

# Washburn ValHellers Snowmobile Club

## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday April 12, 2023

6 p.m. Washburn Town Hall

1. **Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Pres. Nate Swiston.
2. **Roll Call:**
  - Board members present: Nate Swiston (president), Amy Mashlan (secretary), Bill Mihalek (director). Missing: Randy Mashlan (vice president), Mary Ross (treasurer), Ron Rechel (director).
  - Club members present: Mike Harvey, Mike Bierl
  - Not enough members for a quorum so it was an informational meeting only
  - Public - none
3. **Meeting minutes:** presentation of agenda for tonight's meeting and review of last meeting's minutes.
4. **Reports**
  - a. Treasurer:
    - i. Account Balances:
      1. Checking acct. balance: \$9,109.03
      2. Savings balance: \$6,924.84
      3. Groomer Barn Acct: \$9,3316.5
  - b. Secretary:
    - i. Previous meeting minutes are posted to the club's website – not our facebook page.
  - c. Groomer Update:
    - i. Groomer remains at Lulich's waiting for the front axle to be repaired. When repairs have been completed, brusher and tires will go on.
    - ii. Brushing will begin when/where able. There is a lot of brushing to do with the extensive trail system the club manages. Club members interested in brushing: Bill, Ron, Tom, Mark, Paul, Mike B. Club members can get brushing labor time reimbursed to the Alliance as long as they keep track of their hours and what equipment they use. (at a future meeting, the club may need to address compensation for fuel and wear/tear if member use their own 4-wheelers/UTVs and saws while brushing).
      1. Club members need to communicate with landowners if brushing on private property. The trail has a fifteen foot right away. There are many leaning trees that will need to be cleared before next winter.
    - iii. Signage
      1. A suggestion was made to help preserve signs by adding an older/damaged sign perpendicularly to the top of new signs, to prevent birds from picking the stickers off.
      2. In an article in the Bottom Line News, Recreational officer Jeff Kistner mentioned that stop signs may not be required on certain driveways (unless the property owner requests one). Yield signs could be used instead. As a safety concern, the club may still continue with stops. To be decided in the future.

## 5. Old Business

- a. Radio antenna
  - i. Mike Harvey obtained a quote from DSC Communications in Duluth for a new antenna for \$115.00.
- b. Landowners Dinner
  - i. Date set for April 25<sup>th</sup>; social hour at 5, dinner served at 6.
  - ii. Invites have been sent, with a requested RSVP of 4/18.
  - iii. Club will pay for two dinners for each landowner and each groomer operator.
  - iv. Harbor View rental will cost \$773.47. Breakwater will charge \$13 per plate (3 meat dinner).
- c. Reroutes
  - i. Mandatory reroute on the Sunday property (previously owned by Vivian Swanson across from Pub & Grub). Nate and Bill will meet with Bayfield County Forestry to look over the project.
  - ii. Cook-Marx-Sander's property reroute. Trail will be moved away from the highway. Bill is overseeing this change and may just be able to do it with the brushing mower.
- d. Groomer barn discussion:
  1. No new discussion
- e. Club elections will be held in the fall.
- f. Club committees will be developed as member participation increases.

## 6. New Business

- a. Signs
  - i. The current inventory of signs and posts is stored at Washburn Hardware. Bill also has signs and posts in his barn. Typically, the Alliance requests numbers of signs that need to be ordered at the end of summer. Club members interested in organizing current sign/post inventory can contact Nate. Mike B. expressed interest in helping with organization.
- b. Signing plan
  - i. The club will procure a map from Bayfield County to assist in addressing trail maintenance (sections of trail that have been brushed, what sections of trail need to be brushed, etc.)
- c. Club UTV
  - i. In the past, the club had its own UTV to use for members to use for brushing and signing the trails.
  - ii. Due to lack of quorum, further discussion or decision was postponed.

## 7. Public Comment

- a. No comments

## 8. Next Meeting

- a. Another meeting will be planned for May to specifically organize volunteers for brushing. Date, time, and location TBD.

## 9. Adjournment