

Falcon Trailblazers
January 17, 2012

John Matzke called the meeting to order at 7:42 PM.

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the November 2011 meeting were read by Chris Hettrick and accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Chris Shannon reported an ending balance of \$2305.62 in the club checking account. Debits for the month of December included expenses related to the club Christmas party and dues paid to AWSC.

Webpage Report

Any photographs taken at the club Christmas party or during last fall's trail marking may be sent to Chris Shannon to be posted on the club website.

There has been some confusing regarding the status of the trails on the club website. If trails are closed, the closure will not be reflected on the website for a 24 hour period. This was experienced recently as trails were opened and subsequently closed within a 4 hour window. Chris Shannon will determine if a link to the AWSC website can be made to eliminate this problem, however, it is always recommended anyone planning to use the trail system check the trail hotline prior to sledding.

The club discussed the merits of allowing purchase of the Kenosha County trail map through the website, possibly utilizing a payment system such as Paypal. John Crane and Chris Shannon will investigate this possibility further.

Alliance Report

John Crane reported on Senate Bill 365 currently being discussed in the State Legislature- the bill proposes each sled owner in Wisconsin pay a \$35 fee/sled annually; \$20 of that fee will be given back to owner's snowmobile club, thus encouraging club membership.

The AWSC Meeting (Legislative Day) to rally support for Senate Bill 365 and Assembly Bill 465 will be February 15 in Madison.

AWSC Posters promoting snowmobiling and club membership are still available to hang in venues on the trail.

There has been some discussion within the Alliance concerning proposed ATV trails in Kenosha County- it is not clear at this time of the impact this may have on snowmobiling.

The Twin Lakes Radar Run will be at Pier West on February 12.

The next Alliance meeting will be at the Twin Lakes Barn, 469 West Main, at 7:30 on February 8.

The Alliance has provided approximately \$800 in new signs and has disked some trails.

Trail Report

John Crane reported the trails were opened from 9 AM to 1 PM on January 13. The best way to determine the status of the trail system is to call the trail hotline: (262) 671-4944.

New "Trail Closed" signs are available for club trail coordinators- contact John Crane.

A section of trail on the west side of Paddock Lake (off 248th Avenue) is closed this year- all other sections will be open when weather improves

No revenues from map sales have been generated yet.

Trail coordinators- please try to use "older" signs along high traffic areas of trails (i.e., Highway 50), save the "newer" ones for areas less likely to have them disappear from.

Old Business

No Report.

New Business

Land Owner Appreciation- the club discussed how it might show appreciation to the various land owners who provide use of their property for the trail system. A motion was made and accepted to invite these people to the summer picnic (renamed "Landowners Appreciation Picnic") and Christmas party. The Trail Coordinator will provide a list of contacts and invitations will be extended by the Secretary to these events. A note of thanks will also be added to the website.

Club By Laws- Larry Misicka stated that club by laws have not been updated since the club formation and officer responsibilities should be reviewed and revised if appropriate. The following timeline was suggested for this revision:

- February Meeting- nominate a by law committee and circulate copies of current by laws

- April Meeting- committee to submit a draft of revised by laws
- May Meeting- vote on final by laws

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52

Falcon Trailblazers
February 21, 2012

Larry Misicka called the meeting to order at 7:47 PM.

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the January 2012 meeting were read by Chris Hettrick and accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Chris Shannon reported an ending balance of \$2301.62 in the club checking account (see attached report for specific debits and credits).

Webpage Report

No Report.

Alliance Report

Terry Burns reported on several fatalities that recently occurred in the state.

Both the Senate and Assembly bills relating to CAP/STEP are in respective hearings.

It was noted that the Brighton snowmobile club submitted their trail insurance to the Alliance for payment. This is because the Brighton club is very small and some of their trails are state trails through Bong. It was not recommended that our club submit our trail insurance to the Alliance.

Trail Report

Trail coordinators should make sure "Trail Closed" are posted on all trails (particularly those with winter wheat) in the advent of any snowfall, since the ground is no longer frozen.

The 2011-2012 Season will end March 31.

Old Business

By Laws- Larry Misicka stated an insufficient number of club members were present to begin discussion of revising the club by laws. This topic will be tables until enough members are present at a meeting.

Terry Burns stated money is still needed from the club to fund the purchase of a club sign to be posted at the entrance to Paddock Lake on Highway 50.

A club apparel order is being put together.

New Business

The club briefly talked about the merits of starting a club Facebook page so event information and event photos could be shared rapidly. This topic needs further discussion with more club members.

The AWSC Convention will be held March 30- April 1 at the Holiday Inn in Manitowok. See Larry Misicka for sign up information, it is \$10/person.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24

Falcon Trailblazers
March 20, 2012

John Matzke called the meeting to order at 7:52 PM.

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the February 2012 meeting were read by Chris Hettrick and accepted.

Treasurer's Report

A balance of \$2046.72 is currently in the club checking account.

Webpage Report

No Report.

Alliance Report

Terry Burns reported the CAP/STEP bills failed in the current state legislative session. The AWSC may discuss the bills at their annual meeting March 30-April 1, but for now CAP/STEP is dead.

New Kenosha County trail maps will not be printed this year for the 2012-2013 season- there are still ~700 left from this season.

Some 30 violations were given this season on the county trails.

A youth representative is still needed to serve on the county alliance.

Trail Report

Trail coordinators may begin to remove signs at any time. The small sign trailer will be available Sunday March 25 behind John Crane's shop for anyone to put their pulled signs.

The 2011-2012 Season will officially end March 31.

Old Business

John Matzke reported the Lake States Resource Alliance acknowledged the club's donation of \$100.

Terry Burns stated ~\$154 is still needed from the club to fund the purchase of a club sign to be posted at the entrance to Paddock Lake on eastbound Highway 50.

John Matzke tabled discussion of revising the bylaws until the next meeting.

New Business

A date of July 28 was proposed for the summer club picnic, but this is just a tentative date. Some locations the club may want to consider having the picnic at are Paddock Lake, Silver Lake, or Lake Shangri-La. This topic will be discussed at the next meeting and a definite date and location will be resolved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23.

Falcon Trailblazers
April 17, 2012

John Matzke called the meeting to order at 8:12 PM.

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the March 2012 meeting were read by Chris Hettrick and accepted.

Treasurer's Report

No Report.

Webpage Report

No Report.

Alliance Report

John Matzke reported Fish and Wildlife has some money earmarked for snowmobile clubs- the alliance is trying to get some of this.

A Grass Drag event is planned for October 27 and 28 at Great Lake Dragway. A swap meet will be run at the same time. If possible, the club would like to run an informational booth at this event.

A youth representative is still needed to serve on the county alliance.

Miss Snowflake 2012 will attend Bristol Progress Days July 7 and 8.

A vintage snowmobile show is scheduled in Twin Lakes on September 9.

The Hackmatack Wildlife Refuge is still being discussed, but a Kenosha County location is no longer being considered.

Trail Report

All signs have been removed from the trails.

Old Business

By Laws- Since attendance is so low, by laws will not be discussed this month. Larry Misicka volunteered to put together an outline of the by laws to present at the picnic this summer.

The summer picnic will be August 4 a Paddock Lake Association Beach starting at noon.

New Business

Okoberfest in Paddock Lake- the club should decide if it wants to sponsor a booth at this year's event. Chris Hettrick volunteered to talk to event organizer and find out if this is possible. This will be discussed more at the picnic in August.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44.