

Falcon Trailblazers  
September 18, 2012

John Matzke called the meeting to order at 8:09 PM.

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

Chris Shannon reported a balance of \$1696.94. Expenditures of the last several months including paying Paddock Lake for Falcon Trailblazer signs posted on the town's entrances on Highway 50, food and beverages for the summer picnic, and stamps.

Webpage Report

Chris Shannon reported he would appreciate any pictures taken during this fall's trail marking- these will be posted on the website.

Alliance Report

John Matzke reported the Alliance is still discussing sharing county snowmobile trails with four wheelers. Currently, the Alliance is considering making the trail running along Highway 50 from Mobile to Marathon stations a common trail for both snowmobiles and four wheelers. At this time, no plans have been made for trails in fields. The Alliance would like the four wheel drivers to form their own club and carry their own insurance.

Trail Report

No Report.

Old Business

The club will not participate in Paddock Lake's Oktoberfest on Saturday, September 22.

New Business

John Matzke proposed moving the meetings back to the 75<sup>th</sup> Street Inn starting in October- he will confirm this with the owners.

Be thinking about possible fundraisers to hold in the subsequent months.

Chris Shannon will start work on a Facebook page for the club.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23.

Falcon Trailblazers  
October 16, 2012

John Matzke called the meeting to order at 8:09 PM.

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

Chris Shannon reported a current balance of \$1696.94, with an additional \$90 obtained from membership dues to be deposited, making a final balance of \$1786.94.

Webpage Report

Chris Shannon reported he is still working on a Facebook page for the club.

Alliance Report

John Matzke reported there is \$17811 available for state trails.

Trail Report

Fred Kevek proposed beginning to mow areas along roadways that will be marked as trails, specifically along Hwy 50. Anyone interested should meet this Sunday (October 21) at 8AM at Fred's house. There will be a stop at Promised Land for breakfast, with mowing to follow.

With John Crane travelling for business, a new club contact for the landowners is needed. Fred and Larry Misicka volunteered to contact John Crane and see if they could get the names and phone numbers of landowners. Fred proposed storing the club trailers on his property for the time being.

Old Business

Fundraiser ideas- the topic of club fundraiser ideas was discussed. One idea that generated interest was providing a club book or punch card that could be marked off by area business owners on the trails as the season progresses. The holder of the book/card with the most entries could qualify for some sort of prize in the spring. Other clubs/organizations in the area should be contacted to see if they have ever done something like this, and if they have any suggestions. Once a proposal for the Paddock Lake area is organized, it should be presented to the Alliance for their support or suggestions. Carolyn Misicka, and Doug and Colleen Carlson volunteered to organize a proposal to present at the next club meeting, with plans to bring it to the Alliance in December.

Other fund raising suggestions included holding a 50/50 raffle at club meetings and providing food at next year's Paddock Lake Oktoberfest.

### New Business

Potawatami Carter Casino in Wabena, WI is offering a package special from Sunday thru Thursdays this winter- one room for \$49. John Matzke will contact the casino to see if there is any flexibility on days or if a weekend deal can be obtained. If enough interest exists, a club trip can be planned.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15.

Falcon Trailblazers  
November 20, 2012

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

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

Chris Shannon reported a current balance of \$1786.94, with an additional \$90 obtained from membership dues to be deposited and a check for \$57.64 written, making a final balance of \$1819.30.

Webpage Report

Chris Shannon reported the Facebook page for the club will be up on November 25. If a club member posts snowmobiling pictures to his personal Facebook page, they can be linked to the club site.

Alliance Report

John Matzke attended the last Alliance Meeting and reported:

- Snowmobiling is ranked as the 5<sup>th</sup> most popular attraction in Wisconsin
- The Alliance has money available for college tuition - if interested, check with the Alliance on how to obtain this
- The Twin Runners club party will be December 8 at Local Folks
- A snowmobiling safety course will be held Nov 30- Dec 1 at the Kenosha County Center
- The Alliance Christmas party will be Dec 12 at 6:30 at Jeddy's

Trail Report

To date, Trail 6 (Hwy B to Hwy F) is complete, Trail 4 (Hwy B to Hawg Heaven) is complete thru Camp Lake, and Trail 1 (Mobile to Marathon) is complete. Permission to mark fields is still in process.

Old Business

Fundraiser - Carolyn Misicka reported the fundraiser group is still putting together ideas- they hope to meet in the next few weeks and present a proposal to the club at the Christmas Party. The club voted to allot \$400 to cover any expenses in organizing the fundraising event, such as printing stamp books or cards

## New Business

John Crane will go to locations along the club trail route and provide maps available for sale.

The club has been given an opportunity to purchase a used groomer. John Matske and Larry Misicka will consult with Rich Babcock to determine if the groomer is mechanically sound and worth purchasing.

The Club Christmas Party will be this year at Fred and Jane Kevek's house on December 15.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

Falcon Trailblazers  
December 15, 2012

John Matzke called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM.

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

Chris Shannon reported a starting balance of \$1819.30, with an additional \$90 obtained from membership dues to be deposited and three checks for a total \$583.40 written, making a final balance of \$1325.90.

Webpage Report

The Facebook page for the club is not yet ready.

Alliance Report

John Matzke reported on the Alliance news:

- A 14' disk has been purchased for \$1000
- The Alliance has money available for the club to do trail maintenance- Jon Crane will put together a sign order

Trail Report

The trails are nearly complete, Trail 3 (Hwy AH/265<sup>th</sup> Avenue) still needs a little work, Trail 7 (East side of Paddock Lake to Hide A Way) has a big gap in the middle (landowner did not give permission this year to use the field behind 236<sup>th</sup> Avenue), and Trail 4 (Hwy C) has been extended a little further west and south.

Old Business

Fundraiser - Work is continuing on a cover letter which will be distributed to various businesses on the trails informing them of the planned Poker Run. Eventually, prize and monetary donations will be collected, and businesses will be selling stamp books.

New Falcon Trailblazer signs will be hung on the east entrance to Paddock Lake on Hwy 50.

Terry Burns mentioned he was speaking to a Trustee in Bristol who was interested in trying to secure multi-use trails in the area.

Tuition money for college is still available through the Alliance.

### New Business

Elections- There were no nominations for new officers, so current officers will continue to serve for the next year. Larry Misicka proposed that the office terms should be for two years. A current copy of the clubs bylaws is needed to so a proposal can be made to amend the office terms- John Matzke will get a copy of the bylaws to Larry.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48.



Falcon Trailblazers  
January 15, 2013

John Matzke called the meeting to order at 7:51 PM.

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the December 2012 meeting were read by Chris Hettrick and accepted with corrections.

Treasurer's Report

Chris Shannon reported a starting balance of \$1325.90, with withdrawals made for AWSC dues and insurance payments, leaving a final balance of \$876.77. The low amount is due to the fact paying membership is down this year (only 15 paid members for this season).

Webpage Report

Chris Shannon and Chris Hettrick will get together so he can show her how to add minutes to the webpage.

Alliance Report

John Matzke reported on the Alliance news:

- Alliance is in good financial shape
- The Alliance has asked our club to help publicize where stickers are available for out of state riders to purchase- Chris Shannon will look into adding this to the website.

Trail Report

The informational kiosk is needed at Hwy K and Hwy 50. Everyone was reminded to make sure their trail signs on roads are far enough back so snowplows don't knock them down.

Old Business

No Report.

New Business

The old Trailblazer sign that was on the outside entrance to Paddock Lake will be attached to one of the sign trailers.

Tom Paddock, a former member of the club, passed away. A card will be sent to his family from the club expressing condolences.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18.

Falcon Trailblazers  
February 19, 2013

John Matzke called the meeting to order at 7:51 PM.

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the January 2013 meeting were read by Chris Hettrick and accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Chris Shannon reported on the following expenditures: \$10 payment to the Kenosha County Alliance, \$10 per registered club members to AWSC, \$10 to re-register as a non-for-profit organization, and \$83.97 secretarial supplies, leaving a checking account balance of \$650.85. A donation to Lake States Resource Alliance will be deferred this year as membership is at a low.

Webpage Report

Chris Shannon reported the host site of the webpage was cybor-attacked. The host site had to shut down all websites to correct this, so our site was not available for a time. It is now back up, and Chris Shannon has re-registered the domain name. He and Chris Hettrick still need to get together so he can show her how to add minutes to the webpage.

Alliance Report

John Matzke reported on the Alliance news:

- Alliance is working to incorporate "4 wheeler" in its name
- 4 Wheel vehicles will only be allowed on trails when the temperature is < 17 °F
- Three citations and 30 warnings have been written by the sheriff so far this season
- The DNR reported that people have been caught riding off trail
- 1 accident occurred at 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue and KD (Wheatland)
- The Alliance is soliciting nominations for elections

Trail Report

The informational kiosk at Hwy K and Hwy 50 will not be erected this year. Conditions are poor currently, but snow is in the forecast.

Old Business

No Report.

### New Business

Currently, 15 members are paid up with the club for 2012-2013.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17.

Falcon Trailblazers  
March 19, 2013

John Matzke called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM.

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the February 2013 meeting were read by Chris Hettrick and accepted.

Treasurer's Report

John Matzke reported a checking account balance of \$650.85.

Webpage Report

No report.

Alliance Report

John Matzke/Terry Burns reported on the Alliance news:

- The sheriff department put in many man hours on the trails, giving out 5 trail pass citations, 11 registration citations, and 11 safety certification violations
- A fractured limb was the only injury reported on the trails this season
- The sheriff department complained their slides and carbides on their sled were wearing
- The Alliance has appropriated funds to purchase two snowmobile suits from local vendors
- 4 Wheel vehicles will be allowed on trails in Bong when the temperature is < 17 °F

Trail Report

There was a discussion concerning the Hwy 50 trail just west of Brass Ball- the wetlands are very close to the street and the plows leave no snow on the shoulder to avoid the area, making it extremely difficult to navigate without actually riding on Hwy 50. The group discussed options such as constructing a bridge, more elaborate signage, or bypassing the area and rerouting the trail. No final solution was proposed.

John Crane mentioned the drifts of snow generated by the plows made intersections dangerous to navigate. Riders should use caution when entering intersections.

New maps will be coming out at the start of next season, planning on soliciting potential advertisers needs to begin.

## Old Business

No Report.

## New Business

Terry Burns stated the current insurance company will be dropping snowmobile coverage as of April. Since the Alliance currently covers the cost of Brighton and Paris clubs premiums, he will bring a proposal to the Alliance that all county clubs be combined and the Alliance handle the premium as a county expense.

Signs should be removed starting in April- wheat fields should be done by hand, not with vehicle support.

The club proposed with the current financial situation, the summer part should be held as BYOB, with the club providing the main dish

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03.

Falcon Trailblazers  
April 16, 2013

John Matzke called the meeting to order at 7:50 PM.

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the March 2013 meeting were read by Chris Hettrick and accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Chris Shannon reported a checking account balance of \$720.85. A check for \$46 was written to purchase stamps.

Webpage Report

No report.

Alliance Report

John Matzke reported on the Alliance news:

- The Alliance had about \$26K in their treasury and about \$600 in expenses
- Statewide, the 2012-2013 season had about 20 fatalities

Trail Report

Chris Shannon volunteered to mark the Hwy F to bridge portion of the Trail ? .

John Matzke will mark Trail 1 Hwy 50 to Hwy K.

Old Business

No Report.

New Business

The summer picnic this year will be Noon, August 3 at the Paddock Lake Association. The club will provide the main course, everyone should bring a dish to pass and BYOB.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23.