

Falcon Trailblazers
September 15, 2015

John Matzke called the meeting to order at 7:57 PM.

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

Chris Shannon reported a check for \$169.83 was written for webpage renewal and mailing supplies. The account balance is \$366.57 with a \$10 credit bringing it to \$376.57. A check for \$180 will need to be written to cover registration with the AWSC.

Webpage Report

An application for the new state Trail Pass is now available off the club website.

Alliance Report

John Matzke reported on the following:

- The current groomer is still out of commission but should be back soon
- The Alliance will be holding a Grass Drag at the Union Grove Drag Strip this weekend (September 19th). Cost is \$25
- The Twin Runners are sponsoring a cookout September 20th. Cost is \$10
- Map work has started- we need to make sure current trails are correct (this map is good for the next two years)

Trail Report

We are still finalizing some of the trails for this year

Old Business

John Matzke is still trying to resolve the issue from last year regarding the fence that was damaged on the trail. He still has not received an invoice from the farmer. He will try to contact the farmer directly and see if there still is a problem.

New Business

Chris Shannon asked if the comparison table the AWSC put together on the Trail Pass could be included in the next newsletter. It clearly shows the advantages of club membership regarding Trail Pass price.

Terry Burns stated we need more club related activities to boost membership. He suggested we have a club related event once a month (like the 3rd Saturday or something). We also need to be thinking about a club trip.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41.

Falcon Trailblazers
October 20, 2015

John Matzke called the meeting to order at 7:53 PM.

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

Chris Shannon reported a check for \$180 was written for AWSC registration, and \$90 in membership dues was deposited. The account balance is \$286.57.

Webpage Report

No Report.

Alliance Report

John Matzke reported on the following:

- The current groomer was fixed
- Kenosha County gave the Alliance their portion of money from the DNR
- Money from the sale of map ads is starting to come in
- ATC (the power company planning to put the new lines in) bought the tree farm on 256th Avenue- it is not clear whether or not a trail will come out of the easement
- Terry Burns attended the snow show last weekend
- The Alliance swap meet had bad weather but still produced a profit
- The Twin Runners event was successful- they got 25 new members

Trail Report

Terry Burns stated that members marking trails should be in contact with the land owners to coordinate their work- the insurance paperwork should be able to tell who the land owners are. The question was raised about whether there will be signs on the trails directing riders to map sponsors- John Matzke will find out about this, as well as finding out if we can get more signs.

Old Business

The club would still like to start some sort of monthly "ride" or other event when the season starts. This will probably start up in January after the holidays. The club is also still thinking about a trip but no location or date has been determined yet.

New Business

John Matzke has acquired a 30 foot metal bridge and was wondering if there were any locations on the trails that could use it. It cannot be used along Hwy 50 since it is state easement.

The club will be needing to bush hog the trail along Hwy 50 with Fred Kevek's equipment.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51.

Falcon Trailblazers
November 17, 2015

John Matzke called the meeting to order at 7:44 PM.

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

Chris Shannon reported a starting account balance of \$286.57. A \$160 check was written for an ad on the county map, and a deposit of \$120 in dues was made, leaving a balance of \$246.57.

Webpage Report

No Report.

Alliance Report

John Matzke reported on the following:

- John asked the Alliance for 20 stop and caution signs, and 1000 blazers and arrows- Arlen will be working on getting this
- A Snowmobile Safety Course will be offered December 4 and 5 at the Kenosha County building on Hwy 45 and 50
- The Twin Lakes Twin Runners Christmas party will be 7:30 PM on December 5 at Local Folks in Slades Corners
- Several businesses on our trails have bought spaces on the map
- The Alliance Christmas party will be 7:30 PM December 9 at Jeddy's Bar in Brighton

Trail Report

John Matzke at this time was still trying to get a hold of some of the property owners- after he does he will pass the insurance paperwork on to Terry Burns for the Alliance to pay. Trail marking is progressing as weather allows.

Old Business

No report.

New Business

This season it was suggested in place of a Christmas party we instead have a Winter party in January. The date of the party will be Saturday January 16. The location will be Fred and Jayne Kevek house- it will be a pot luck , and if conditions are favorable, we may be able to have a ride either before or after the event. We will be having a regular meeting in December.

Chris Shannon suggested that locations that offer map sales also provide the AWSC chart that explains the costs of the state trail pass with or without a club membership. This way, people could see the cost benefits of joining a club

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21.

Falcon Trailblazers
December 15, 2015

John Matzke called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM.

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the November 2015 meeting were read by Chris Hettrick and accepted with corrections.

Treasurer's Report

Chris Shannon reported a starting account balance of \$246.57. He will be depositing \$60 from membership renewals, leaving a balance of \$306.57.

Webpage Report

The upcoming winter party information will be posted on the welcome page of our website.

Alliance Report

John Matzke reported on the following:

- The insurance bill was received and will be brought to the Alliance for payment
- Samantha Kerkman asked John Matzke to follow up with his neighbor who had his fence damaged last year by a snowmobile
- The Alliance Christmas party had representation from both the DNR and our State Assembly reps

Trail Report

- Hwy 50 (John Matzke's route) is almost complete
- Chris Shannon will be finishing his section this weekend
- Kelly's Bar in Trevor is now on the new Kenosha County map- we should consider having a meeting at their location
- John Matzke and his crew will finish the Hwy 50/Hwy F section of the trail

Old Business

The Winter Get Together will be held starting 5 PM Saturday, January 16 at Fred and Jayne Kevek's house (19000 38th Street in Bristol). The club will provide the meat- everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass. Weather permitting, we may be able to ride either before or after the event.

New Business

The club had a discussion regarding the direction of the organization- everyone felt frustrated that we have such low participation. More group activities would help, but we are short on personnel to help organize these events. The hope is that the new state trail pass requirement might bring in some new members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33.

Falcon Trailblazers
February 16, 2016

John Matzke called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM.

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the December 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:

- Several new clubs have formed in the area- John was not sure if they were affiliated with the AWSC
- Twin Lakes Runners has ~200 new members- a large portion from the Chicago area
- The Alliance meeting attendance was really down
- Kenosha County Sherriff Department had no issues with riders on county trails this season
- Trail Pass requirement is being enforced strongly up north- riders without proper stickers are being stopped

Trail Report

No issues on the trails as they have been closed- a lot of people in the area have been falling through local lakes however- many riders are choosing to ride on frozen water since they cannot go on the trails. STAY AWAY FROM OPEN WATER!

Old Business

No Report.

New Business

- John Matzke will contact Kelly's Pub and Grub in Trevor and schedule the next meeting there if possible
- AWSC Spring Convention will be held in Green Bay on March 18 -20

- AMSOL is offering a program to let non-for-profit organizations sell oil to raise funds
- The club Annual Report is due to the state March 31- John Matzke will check with Chris Shannon and will make sure it is filed by the due date

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01.

Falcon Trailblazers
March 15, 2016

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

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the February 2016 meeting were read by Chris Hettrick and accepted.

Treasurer's Report

No Report.

Webpage Report

Carolyn Misicka thought it would be a good idea if our website was linked to Facebook so members would have easy access. Larry Misicka volunteered to set up a club Facebook page.

Alliance Report

John Matzke reported on the following:

- The AWSC Convention was going to be held this weekend (Mar 18-20) up in Green Bay- John Matzke will ask if Arlyn Baumgarten would act as our proxy
- The Alliance will not be holding a grass drag at Great Lakes Raceway this fall- there is an issue between the owners of the raceway and the Alliance
- The Pleasant Prairie Prairie Riders will be having a fund raiser May 21at Stein's farm
- The Twin Runners Pig Roast fundraiser is scheduled for September 18

Trail Report

Time to start pulling signs! John Matzke asked that while pulling, if any signs appear to be damaged, please make a note of it and let him know. We'll order more signs in the fall.

Old Business

No Report.

New Business

Chris Hettrick reported all memberships have been renewed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27.

Falcon Trailblazers
April 19, 2016

John Matzke called the meeting to order at 7:41 PM.

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the March 2016 meeting were read by Chris Hettrick and accepted.

Treasurer's Report

The current checking report balance is \$312.57. A check for \$120 was written for membership to the AWSC.

Webpage Report

No report.

Alliance Report

John Matzke reported on the following:

- Arlyn Baumgarten reported the Alliance received \$18,000 from the state for the maintenance of state trails in Kenosha County
- The AWSC spring Conference was held last month in Green Bay
- The Prairie Runners Snowmobile Club will be having a party May 21 at Stein Farms
- No news from the sheriff

Trail Report

Most trail signs are out. The remaining should be removed in the next few weeks.

Old Business

No Report.

New Business

No Summer Picnic this year- membership is way down and attendance at the last few hasn't been great.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06.