

Falcon Trailblazers  
September 16, 2014

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

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the April 2014 meeting were read by Chris Hettrick and accepted.

Treasurer's Report

John Matske will determine if Chris Shannon is still available to perform his duties as Treasurer. If not, an alternate Treasurer will be designated. Currently, several bills are outstanding and cannot be paid until a treasurer can write the checks. A motion was made and accepted to pay the outstanding bills.

Webpage Report

We may also need to designate a new webmaster.

Alliance Report

Terry Burns attended the last Alliance meeting and reported on the following:

- The Alliance presently has a balance of \$ 30 K
- The 2015 budget is being worked on by Terry
- The Alliance will not be pursuing tax exempt status at this time
- The Paris/Kenosha snowmobile route has some power line issues
- The Alliance has a new website ([kenoshacountysnowmobiling.org](http://kenoshacountysnowmobiling.org))- lots of nice links and information

Trail Report

Terry Burns has gotten permission to extend some of Trail 9 (on the west side of Paddock Lake) and Trail 7 (near the town hall). Long range plans include taking advantage of the easement provided by the new power lines that run along and near Hwy 50.

Next meeting we need to plan on when we'll need to run the bush hog.

A new owner for Trail 4 and 6 is needed.

Old Business

No Report

New Business

No Report.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41.

Falcon Trailblazers  
October 21, 2014

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

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the September 2014 meeting were read by Chris Hettrick and accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Chris Shannon reported a balance of \$679.88 in the checking account. Eight members have renewed their membership this year, and payments were made to John Matzke (summer picnic), Chris Hettrick (mailing supplies), and Fred Kevek (summer picnic).

Webpage Report

Chris Shannon will not be able to act as webmaster, he will give administrative rights to Chris Hettrick until a permanent webmaster can be chosen for the club. The annual bill for the webpage will be due in December.

Alliance Report

John Matzke attended the last Alliance meeting and reported on the following:

- The Alliance is thinking about purchasing or leasing a tractor and drag
- The 2015 AWSC spring meeting will be held at the Abbey in Fontana, the Alliance is looking for members who could assist with the event- anyone interested should contact Arlyn

Trail Report

- Terry Burns confirmed he has permission to run a trail from the double lanes in Paddock Lake (248<sup>th</sup> Avenue) to Hwy 75
- A route will continue on Paddock Lake and thru the village
- Fred Kevek will be mowing in the next week or so and also has his tractor available if needed to drag the disk
- John Matzke will take over Larry Misicka's trails (Trails 4 and 6) along Hwy C. Chris and Brian Hettrick will help him if needed

Old Business

No Report

New Business

We need to think about how to attract new members- we may want to consider a Facebook page to promote exposure on the internet.

The Kevek's will sponsor this year's Christmas party on December 13. The club will provide the meat, plan on bringing a dish to pass. There will be a \$25 grab bag gift exchange.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31.

Falcon Trailblazers  
November 18, 2014

John Matske called the meeting to order at 7:47 PM.

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the October 2014 meeting were read by Chris Hettrick and accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Chris Shannon reported a balance of \$638.79 in the checking account. The fee for the webpage renewal will be due by December 31. Again this year the Kenosha County Alliance will cover the cost of insurance. The club reimbursed Terry Burns for paying for lunch (\$38.31)

Webpage Report

Chris Shannon gave Chris Hettrick the passwords needed to access and maintain the website. A permanent webmaster is still needed.

Alliance Report

Terry Burns reported on the following:

- The Alliance treasury is in very good shape
- The Alliance website is [kenoshacountysnowmobiling.org](http://kenoshacountysnowmobiling.org)- Terry showed how this site could be used to find the names of the property owners which our trails run through
- Each club in the county will need to have the secretary get login access to the AWSC website to update their club's current members
- The 2015 AWSC spring meeting will be held at the Abbey in Fontana, the Alliance will have a Hospitality Room- they are looking for help from the area clubs in getting this ready

Trail Report

- John Crane is on a mission to remove old beat up signs in the club's inventory- if you come across one, please let him know- he's putting together an order list for Arlyn
- Marking has begun in Paddock Lake and will continue this Saturday (November 22)- Hwy C and Townline road need to be marked
- New tavern signs are being ordered
- The trailer needs work and so do the tires

### Old Business

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### New Business

The club was given a presentation by a group affiliated with BeaterX, a snowmobile racing club here in Kenosha County. Their website is [diggerscompound.com](http://diggerscompound.com). Our club voted to become a sponsor for the group for \$175, which will give us visibility at their racing events and hopefully lead to new members.

John Crane will look into getting new Falcon Trailblazer stickers.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47.

Falcon Trailblazers  
January 20, 2015

John Matzke called the meeting to order at 7:46 PM.

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the November 2014 meeting were read by Chris Hettrick and accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Chris Shannon reported a balance of \$398.48 in the checking account. A \$175 check was paid to BeaterX, and a \$117.08 check was written to the website. A deposit of \$90 was made.

Webpage Report

We still need a permanent webmaster. The webpage account has been paid for the next two years due to a clerical oversight, so we won't have to pay until December 2016.

Alliance Report

Terry Burns reported on the following:

- The Falcon Trailblazers are hosting the next Alliance Meeting- we'll need to bring snacks February 5, 2015, 7:30 PM at Jeddy's Bar
- The Alliance is looking for a AWSC representative- a rep would be involved at the state level, attending several meetings (the Alliance will cover your lodging and travel expenses)
- March 20-22 2015, the AWSC Convention will be at the Abbey in Fontana- help is needed in staffing the Tikki-themed hospitality room-positions are available for Friday and Saturday, with cleanup on Sunday
- Raffle prizes and donations are also being requested for the convention
- Terry explained the trail closing procedure- unfortunately, trail conditions frequently deteriorate during daytime hours, and the trails cannot be closed prior to midnight. It would be better if poor conditions were to be forecasted that the trails be closed preemptively, but it doesn't look like the Alliance is following that train of thought. There was talk of opening sections of the county- the club felt the entire county should be either open or closed

Trail Report

- John Crane reported that trails are currently closed

- There is an issue on Trail 3 between the old Salem Rescue Squad to 256<sup>th</sup> Avenue- the tenant of the property is complaining about sleds running in the field- this field is the same one that has been used in the past
- Insurance certificates are pending and will be provided to landowners
- John Crane is still looking for any sign requests- these will be ordered in the fall- most stop signs will be replaced

### Old Business

Maybe the club should have a get together to make up for the lost Christmas Party?

BeaterX , the snow cross group here in the county, has our club info at their facility and on their website(diggerscompound.com). Maybe in the future, we can have a trail that spurs there.

### New Business

In order to register members in a timely manner, the AWSC requires the club to get a debt card. Chris Shannon and John Matzke will work out getting this. The club should be prepared that when CAP/STEP goes in to full effect that new members will have to register on the AWSC site very rapidly. Chris Shannon will show Chris Hettrick how to do this.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48.



Falcon Trailblazers  
February 17, 2015

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

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the January 2015 meeting were read by Chris Hettrick and accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Chris Shannon reported a balance of \$566.40 in the checking account. Expenses include \$20 for insurance (we'll try to get reimbursed from the alliance), \$10 for corporation registration, \$169.83 for website registration, stamps, and envelopes, leaving a balance of \$366.57. The club still owes the AWSC \$180 for this season's registered members.

Webpage Report

Some pictures on a section of the website are not accessible because the security questions were not recorded by the originator of the site. Chris Shannon was not sure if there was a way to access these.

Alliance Report

John Matzke reported on the following:

- The Alliance was very excited about the upcoming AWSC convention March 20-22 at the Abbey in Fontana
- The groomer was acting up a bit this last snowfall (John thought the diesel was possibly contaminated)
- No tickets were written for the last month

Trail Report

Trails are currently closed. They were open Feb 2 through 7 until warm conditions caused them to deteriorate.

Old Business

No report

New Business

It was suggested the date of the next meeting be changed to March 24 to avoid conflict with St Patrick's Day

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Falcon Trailblazers  
March 24, 2015

John Matzke called the meeting to order at 7:47 PM.

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the February 2015 meeting were read by Chris Hettrick and accepted.

Treasurer's Report

The club still owes the AWSC \$180 for this season's registered members.

Webpage Report

A link to the Alliance webpage has been added. The front of the Alliance page indicates the current status of the trails, so this will be helpful determining if riding is okay.

Alliance Report

Terry Burns reported on the following:

- Current insurance coverage during trail marking only applies to liability- if you are physically injured this is not covered- be aware of this when marking trails!
- New maps will be coming out in next season- the Alliance should be informed of any changes by November- maps will be for 2016-2018
- Terry was still hopeful that we could get an easement from the new power lines to make a state trail in the county (tentatively 2019)
- September 19 2015 will be the Grass Drags at Union Grove- the Alliance will be running a swap meet there as well
- The AWSC Spring convention was held March 20-22 at the Abbey in Fontana- Falcon Trailblazers need to get the registration for their members in!
  - There are 606 AWSC affiliated clubs in the state
  - There are >28000 registered members statewide
- Snowmobiling registration from the DNR is now \$30/3 years
- The new Trail Pass will be required for the next season
  - It's 3"x3" and must be placed on the bottom of the windshield
  - It's needed on trails but not on private property, lakes, or highway shoulders
  - The pass is \$30 for non-members
  - Club members must purchase the pass for \$10 from the AWSC
  - You'll need your sled registration number and AWSC number
  - The non-resident trail pass is \$50

Trail Report

John Matzke stated he had started pulling signs along his trail. The ground is still fairly frozen, but we need to be thinking of removing signs soon.

Old Business

We need to have an Alliance representative for the club (three reps would be ideal).

### New Business

Members present briefly discussed the lack of membership in the club. The hope was that the trail pass requirement may cause some people to join the club

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59.

Falcon Trailblazers  
April 21, 2015

John Matzke called the meeting to order at 7:49 PM.

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the March 2015 meeting were read by Chris Hettrick and accepted.

Treasurer's Report

No report.

Webpage Report

No report.

Alliance Report

John Matzke reported on the following:

- The Alliance will be holding a Grass Drag at the Union Grove Drag Strip September 19, 2015- they are looking for volunteers to assist at the event
- Map planning for the new edition is starting- the Alliance is looking for people to help. Ad prices will stay the same- \$80, \$120, \$160, and \$500 for the front
- The AWSC Spring Convention in Fontana made a profit for the Alliance
- A new groomer may be purchased for the next season
- The Alliance has offered to buy signs for businesses on the trails- we should mention this to them to see if they want to buy space on the map

Trail Report

- Portions of Trail 2 and 3 still need to have signs removed- John Crane will try to take care of this
- A land owner on Hwy 50 stated he had some damage- John Matzke asked for a bill, but he may be able to trade scrap metal for the damage
- John Crane plans to buy all new stop signs this fall

Old Business

Chris Hettrick and John Matzke will work together to follow up with the AWSC to make sure our members are all registered- still hasn't been done for this year.

## New Business

John Crane suggested that the club try to communicate more information by email. The newsletters could be published via email and save the cost of postage. Chris Hettrick will look into a way of obtaining the members email address for this purpose.

The Summer Picnic will be on August 1 at Silver Lake County Park. The club will provide the main dish, with everyone else bringing a dish to pass and their own drinks. John Matzke still had plates and napkins from the last picninc her will bring.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40.