we should indicate that Dave was appointed as interim treasurer
- Scott mentioned that 2 years ago there was booth tried to collect memberships at the park after 4th of July parade and since membership now starts July 1st, it would be good idea to set up tent for this year and concentrate on getting more locals. Reg noted that he collected memberships at Octoberfest, Sue and the Carol Steinhauer did the 4th of July. Scott will be doing food this year and suggests setting up next to 3 Lakes Trails
- Sue asked if the Weenie roast could possibly be rescheduled and expressed disappointment that we have cancelled all of our fund raisers. Several suggestions were offered but after much discussion it was determined that it is too late in the game to try to pull something together especially since we do not have enough volunteers.
- Jay noted that there is no board meeting planned for March

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Gerlach
Club Co-Secretary