

Falcon Trailblazers
September 20, 2016

Larry Misicka called the meeting to order at 7:50 PM.

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the April 2016 meeting were read by Chris Hettrick and accepted with corrections.

Treasurer's Report

Chris Shannon reported at balance of \$192.57 in checking.

Webpage Report

Chris Hettrick will verify that the website is paid up through next year.

Alliance Report

No report- Larry Misicka didn't receive the last meeting minutes from Arlyn.

Trail Report

The current map trails are divided up as follows:

- Hwy 50/Hwy 83/Hwy 75- John Matzke
- Hwy F/Hwy AH/265th Ave- Chris Shannon
- Hwy 83/Hwy C- Larry Misicka
- Hwy 75/ NW side of Paddock Lake- Jon Crane

It's still too early to start marking- crops should be coming out by next month.

Terry Burns is still pursuing having a bridge built across the train tracks on Hwy 50 with long term goal of making this a state trail- he is now a member of the Twin Lake Runners club and is working through them to get this done.

Old Business

Larry Misicka was concerned that new clubs without trail marking responsibilities are forming in the area. These clubs are forming solely to take advantage of the discounted trail pass sticker. Their dues is typically only \$10 to cover the cost of AWSC membership. He would like to see this issue brought up to the Alliance so they could get the AWSC to possibly modify the rules on how clubs are formed and encourage all clubs to support their local trails.

New Business

Be on the lookout for new members! If you hear of anyone into looking for a club, be sure to encourage them to apply to ours. Remember, there aren't a lot of requirements of members, so it's not a huge time consuming deal.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17.

Falcon Trailblazers
October 18, 2016

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

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

No Report

Webpage Report

Chris Hettrick verified that the club website subscription is paid up through this December. We will need to renew the subscription for January 2017- Chris Hettrick will do this as the year end approaches.

Alliance Report

John Matzke reported on the following:

- The Alliance's financial status is good- they have received state funds
- This spring's AWSC convention will be held at Potawatomi Casino in Milwaukee- the Alliance may plan something at that event
- There are some issues with the trails around the I-94/Hwy 50 area- all the new development is affecting riding in this space

Trail Report

John Matzke will check with Fred Kevek about borrowing the bush hog to clear parts of the trail on Hwy 50/Hwy 83.

Anyone needing new signs should let John Matzke know- he will request new signs from the Alliance.

Old Business

No report

New Business

See Trail Report

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Falcon Trailblazers
November 15, 2016

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

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

Chris Shannon reported an opening balance of \$XXX with a deposit of \$XX, leaving a final balance of \$XXX.

Webpage Report

No Report.

Alliance Report

John Matzke reported on the following:

- This year's Alliance Christmas Party is 7:30 PM December 14 at Jeddy's Bar in Kansasville

Trail Report

Trail marking begins in earnest!

John Matzke still needs to check with Fred Kevek about borrowing his bush hog to clear parts of the trail on Hwy 50/Hwy 83. John stated he acquired his own bush hog, but was unsure if his current tractor was capable of moving it.

There a lot of issues going on with many Kenosha County Trails because of all the recent development, particularly at I-94 and Hwy 50, but our trails have not been impacted.

The Alliance is recommending that if any club has a bridge or major infrastructure issue that they would like to pursue that a proposal be presented to them. The Alliance could then see if the state could assist in completing the project.

Chris Shannon thought the club has sufficient signs to mark trails. John Matzke wanted to get an order in for map sponsor signs that could be posted as advertising along the trails.

Old Business

No report

New Business

Per AWSC, all clubs must have a minimum of 10 paid members to qualify for the discounted trail pass. We are currently at 10 fro 2016-2017! Chris Hettrick will be submitting any brand new member once every two weeks to keep credit card processing cost down for the AWSC. All paid current members will be renewed shortly after the new year.

Chris Shannon has received the current club insurance policy and is waiting for the final bill. Once received, he will submit it to Alliance treasurer Terry Burns for payment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42.

Falcon Trailblazers
December 20, 2016

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

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

No Report.

Webpage Report

The website subscription has been renewed and is good through December 2017. An issue with the site not generating a club application has been corrected.

Alliance Report

Terry Burns reported on the following:

- Both the Kenosha News and West of the I have published pieces on the importance of obtaining a Wisconsin Trail Pass

Trail Report

We've been lucky enough to actually have snow to ride on! Trails are getting pretty beat up because of all the riding, however. Terry Burns stated he has been trying to persuade the Kenosha County Alliance that a third groomer for the mid section of the county trails would be a good addition. Both Twin Lakes and Bristol have groomers and the section between those two clubs could really use some help.

Old Business

Chris Hettrick stated all Falcon Trailblazer members have been registered with the AWSC for 2016-2017. New members will be added once a week as needed. The new club renewal date will be the beginning of December going forward.

New Business

Terry Burns suggested that the club consider sponsoring an event in January- the Racine County Snowmobile Alliance is holding an event at Great Lakes Dragway with both a radar and bikini runs, as well as local dealers. We can gather for breakfast before hand and, if weather permits, ride our sleds to the event.

Another idea suggested was a club trip on the Glacial Drumlin State Trail. This would be an easy trip to trailer to, and we could meet before or after for a meal.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34.

Falcon Trailblazers
January 17, 2017

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

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

Chris Shannon reported a starting balance of \$655.57. Checks were written for website renewal and AWSC memberships (\$252.43) and Alliance membership (\$20).

Webpage Report

No Report.

Alliance Report

John Matzke reported on the following:

- The January Alliance meeting was cancelled because of icy conditions

Trail Report

Trails are currently closed.

Old Business

We won't be able to do a club ride to the Racine County Alliance Winterfest at Great Lakes Dragway this Saturday. Anyone interested in attending is still welcome to go- the event will still be held, but conditions are predicted to be very warm this weekend.

New Business

No Report.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08.

Falcon Trailblazers
February 21, 2017

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

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the January 2017 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 would like to have county trails GPS marked, as well as using GPS on the groomers
- By laws are being updated

Trail Report

John Matzke has started pulling signs in some of the fields on his route. Unfortunately, the 4 wheeler is getting stuck in the mud.

Old Business

No Report

New Business

No Report.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05.

Falcon Trailblazers
March 21, 2017

John Matzke called the meeting to order at 7:58 PM.

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the February 2017 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 is still discussing purchasing a third groomer
- This weekend is the annual AWSC Convention at Potawatomi Hotel in Milwaukee
- By laws are still being worked on

Trail Report

John Matzke was waiting for some warmer/dryer weather so he can get in the fields to pull his signs- the 4 wheeler got stuck earlier. He may call on other club members if more help is needed. Chris Hettrick asked John Matzke to walk existing sections of Trail 7 (Hide Away Spur Trail) with her so she would know what the club should still mark.

Old Business

No Report

New Business

Our next meeting will be in September.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.