

Washburn ValHellers Snowmobile Club
Meeting Minutes

Wednesday December 14, 2016

Roll Call: Nate Swiston, Randy & Amy Mashlan, Kim & Mary Ross, Cory Smith

A. Treasurer's Report

- a. Checking Balance: \$2,446.75 (see attached)
 - i. \$1,680 paid to Alliance.
 - ii. No outstanding bills.
- b. Savings \$6090.15
- c. Update from Mary regarding how club membership works.
 - i. AWSC memberships are renewed for one year, from the date processed. AWSC number for each member will remain the same, however the number won't be valid unless club membership is current. Trail pass at a discount is only available from AWSC, on-line.
 1. Personal membership is \$30. For every personal membership, \$10 goes to AWSC.
 2. Business membership is \$180 or \$225.00 For every business membership, \$35 goes to AWSC. If the business pays the \$180, \$150 goes to the Alliance (for grooming, maintenance, etc.). \$30 goes to club.
 - ii. Per AWSC restrictions, club memberships are sent in weekly (Mary tries to send them in on Tuesdays.)

B. Old Business

- a. Trail Issues/Maintenance
 - i. Ryan Pederson from US Forest Service said that all trails were cleared and ready to open.
 - ii. Snowmobile trails open December 15th based on conditions in each area.
 - iii. Corridor to be panned (if/when possible) by Bayfield Co. Snowmobile Alliance.
- b. Club Groomer
 - i. Tuesday, 12/13, club groomer was sent to Ashland on Trail 13.
- c. Wednesday, 12/14 groomer went out but had a mechanical issue. Groomer was towed to Lulich's for repairs. Waiting for information from the Alliance. **Update, 12/27:** Transmission solenoid was locked and transmission filter was plugged. Lulich changed all transmission fluids and filters and machine seems to be running fine. Groomer was brought to Scott Williams in Iron River for testing on 12/27 and will be returned to Washburn if no further issues are discovered.
- d. Snowmobile Raffle
 - i. Tickets Sales
 - ii. 229 tickets sold to date. All sold stubs are in the ticket bucket and are being recorded.

- iii. Suggested an idea for club members: If each club member sold one ticket, or if each participating poker stop sells 10 tickets, the club can reach its goal of 400 tickets (break-even point). Will be posted on club site.
 - iv. Need to set date at next meeting when the club will need all ticket sales turned in. Tickets will also be sold the night of event.
 - e. Publicity/Events
 - i. Washburn IGA (Jeff Anderson) will allow the club to park the snowmobile and trailer in the store after the holidays.
 - ii. Discussion on setting up days/times when club members could sit and sell tickets.
 - f. Poker stops:
 - i. Club needs to check in with poker run stops to collect any sold tickets and money. More tickets can be left if needed.
 - g. Review of event information for new members. Date: Saturday, February 4th at The former Steak Pit in Washburn. (new name may be Harbor View?).
 - i. Poker Run begins Friday February 3rd, 2017 and participants can use any vehicle.
 - ii. 12 stops: Nickels Worth (Washburn), Patsy's (Washburn), Steak Pit (Washburn), Sparky's (Barksdale), Pine Creek Pit Stop (Moquah), Ino Bar (Ino), Tri-Lake Timbers (Iron River), Other Place Bar (Iron River), Village Inn (Cornucopia), Little Nikki's (Cornucopia), Woody's (Herbster), Pine Cone Ole's (Herbster)
 - iii. In the past, there have been only 11 stops. Minimum number of stops is 5 (to have a poker hand). Bonus card if you hit all stops.

C. Poker Run Raffle prizes

- a. Discussion about the amount of money the club will spend on raffle prizes. Motion made and carried for the club to reserve \$500 to purchase prizes from local businesses. Club members will also ask for other donations (which can be used as door prizes).
- b. Suggestion made to purchase items (such as key chain flashlights with club/poker run on them) as door prize for each rider entered. Will look into cost.

D. New Business

- a. Annual Report Filing Requirement
 - i. Club needs to file officers (\$10 to record file).
 - ii. 2017 officers as follows: Nate Swiston-President. Cory Smith-Vice President. Mary Ross-Treasurer. Amy Mashlan-Secretary. Officers-Kim Ross, Randy Mashlan.
- b. Poker Run Meal
 - i. The Steak Pit has been sold (Harbor View). New owners take over December 18. The new owners will honor the club's reservation for the Poker Run.
 - ii. The Steak Pit kitchen will not be available, so the new owners contacted Nate for suggestions of a caterer.
- c. Discussion of possible suggestions. Good Thyme, Gina Marie Anderson (Harbor Sweets), Tracy Anderson, Coco's. Nate also proposed the club preparing a meal. Motion made and carried to contact the discussed caterers. Estimating possibly 150 people to eat.
- d. Poker Run, Door Prizes
- e. If all 12 poker run stops paid the \$50 fee, the club would have \$600 which could be used to reimburse purchased prizes. Motion made that each member pick two businesses to contact for door prizes. Can use up to \$50 to buy gift certificates or merchandise. Members will report back in January to see what prizes have been collected.

- E. The following suggestions were made:
- F. Randy-Ashland Ford, NAPA, Petro Choice, Leinos
 - a. Kim-Ross Marine, IGA
 - b. Cory-Ashland Toyota, Army Navy, Super 8
 - c. Mary-Bayfield businesses (Maggies, Bayfield Inn, Legendary Waters)
 - d. Nate-Washburn Hardware, Washburn Inn, Checkerz
- G. Volunteers to work
- H. The club will need to recruit volunteers to help sell tickets, deal poker hands, hand out prizes, etc. Cory will touch base with Tom Murphy to see if he is willing to help again this year. Randy spoke with Sarah Tetzner, who was willing to help. Suggestion to ask Chuck & Sig Groves.
- I. **Next Meeting –**
- J. Next club meeting tentatively set for Wednesday January 4, 2016. Location to be determined later.

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