

NLSC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

February 28, 2022

HEADWATERS Bar & Grill

Call to Order: By President Reg Videgar at 6:35 pm. New member Lee Reklau was present. Reg thanked Headwaters Bar & Grill owners Jack and Michelle for supporting NLSC. Headwaters kindly presented all members present with a free drink token.

Secretary Report: John and Nancy Zabel

Meeting minutes are posted on the website for review. No members responded to question asked by President Reg if any members had questions regarding previous meeting minutes.

Treasurer Report: Dave Wheeler

Dave reported a starting balance of \$23,775.62, income of \$7,020.18, expenses of \$13,219.82 including a \$12,000 donation to TL-BRT. Total ending balance for January is \$17,575.98. A donation of \$12,000 was given to Three Lakes-Brule River Trails. As of the end of January, the fundraising goal of \$16,000 has been met and is at \$18,716.

Membership Report: Karen Videgar

Karen reported we currently have 494 total members consisting of 380 from Wisconsin, 16 Commercial Sponsorships and 64 new members.

Old Business & Committee News:

Three Lakes- Brule River Trails News: Scott Swendson

Scott reported 792 hours were used to groom in January. \$11,990 was spent on fuel alone. They have met the cap in Oneida County for funding. They are currently under the cap for Forest County. Because of the lack of snow down south, they should receive supplemental funds from the State. Of the 187 miles they groom – only 132 are funded. They receive \$600 per mile.

KAOS: Kylee Swendson

Kylee reported that two students received scholarships from the AWSC. She was one of the recipients and will be attending the Green Bay Convention. On March 25, 2022, they will have a silent auction for scholarships. Scott made a motion for NLSC to provide a basket valued up to \$150 be provided to KAOS for the silent auction. This was seconded by Joyce N and passed. Linda Schuette and Mary Gramoll volunteered to put together a basket and get it to Kylee before March 25th.

Kylee has moved up from Treasurer to Secretary within KAOS. KAOS has a yearly ride outing in the Lakewood area. It was discussed if Three Lakes could ever host the ride.

Past Events and Fundraisers:

Spaghetti Dinner: Reg reported a profit of a little over \$2,000 and thanked all the volunteers who helped and baked desserts for the event. Linda Schuette recognized Reg for advertising.

Overnight Ride: Dave Wheeler gave thanks to all the volunteers. 32 members attended. Dave indicated he will “pass the baton” to someone else next season to chair this event. Applause was given to Dave his work to chair an outstanding event this year.

Weenie Roast: John Zabel reported approximately \$811 in donations for an approx. net profit of approximately \$400.

Approx. 150 people stopped by and participated. Jim Nykolayko will work with John to return the event to Sheltered Valley location next season. John thanked all volunteers who helped in the event.

Ride to the Stars: Eric Wick reported the event was a great success.

TL-BRT Gun Raffle: Scott Swendson reported this event was also a success. The final numbers are still being determined.

Scott indicated it was moved to a Sunday this year and may stay that way next year also. They already have guns purchased for next year.

Junker Sled: Scott Swendson reported the event was a success as they sold a lot of food. Weather was good except the wind caused havoc on the cooking. They sold 500 burgers, 300 brats, 200 hot dogs plus pulled pork and chili. They will do it again next year and will be looking for volunteers. It will be the last weekend in February. Reg thanked the volunteers from NLSC who helped out in the event. Reg recognized Denis and Sherri Gloede who were the only ones to answer his plea for volunteers to sell Groom to Ride tickets at the event. Together, they sold \$870 worth of the raffle tickets. They indicated to Reg they had a fun time helping and will do it again next year.

Active News and Fundraisers:

Groom to Ride: Reg reported that sales are nearing \$13,000. (10) days were strategically singled out for NLSC to sell at Trackside. All days were staffed by volunteers except for 1-1/2. Reg recognized Ken and Carol Zator who volunteered to sell tickets for 2 entire days and sold \$2,875 worth of tickets. For all days at trackside, the club sold \$5,265 in tickets.

Reg commented that sales is best when a sales volunteer personally pushes the sale, like on the 4th of July and Octoberfest celebrations, Spaghetti Dinner and at Trackside. They do not sell nearly as well when simple sitting beneath a paper tent at a bar.

Reg advised that raffles are being advertised with free food at Trackside during the drawing on March 26th. He alerted that the proceeds from the raffles go to the Sno-Eagle Club only. He contested this with the GTR committee and does not know how it will end up. The Conover Club nor NLSC was involved with any planning for the drawing event.

Reg asked for (2) volunteers to help serve food at the drawing event.

Basket Raffle Fundraiser: Sue Frank reported \$400 sales from both Lindy's and Pine Isle. The basket that Sportsman's volunteered has not been picked up yet. Lindy's and the Legion will be asked again to sell basket raffles. Headwaters also enthusiastically volunteered to do so.

Clothing Fundraiser: Jim Nykolayko continues to sell clothing at meetings. Shirts, caps, hats, and beanies remain.

Weekly Group Rides: Reg reported that Mark Obukowicz is still fighting COVID and will not be leading rides anymore this season.

Mike Graume announced he would be interested in leading Tuesday rides next season. He thought maybe 120 miles plus or minus 20 for distance with a break every 30 miles or so. He suggested a 9:00 departure and would like to go up into the UP once in a while.

Jim Nykolayko provided some interesting facts about the Wednesday Spirited Rides this season. He added up the total miles for all the rides he led and multiplied it by the number of riders on each ride. An amazing 9,245 miles he estimated were rode by all the early Wednesday morning riders.

New Business and Announcements:

March Election of Officers:

Reg announced that the current term for Vice-President and Treasurer is up, and new officers are to be elected at the March meeting. Both Eric Wick and Dave/Pat Wheeler are not interested in continuing with their current positions. Reg asked for nominating committee volunteers last month and this month and received no takers. Reg then asked for volunteers for the offices and there were no takers. It was suggested that we send out a local Constant Contact Email requesting nominees. Reg and Karen will do that. There was discussion on what to do if no interested persons come forward. Suggestion was made to make phone calls. No one volunteered to do so. No resolution followed. Linda Schuette suggested possibly co-chair for the positions. No discussion followed.

Dan Teresinski:

Jim Nykolayko gave presentation about Dan Teresinski who recently passed away. The family asked that any memorial donations go to NLSC. Jim will write up a short story for our Website and Facebook and we will include link for members to make donations in Dan's name. Donations will go directly to TL-BRT. Following Jim's presentation, Reg asked Scott if it could be considered to honor past and present special members in some way on the trails. He said he had thoughts about it in the past and will discuss it further.

Meeting Dates and Location:

The final meeting of the season will be March 28, 2022, at the Legion at 6:30. Election of Vice President and Treasurer to take place. Dennis from the Three Lakes Chamber of Commerce will be our guest speaker.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Guest Speakers:

Kylee Swendson and Kallie Volk. Kallie spoke about the club's desire to gain youth in their membership. Many kids do snowmobile but know little about either snowmobile club. Finding a way to educate the students about the club and offer them something fun to do within the club would be helpful. Many kids do get together on sleds with their friends on weekends. From Kallie's points, Scott suggested that next year we offer adult led group youth rides on a Saturday or Sunday, perhaps around the area for a stop back to Three Lakes for pizza. There was also discussion about a student or special youth membership. It probably is true that most sleds that kids ride are registered to their parents. So, to get the parents interested in the club would be very helpful.

Kylee spoke about KAOS – what they do and what she does and how it impacts the snowmobile club community. Currently, Oneida County has two youth representatives and an advisor from the KAOS program.

50/50 Raffle

Eric Wick won the 50/50 raffle and donated his \$85 winnings back to the club. Tickets were then drawn to win left over pop, beer, hot dogs and buns from the weenie roast event.

Respectfully submitted:

John and Nancy Zabel

Co-Secretary