

Falcon Trailblazers
September 17, 2013

John Matzke called the meeting to order at 8:06 PM.

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

Chris Shannon reported a checking account balance of \$618.85. Recent expenses include stamps, food for picnic, and Kenosha Snowmobile Alliance. A new insurance carrier (West Bend) will run about \$400 and cover meetings, private parties, 2 public events, and trail marking.

Webpage Report

No report.

Alliance Report

Terry Burns reported on the Alliance news:

- The Alliance had about \$24215.07K in their treasury
- 2014 Budget plans to take in ~\$28K
- The Alliance will cover Falcon Trailblazer insurance premiums
- CAP/STEP is still being promoted by AWSC

Terry floated the proposal that the club consider not joining the AWSC- there would be a cost savings, and little actual impact to the club (we would miss out on the monthly magazine).

- Falcon Trailblazers will hold the January 8, 2014 meeting (probably at Jeddy's)

Trail Report

Sponsors for the new trail map are being solicited. A big change is Trail 7 (East side of Paddock Lake to Hide-A-Way) will probably be taken off the map since a large portion of the landowners are not cooperating with the club to allow us to mark their fields.

Old Business

No Report.

New Business

Terry Burns proposed we think about having a club trip (possibly in mid-February) to the Antigo area. He would volunteer to look into room rates if enough people were interested.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05.

Falcon Trailblazers
October 15, 2013

John Matzke called the meeting to order at 7:56 PM.

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

No report.

Webpage Report

No report.

Alliance Report

Terry Burns reported on the Alliance news:

- The Alliance accepted their budget of \$29K
- County has a balance of \$44K (state monies and trail map ads)
- Ad space is available until 10/1
- Terry compared club verses county insurances to make sure all properties are covered
- CAP-STEP is still proceeding
- Terry will work with Bong personnel to make sure Bong trail is legal

Trail Report

Map work is still ongoing- there will not be a link to Wilmot Mountain in this edition. John Matzke will attempt to talk to the owner of Wilmot Mountain and see if any deal can be worked out.

Trail 7 has mostly been eliminated- Terry Burns will see if any sections can be saved.

Old Business

Still be thinking of a club trip to Antigo, possibly the third week of February.

New Business

No report.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02.

Falcon Trailblazers
November 19, 2013

John Matzke called the meeting to order at 7:48 PM.

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

Chris Shannon reported on a checking account balance of \$741.53. Expenses included \$46 for office supplies, \$10 Alliance dues, and \$57.32 for the summer picnic, and a deposit of \$180 was made. Lake State Resource Alliance has requested a donation from the club- we will not be donating this year as revenue is still down.

Webpage Report

No report.

Alliance Report

Terry Burns reported on the Alliance news:

- CAP/STEP is still proceeding in the State legislature
- Membership in the AWSC can get you a \$10 subscription to SnowGoer magazine
- The new Kenosha County trail map is completed

Trail Report

Mowing will be completed the next available dry weekend- routes that need it are Hwy 50 and behind Kelley's. Land owners have not yet been contacted, so anyone with trails on private property need to wait until this is completed. The sign trailers are available behind John Cranes shop next to True Value in Paddock Lake. Terry Burns is still trying to work with landowners on the east side of Paddock Lake to see if any on the old Trail 7 can be salvaged.

Old Business

Club trip to Antigo is still in the works, the third week of February 2014.

New Business

Paddock Lake Christmas parade is December 14. The club will be sponsoring a float! We'll be working on this at the Christmas Party (see next item).

This year's Christmas Party will be December 7 at Fred and Jayne Kevek's place, 1900 38th Street in Bristol. Bring a dish to pass and a \$20 gift if you want to participate in the grab bag. The club will provide the meat, beer, and soda. Plan to stay and work on the club float.

The Alliance Christmas party is 7 PM on December 11 at Jeddy's bar. All members are welcome.

The Falcon Trailblazers will be sponsoring the January Alliance meeting on January 8- it will also be at Jeddy's.

Be thinking of a new location for club meetings- we'll talk more at the Christmas party.

Does the club want to buy a \$100 raffle ticket from the AWSC? We can talk more about this at the Christmas party.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50.

Falcon Trailblazers
January 21, 2014

John Matzke called the meeting to order at 7:48 PM.

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

Chris Shannon reported on an initial checking account balance of \$741.53. We have a total of 20 members registered for the 2013-2014 season. Deposits for the month were \$260, expenses included \$119.40 for the website and \$403 for insurance (the county alliance will reimburse us for that expense), leaving a balance of \$479.13.

Webpage Report

Chris Shannon reported that the website is now up again- there was some miscommunication regarding the bill and the site was shut down briefly. The bill has since been paid and now we'll be aware payment is due in January.

Alliance Report

Terry Burns reported on the Alliance news:

- The insurance bill will be submitted for reimbursement
- The annual AWSC raffle has been terminated since a permit was never acquired
- AWSC membership is down by %30
- CAP/STEP may still happen, but not until June 2015
- Terry requested that the Hwy 50 trail should be made a state trail- he will be working with Jon Rudie to possibly secure a recreational bridge over the Fox River in the next 3 years

Trail Report

The trails are open- be careful about drifts that block intersections! John Matske and John Crane will attempt to complete the marking of the Hwy C trail (Trail 4) soon. Plowing along Hwy 83 (completed by county crews) has caused some blockages along the trail that runs along that road. Terry Burns will ask the county if they could knock out some breaks in the drifts so crossing Hwy 83 isn't so hazardous.

Old Business

There is a shortage of sled rental availability in Antigo- a trip this year is probably not possible.

Some club members are making a run to the Houghton/Hancock MI area February 1.

New Business

An accident occurred on Hwy 50/83 near the Marathon gas station- a concrete piece was sticking up along the guardrail that runs next to the trail. A snowmobiler stuck the concrete and was thrown from his sled. The rider was not seriously hurt, and the club has since marked the hazard to prevent any more issues. The club was no aware of the obstruction prior to this season, but will make sure it is properly marked from now on

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Falcon Trailblazers
February 18, 2014

John Matzke called the meeting to order at 7:39 PM.

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the January 2014 meeting were read by Chris Hettrick and accepted.

Treasurer's Report

John Matzke reported a balance of \$479.13 in the club checking account. He was not sure if Alliance has sent the club the reimbursement check for the insurance payment

Webpage Report

No Report.

Alliance Report

John Matzke reported on the Alliance news:

- The Alliance is thinking about purchasing a new groomer
- Existing groomers have been running on the county trails a lot this season
- With the recent warm up, the trails will close as of 2/19

Trail Report

The trails will officially close as of 12 AM February 19. Up to this date, conditions have been very good and trails are getting a lot of use. On Trail 4 (Hwy C) everything has been marked with the exception of behind Trevor-Wilmot Grade School (previous activity on the trail prior to marking ran behind the school, and club members did not have the equipment to access this area). Trail 1 (Hwy 50) is very bumpy- the club discussed building some sort of drag that could be attached to a snowmobile and run on the trail to smooth it. County sheriffs have been riding the trails- they have been citing riders for registration, trail pass and safety violations.

Old Business

No Report.

New Business

The AWSC Convention is March 28-30 in Brown County.
It was noted that the Youth Safety Course is only offered in the fall.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:07.

Falcon Trailblazers
April 15, 2014

Larry Misicka called the meeting to order at 7:42 PM.

Secretary's Report

No March minutes were available- No Report.

Treasurer's Report

No Report.

Webpage Report

No Report.

Alliance Report

No Report.

Trail Report

No Report.

Old Business

Signs are being removed from trails.

This year there were problems with plow formed snow banks, particularly on Hwy 83 near the old rescue squad building. The county may need to get involved to prevent this.

Snowmobiles cannot be used at safety training sessions. There are remote control devices that deactivate equipment- the Alliance should be informed of this.

New Business

The summer picnic this year will be August 9 at noon. We will try to get the Paddock Height Lake Association beach for the location. Fred Kevek will provide the meat, members should plan on bringing a dish to pass.

Effective July 2015, CAP/STEP will apply.

The club needs to start thinking about a membership drive, maybe involving WIIL. One idea suggested was having the club sponsor a snow cross race (maybe with Doug Gus).

There needs to be more administrator access to the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43.