

Falcon Trailblazers
October 15, 2018

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

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

No Report

Webpage Report

The bill for the club website is due- the balance is \$119.40. Chris Hettrick will pay this and get reimbursed by the club later.

Alliance Report

John Matzke reported on the following:

- Clubs that groom in Kenosha County will now have to GPS their trails
- Planning on sandblasting the old drag- getting quotes right now
- The Alliance had to refund the county- we charged them too much for our trail mileage
- The insurance for all clubs in Kenosha county has been paid
- Falcon Trailblazers will host the Alliance meeting at Jeddy's January 9, 2019
- Starting work on trail maps- going to businesses to sell ad space

Trail Report

The following items were discussed:

- Issues at Hwy 50 and F- John Matzke spoke to Samantha Kerkman and she felt we could get to use some easement to work around the new construction. She was going to talk to some landowners regarding this. This year we'll just run down Hwy F
- We need to make sure Brad Pfeiffer of Pfeiffer Trailers on Hwy 83 is informed of trail marking adjacent to his property- he had issues last year with snowmobilers riding on his land
- John Matzke and crew are doing some preventative maintenance on the trailers- he is also storing them
- Silver Lake Marina is still trying to get on the trail system- John Matzke is working with some landowners about possible access to link Hwy B with Hwy C

Old Business

No report

New Business

At the spring 2019 meeting, AWSC may be changing their membership rules to have memberships expiring on June 30 instead of 365 days from renewal date. They are concerned people are getting two year's worth of trail passes off one year of club membership. This could end up being an issue for our club since we renew members December 1- our club members would not be able to get trail passes sooner than that if this law goes into effect. This law won't affect this year's membership renewals- members expiration dates will be in December of 2019 for anyone renewing this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29

Falcon Trailblazers
November 19, 2018

John Matzke called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

Chris Shannon reported a starting balance of \$267.04. A \$10 payment was made to the state of Wisconsin for the club's nonprofit Annual Report and a check for \$128.42 was written for website renewal and envelopes, while \$91.20 was deposited, leaving an ending balance of \$248.62.

Chris stated the bank account has been assessed a \$3 service fee monthly for the last few months for not maintaining a minimum balance. John Matzke proposed moving the account to another facility to avoid paying the fee.

Webpage Report

The website account was renewed for another year. John Matzke wanted pictures of the recently renovated club trailer posted on the website- he will send these to Chris Hettrick.

Alliance Report

John Matzke reported on the following:

- The Alliance's financial standing is in a good place
- The old drag is currently undergoing sandblasting for corrosion control
- A snowmobile safety course is being offered at the Kenosha County Center on November 30/ December 1
- Work is underway for the new edition of the Kenosha county snowmobiling map- currently there are more advertisers than spaces on the map
- The Alliance Christmas party is December 12 at 7 PM at Jeddy's Bar

Trail Report

The following items were discussed:

- There were issues with Hawg Heaven Bar on Hwy 83 last year- someone was injured and the bar does not want snowmobiles there anymore- an alternate trail along Hwy 83 in that area will have to be developed.
- Some club members may need to attend a highway department meeting to get street signs for snowmobiles

- The club is now responsible for marking a trail along Hwy B (from Hwy F to Hwy C)
- The owner of Roof and Bricks said he is willing to help with marking of Hwy C
- We need to make sure we mark the trail up to the Hide a Way Bar
- Chris Shannon will start marking trails along streets this weekend
- After rifle season is over trail marking will ramp up- John Matzke will let folks know when he is planning to work on marking the trails and we will try to knock out everything in the next few weeks

Old Business

No report

New Business

There is some interest in putting in a club sweatshirt order- -John will talk to his silkscreen person to see about getting this done

A spontaneous 50/50 raffle was held- John Matzke was the big winner

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20

Falcon Trailblazers
December 17, 2018

John Matzke called the meeting to order at 7:43 PM.

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

John Matzke determined the monthly service fee incurred at the bank on the club's account was because the club was still opting to receive paper statements. He turned that option off for that account and now we'll save that money going forward.

Webpage Report

John Matzke will email pictures from his phone to Chris Hettrick to post on the website.

Alliance Report

John Matzke reported on the following:

- Christmas party was nice- there was good food
- Trail maps work is still ongoing- hopefully proofs should be done this week with the final version going to printer and available in January
- Waiting for snow!

Trail Report

Club members have been out marking trails throughout Paddock Lake and Salem. Several items still need to be addressed:

- The Hwy F area impacted by the new construction is still an issue. Previously we could just run the trail across that land, but now there is ongoing construction on it. We will probably just have to run the trail along Hwy F on the easement for now
- Hwy C from 260th Avenue to the Camp Lake dam still needs to be marked
- The spur trail from Hwy 50 to the Hide A Way bar has not yet been marked

Most of Hwy 50 is in pretty good shape. As always it seems we always need signs, especially ones indicating T intersections as well as caution signs. We have plenty of poles and whips to attach them to.

Old Business

No report

New Business

The upcoming Kenosha County Alliance Meeting will be held by the Falcon Trailblazers on January 16, 2019 at Kelly's Pub in Trevor.

We need snow!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19

Falcon Trailblazers
January 21, 2019

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

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

Chris Shannon reported starting balance of \$251.67. Map sales generated \$175 and additional membership dues brought in \$144. A check for membership payment to the AWSC was written for \$114.50, leaving a final balance of \$456.17.

Going forward Chris Hettrick will get deposit slips for the account to make deposits when membership checks come in. She will email Chris Shannon when she does this.

Webpage Report

Some of the pages on the website need to be updated. Chris Hettrick will print out these pages and try to bring them to the next meeting so we can update them.

Alliance Report

John Matzke reported on the following:

- Last week the January Alliance meeting was at Kelly's- food was delicious
- John Matzke was re-elected club president
- Alliance paid the Falcon Trailblazers club for cutting weeds along the trail
- The Falcon Trailblazer club needs to GPS our trails and get the data back to the Alliance- John Matzke will address this

Trail Report

We need more of the following signs:

- Chevrons
- T junctions
- Bridge Ahead

There is a washed section on the Hide Away spur trail near the water treatment plant. This needs to be marked to prevent anyone getting stuck or flipped.

We might need to add a few more signs along Hwy C, especially west of the dam area.

If anyone sees any issues along club trails, let John Matzke know.

Old Business

When the club memberships were renewed with the AWSC in early December, we had only 6 members who completed registration paperwork and paid dues. This put our club in suspended status (10 members are required for the club to be considered active). We were able to obtain 5 more members to bring us to a total of 11, but in the future we need to make sure we have a minimum of 10 when we register in early December. If our club is in suspended status members will not be able purchase Trail Passes even if they have paid their dues.

New Business

Ride while you can- who knows how long the snow will last!

John Matzke can get discounts for trips up north if anyone is interested- let him know if you are.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22

Falcon Trailblazers
February 18, 2019

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

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the January 2019 meeting were read by Chris Hettrick and accepted.

Treasurer's Report

The club is finally collecting map money from various locations in the area- some of the money has been waiting there several years. Trail maps cost \$2 each, and all proceeds go directly to the club.

The club's not-for-profit Annual Report with the state of Wisconsin is due on 03/31/2019. Cost of filing is \$10. Chris Hettrick has volunteered to complete this.

It was proposed that Chris Hettrick be given access to the club bank card so that payments to AWSC and club website be made directly out of the club account.

A deposit of \$32 was made this month- one new member.

Webpage Report

Chris Hettrick didn't print off copies of the web pages that need updating- she will do this for the March meeting. John Matzke still has pictures he wants to have posted.

Alliance Report

John Matzke reported on the following:

- Groomers have been running a lot- the Twin Runners club wants the Alliance to have a fund raiser to generate cash to buy a used Tucker to replace the current one. To do this John Matzke will get a gaming permit for the Alliance
- Alliance has new youth rep
- We still need to GPS our trails- John Matzke will try to address this

Trail Report

Trails that run along roadside ditches continue to be a problem- plows are really piling up snow in big heaps along the road and it makes riding them difficult. A Bobcat or skid steer would be nice to break a path through some of those mounds.

Last month it was brought to the club's attention that there were sections of the trail from the Hide-A-Way bar that had issues. This month it seems the additional snowfall we had has remedied the problem.

Old Business

No report

New Business

No report

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21

Falcon Trailblazers
March 18, 2019

John Matzke called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the February 2019 meeting were read by Chris Hettrick and accepted.

Treasurer's Report

John Matzke reported there was a balance of \$620 in the checking account. No additional deposits or checks were written this month.

The club's Annual Report with the state of Wisconsin has been filed for this year (cost was \$10).

Webpage Report

Chris Hettrick reviewed the content of the following pages on the website:

- Home Page
- Meetings
- Meeting Minutes
- Location
- Trail Updates

Multiple suggestions were made for various changes to these pages, including clarifying some of the text and removing some old information. In the interest of time, additional pages will be reviewed at later meetings.

Alliance Report

John Matzke reported on the following:

- John obtained a gaming license for the Alliance, allowing it to hold fundraisers
- There have been some issues with flooding on some of the county trails- more a result of the warm weather rather than trail problems
- Law enforcement issued multiple warnings for not having current state trail passes- they prefer to write tickets for actual operating violations
- John is still concerned about having to GPS the club trail system- he will ask other Alliance members how to do this

Trail Report

Chris Shannon has pulled all his signs on Hwy AH/ 265th Avenue, and has sorted and removed bad/damaged ones.

John Matzke, Cliff Babcock, and Chris Hettrick will touch base in the next couple of weeks when things are a little dryer to coordinate a time to start pulling signs in Paddock Lake.

Old Business

No report

New Business

Mobile Brass Ball sold all maps they were given this season- this is a good location to provide maps to- next year we should give them more.

Starting next year, the cost of AWSC membership is going up to from \$10 to \$12. Currently, our club membership is \$30. It was decided that club membership will remain at \$30, and if the increase in AWSC membership fees begin to negatively impact the financial stability of the club, we will reevaluate this.

Starting next season memberships in the AWSC will expire on June 30 of the following year. Currently the memberships expire 365 days after renewal. This June 30th expiration date will prevent members from obtaining trail passes for more than one year on one membership. This will be discussed further in newsletters and on the website next fall.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40