

NORTHERN LIGHTS SNOWMOBILE CLUB

OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MONDAY OCTOBER 27 2025 . 6:30PM . SUNSET GRILL, THREE LAKES, WI

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Sue Frank, Kerry Reinhardt, Joyce Nykolayko, Jim Nykolayko, John Zabel, Dave Wheeler, Scott Swendson, Carlie Roth, Gary Keuler, Kris Dries, Alex Petrusha, Pete Gramoll, Alan Olkowski, David Kriofsky

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Kevin Meyer

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Board Members
3. 09/22/2025 Minutes
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Membership Report
6. Commercial Sponsor Report
7. Bylaws Revisions
8. TLBRT
9. AWSC Fall Workshop Report
10. Fundraising Report
11. Christmas Party
12. Overnight Ride
13. Scholarship
14. Volunteers
15. Past Events
16. Upcoming Events
17. Other Business
18. 50/50 Raffle Drawing
19. Adjourn
20. Guest Speaker- Jackie Hildebrandt

WELCOME

Meeting called to order at 6:33pm. Tonight's meeting boasts a new record high for the club- 63 attendees! New members Nathan, Jill, and Michelle- welcome to the club! Huge thanks to Mae for hosting. Club members repeated the mantra "it is going to snow!"

BOARD MEMBERS-NEW ADDITIONS

NLSC Board of Directors welcomes two new members: Alan Olkowski and David Kriofsky.

SEPTEMBER 22ND MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Minutes reviewed.

MOTION

Charlie motioned to approve, David seconded. All in favor, minutes approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Gary gave the report- including membership, donation, and apparel income of \$8,553.85. Expenses included AWSC renewal, advertising, storage unit costs for \$3,468.

MOTION

John moved to approve the treasurer's report, Alex seconded. All in favor, approved.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Carlie gave the membership report- to date for 2025 we have 166 members, which is comparable to 2024's 186 at this time. We currently have 7 associates (4 2024), 8 new members (6 2024), 151 renewals (158 2024), and 0 landowner members (18 2024). Landowner members will increase as Joyce and Carlie renew them.

SPONSOR REPORT

Joyce reported 20 commercial sponsors, 8 of which are new this year.

BYLAW REVISIONS

Bylaw revisions are available on the NLSC website and have been sent out. We will vote on new bylaws at our November membership meeting.

ACTION ITEM

Please review bylaw revisions prior to the November Membership Meeting.

TLBRT

Scott thanks everyone (about 65 people) who came out for trail cleaning in October. Big thanks to Kip and the Zent Family Foundation for donating the money needed to replace the well-loved groomer tracks this year. Trail updates include the re-opening of the Sugar Camp to Three Lakes trail, as well as progress on Trail 13 to Eagle River.

AWSC FALL WORKSHOP REPORT

Sue, Scott, and Kerry attended the workshop. Kerry found it quite impressive! Wisconsin boasts over 600 snowmobile clubs (compared to Minnesota's 200), with over 41,000 members of clubs in the state. Sue attended sessions on social media presence as well as KAOS and learned a ton! Scott addressed registration and trail pass cost increases- Wisconsin has a \$9 million budget, and has seen an increase of funding requests to the tune of just over 12.5 million in recent years. Trail passes have only been required since 2014, and has always been \$10 for club members. We are still the cheapest midwest state for trail passes and registration. Scott thanks the NLSC for basket donation for the silent auction which raised over \$5,000! Sue secured Miss Snowflake to draw the winning GTR ticket in March.

IMPORTANT UPDATES

Proposals to increase trail passes were discussed at the workshop: \$10-\$20 for snowmobile club members, \$30-\$50 for non-club members, and \$50-\$70 for out of state residents. Registration may increase by about \$20.

IMPORTANT DATES

DNR is hosting "Sled Safe" weekends with increased presence at the end of January. Weekends include 1/30-2/1, and 2/6-2/8, 2026.

FUNDRAISING REPORT

- a. Groom to Ride Tickets-2500 tickets/462 sold/\$2,630/15 tickets/member to sell are available at the door - please grab tickets to sell!
- b. Apparel – New Merch available for purchase
- c. 50/50 at meetings covers meal cost
- d. AWSC Calendar Raffle – calendars at door

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Joyce is requesting basket items be dropped at the Three Lakes Library, or contact Joyce Nykolayko to drop items with her. Discussion of door prizes and possibly an ugly sweater contest are in the works!

OVERNIGHT RIDE

February 9-12 (Monday-Thursday) to Lake of the Torches in Lac du Flambeau, who have agreed to honor the \$96/night rate! Food will be provided by donors and the club, and each night will have a cash bar. Sign up at membership meeting doors!

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

Applications are available at TLHS, scholarship is \$500. Encourage seniors to apply if they're a club member and involved in snowmobiling!

VOLUNTEERS

As always- THANK YOU!!!

PAST EVENTS SINCE LAST MEETING

- a. Trail brushing – 10/18 - great success. Thank you to all who volunteered!
- b. Adopt a Highway – Saturday – John Zabel is HIRED as the coordinator, because he managed to have the most attendees!
- c. AWSC Fall Workshop - 10/24-10/25 - update previously given

UPCOMING EVENTS

Reminder to watch Facebook, emails, and NLSC Website for updates.

- a. TL-BRT meeting at Spirit View 11/10/25 5:30 pm (2nd Monday)
- b. Membership meeting at Tavern on the Loop 6:30 pm November 24 (4th Monday). If wearing NLSC attire, you enter a ticket for each item worn to win a prize. If you attend in any snowmobile brand gear, you enter to win a prize as well.
- c. Christmas Party Saturday, December 6, 5:00 pm Spirit View – Bring dish to pass.

OTHER BUSINESS

ACTION ITEM

Please ask local businesses for donations to our Christmas Party- whether it be a basket, basket items, or cash donations to purchase, it's appreciated!

50/50 RAFFLE DRAWING&APPAREL WEAR DRAWING

Full pot was \$620, prize was \$310. Pete Gramoll's ticket was chosen, and he elected to donate the winnings right back to the club. Thank you Pete! Sue won the Sunset Grill gift card, and Greg won the gift card for apparel wear. Thanks everyone!

ADJOURNMENT

7:03pm

GUEST SPEAKER - JACKIE HILDEBRANDT - WOMEN ON SNOW

Women on Snow celebrating their 40th anniversary year! In 1978, 3 women chose to ride from Eagle River to St. Germain *without* their husbands, and had such a blast doing so that they decided to make it a tradition in 1986! They decided to do it for 5 years and retire from the event. In 1991 they did not ride, and came right back in 1992 to do it anyway. The event boasts an average of 100-120 women each year, and has had as many as 140 women included on the three-day, six group ride. The weekend includes all-day rides on Friday and Saturday, including a banquet on Saturday evening where first year riders graduate from their signature Pink hat to a black hat, making them a veteran. Women have been returning year after year (the longest streak being 39 years!), and have seen generations of Women on Snow. The organization also plans tour rides with longer distances and time, and always generously donates to each club whose trails they travel. Jackie was and is a wealth of information, and encourages women to register (October 15-December 15th) to join this year's ride. Thank you, Jackie!!!