

Falcon Trailblazers  
September 19, 2017

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

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the March 2017 meeting were read by Chris Hettrick and accepted.

Treasurer's Report

No Report.

Webpage Report

Chris Hettrick reported that she will be updating the website to include a page with the current newsletter on it.

Alliance Report

John Matzke reported on the following:

- Terry Burns has resigned as treasurer of the Alliance
- Twin Lakes Twin Runners had their pig roast/swap meet/vintage sled show September 17
- The Alliance will be having an audit of their financial records

Trail Report

John Matzke stated that at the Alliance meeting it was decided to keep county trails the same as last year. It's still too early to start putting up signage, but it's always good to be thinking about it. At next month's meeting we'll have a better feel for the weather and know the status of the farmer's fields to give us an idea of when we can begin marking.

Old Business

John Matzke will look over both club trailers for any sign needs as well as maintenance issues with the trailers themselves.

New Business

Chris Hettrick brought up the fact that the AWSC will be charging clubs a \$1.50 fee every time the member roster is modified. Currently, plans are to renew any existing members at the beginning of December. If we get any new members this fall, it was decided that they will be registered with the AWSC when the existing members are

renewed in December to avoid multiple service charges. This should have minimal impact since typically it doesn't snow much before the beginning of December anyway.

There was interest in the group to have a "club trip", probably a day event at a location no more than 1-2 hours away. Chris Hettrick will look up locations suggested from last year as well as seeing if there is anything in Kettle Moraine or other locations. We would really like to try to do something this year, even if the snow is bad here, it might be nicer not too far away

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33.

Falcon Trailblazers  
October 17, 2017

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

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the September 2017 meeting were read by Chris Hettrick and accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Chris Shannon reported an opening balance of \$383.14, with \$60 in deposits giving a closing balance of \$443.14. Three additional checks totaling \$90 will also need to be deposited.

Webpage Report

Chris Hettrick reported that she had received correspondence from DreamHost indicating our account has a \$119.40 balance due. It was unclear from the email if this was for website renewal or if it was sent in error. She will contact DreamHost support for clarification. The website was renewed last on 12/10/2016.

Alliance Report

John Matzke reported on the following:

- The Twin Runners club is planning to buy a groomer for their trails- they want the Alliance to provide the funds for this. John would like additional Falcon Trailblazer attendance at the next Alliance meeting (11/8/2017) so this can be voted on with sufficient club membership present
- John was unsure if it was too late to place a sign order, but he came up with a wish list that he will ask for from the Alliance anyway

Trail Report

Several items were brought up for discussion:

Larry Misicka wanted the club to pursue linking our club trail from Hwy C up along Hwy B to the Twin Runners trail along Hwy F. Currently the Twin Runners trail only extends through Bassett on Hwy F. Larry's thought was that if our trails linked, we might be able to take advantage of their groomer.

The bar on Hwy 83 (formerly Players Park South) might draw some business if a snowmobile trail were to link it with the Hide A Way spur trail. It's unclear who owns the farm land running behind the bar or if a trail could be put in there linking the two sites.

John Matzke and Chris Hettrick are going to walk the Hide A Way spur trail to determine what parts of it are still in use and need marking.

Chris Shannon is planning to mark his trails the weekend after Thanksgiving. By then the farmers should be done with everything in the fields.

#### Old Business

No Report.

#### New Business

Goodwin Performance is offering a 10% parts discount to Falcon Trailblazer member. This will be communicated through the newsletter to all current members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25.

Falcon Trailblazers  
November 21, 2017

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

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the October 2017 meeting were read by Chris Hettrick and accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Two memberships totaling \$60 were given to John Matzke. Invoices of \$119.40 (less \$30 resulting in \$89.40) for website renewal and \$116.05 for flowers (Eleanor Misicka funeral) were submitted for payment (members voted to approve). The insurance bill was submitted to the Kenosha County Alliance for payment.

Webpage Report

Chris Hettrick reported the website subscription was renewed for \$119.40.

Alliance Report

John Matzke reported on the following:

- The Alliance discussed at length the purchase of a new groomer. They will pursue purchasing one through a loan

Trail Report

Multiple items were brought up for discussion:

Chuck Kriens asked what qualified the decision to designate a trail a "state trail". No one was certain if it was the DNR or some other entity. If the Hwy 50 stretch could be converted to state, it would be our club's responsibility to maintain.

Chris Hettrick and John Matzke will work on marking the old fire road that runs through the Bryzek property.

There is still some interest in linking Hwy B to the Twin Runners trail along Hwy F. Carolyne Misicka was going to pursue contacts with the Twin Runners to see if this was feasible.

There are some land owner issues with the trail that runs along Hwy 83. A landowner is refusing to allow the club to use a field. John Matzke will check with the Salem Town Hall and see if we can use their property to avoid running through the field at issue.

John Matzke and Cliff Babcock will inspect the trailers and make sure the tires are filled and the bearings are still good.

Cliff Babcock and Chuck Kriens will do some trail marking this Sunday.

### Old Business

Chris Hettrick reminded everyone that she will be registering all paid members with the AWSC in early December.

### New Business

John Matzke was looking into getting banners encouraging people to join the club and hanging them in the area.

We would still like to put together some sort of club ride if we get enough snow. Stay tuned!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39.

Falcon Trailblazers  
December 19, 2017

(John Matzke was unable to attend the first half of the meeting- Larry Misicka substituted as president)

Larry Misicka called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM.

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the November 2017 meeting were read by Chris Hettrick and accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Chris Shannon deposited \$150, bringing the new balance to \$653.14. Two checks were written- \$89.40 for web site renewal and \$116.05 for funeral flowers, leaving a new balance of \$447.69.

Webpage Report

Chris Hettrick reported that she had received notification from DreamHost that the website domain address (falcontrailblazers.org) needed to be renewed for \$13.95 by February 14 2018. She will take care of this in January.

Alliance Report

John Matzke reported on the following:

- The Alliance Christmas party was held on December 13. Samantha Kerkman attended the party.

Trail Report

The following items were discussed:

John Matzke started some marking of the trail on Hwy C, as well as clearing trees and brush in the section behind Kelly's Pub. Larry Misicka has been ill but will try to continue marking as soon as he can. The critical section near Trevor-Wilmot Grade Schooll will need to be taken care of.

John Matzke still needs to get behind the Mobile Brass Ball and finish marking that section.

A spur trail will be marked from Silver Lake Marina to Hwy B.

## Old Business

Now that the AWSC charges snowmobile clubs a \$1.50 surcharge every time members are renewed on the online roster, she proposed that the membership applications be modified to state that membership fees are \$30 before Dec 1, and \$32 if the application is submitted after Dec 1 to cover the additional fee. The group agreed this was acceptable.

The completed insurance payment paperwork was received back from the County Alliance and given to Chris Shannon.

The club has received notification that our Annual Report for tax exempt status is due by March 31 2018. Chris will file the report and pay the \$10 fee associated with this.

## New Business

John Matzke mentioned the owner of Sandlots Bar on Hwy 83 was interested in buying a spot on the trail map. Since the maps won't be printed until next year, John will try to extend part of the trail down to their location in the interim.

John Matzke has also been hanging some the yellow snowmobile informational posters some of the local establishments.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17.

Falcon Trailblazers  
January 16, 2018

John Matzke called the meeting to order at 7:55 PM.

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the December 2017 meeting were read by Chris Hettrick and accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Chris Shannon was not present so a current balance was not available. Chris Hettrick had two expenses- \$111.50 to AWSC for membership renewal and \$13.95 for website domain address renewal.

Webpage Report

Chris Hettrick reported that she renewed website domain address (falcontrailblazers.org).

Alliance Report

John Matzke reported on the following:

- The Tucker groomer had new LED lights put on, as well as the dash fan and hydrolytic hoses replaced, and stress cracks on the drag welded
- The DNR is thinking about linking any OWI offense on recreational vehicle to the operator's Wisconsin drivers license

Trail Report

The following items were discussed:

- John Matzke thought there should be better signage at the Mobil station and Hwy 75- he will get out there and take care of this
- The trail that runs along Hwy F has some marking issues- an area in the farmers road may need more signs
- Some additional brush trimming is needed along Hwy 50
- The spur trail from Hwy B to Silver Lake Marina has not been put in this season. Additionally, Hwy C probably needs better marking

### Old Business

The management of Silver Lake Marina is interested in buying a spot on the next edition of the trail map. John Matzke suggested putting up some yellow snowmobile informational posters there as well.

### New Business

No Report.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23.

Falcon Trailblazers  
February 20, 2018

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

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the January 2018 meeting were read by Chris Hettrick and accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Chris Shannon reported an opening balance of \$477.69. One check was written totaling \$186.95 for AWSC member dues, website domain address renewal, and postage stamps and one check for \$30 was turned in for deposit, leaving a balance of \$320.74

Webpage Report

No Report

Alliance Report

John Matzke reported on the following:

- The DNR/ Kenosha County Sheriff Department logged in 200 miles on their sled- 4 warnings and 4 tickets were written
- The Alliance is evaluating making zones in the Kenosha County trail system- this would allow trails impacted by lake effect snows to open
- A new trail map is being worked on for the 2018 and 2019 seasons

Trail Report

The following items were discussed:

- There were some issues with some property owners along the trail on Hwy 50- a large mound of snow was piled on the trail
- Overall, trails functioned well for the weekend of February 10-11

Old Business

No report

New Business

AWSC will be having their annual convention March 23-25 in Green Bay.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33.

Falcon Trailblazers  
March 20, 2018

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

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the February 2018 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 county will be sending a contingent to attend the AWSC Convention in Green Bay this weekend
- The next edition of the county map will have a larger area of actual map, and the county will be divided into two zones East of Hwy 45 and West of Hwy 45
- The Twin Runners will still be allowed to groom their portion of the state trail if their zone is closed and the eastern half is opened

Trail Report

The following items were discussed:

- Brad Pfeiffer of Pfeiffer Trailers on Hwy 83 contacted the club concerning the trail that ran next to his property. He stated the trail was on his land and he was not asked if it could be placed there. In addition, he had some security concerns. John Matzke spoke with him and offered to put up some fencing and signage to prevent any damage to his property. Next season prior to marking trails he will need to be contacted
- Most of the trail signs are now down on the club trails- good job to everyone who got out and did this!

Old Business

No report

New Business

Our next meeting will be in October. Happy Summer!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16.