

Washburn ValHellers Snowmobile Club
Meeting Minutes

Wednesday November 9, 2016

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

A. Treasurer's Report

- a. Checking Balance: \$1896.75 (see attached)
 - i. \$284.80 Northland Lawn and Sport (snowmobile cover)
 - ii. No outstanding bills.
 - iii. See correction sent on 11/10/16.
- b. Savings \$4990.15

B. Old Business

- a. Trail Issues/Maintenance
 - i. Trail Brushing
 - No further brushing has taken place at this time.
 - ii. Re-routes/Trail Closures
 - 1. No updates.
- b. Snowmobile Raffle
 - i. Tickets Sales
 - 1. 173 tickets sold to date. All sold stubs are in the ticket bucket and are being recorded.
 - 2. Break-even point is 400 tickets sold.
 - ii. Publicity/Events
 - 1. Washburn IGA will allow the club to park the snowmobile and trailer in the store.
 - 2. Future sale events:
 - a. Many poker stops have been given sets of tickets to sell.
 - i. Corey will deliver to Iron River area stops.
 - b. Advertisement in Evergreen Shopper or Bottom Line promoting event.
 - 3. Ticket Collection
 - a. Suggestion made by Tom to have all the tickets to one person by a certain date, so the club knows exactly how many are sold. Date to be determined as the event gets closer.
- c. Poker Run
 - i. Review of event information for new members. Date: Saturday, February 4th at The Steak Pit in Washburn.
 - 1. Poker Run begins Friday February 3rd, 2017.
 - 2. 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)
 - 3. 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.

- ii. The Steak Pit has been sold. The club has been promised that we will still be able to hold the event there, but the buffet will need to be catered in.
 - 1. Future advertisements for the event should note a buffet will be offered.
- d. Raffle prizes
 - i. 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).
 - ii. 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.
- e. Land Owners Dinner
 - i. Land Owners Dinner was held Tuesday, October 18th at Pine Creek Pit Stop (Moquah).
 - ii. 45 people attended (biggest turn-out for some time).
 - 1. \$873.00 paid for prime rib buffet (average \$16 per plate).
- f. Fall Maintenance
 - i. Sign Posting
 - 1. Six members put up trail signs from Ashland to Val Hallah on October 30th.
 - 2. Bob Blaskowski took care of putting up field signs around County G previously.
- g. Club Membership Roster
 - i. Added one new club member from Land Owner's dinner.

C. New Business

- a. Groomer
 - i. Groomer meeting held on Tuesday, November 8th.
 - 1. Groomer drivers for 2016-2017 season will be Pete Sokolich and Marley Ledin. Substitute drivers will be Nate Swiston, Randy Mashlan and Tom Gaber.
 - 2. Groomer will be stored at Frenchies.
 - 3. Suggested trail grooming would be from Washburn to ValHallah (and back), Washburn to Ashland (and back).
 - 4. Nate will notify Randy Harvey as to the club's intent to groom.
- b. Trail Treker App
 - i. \$200 was paid to Mark Smoler for the Trail Treker app.
 - 1. Further action tabled at this time.

D. Next Meeting –

- a. Next club meeting will be held the second Wednesday of December. Suggestion to have next meeting as club Christmas party.