

Falcon Trailblazers
December 16, 2019

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

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

John Matzke was concerned the club was accruing fees on the bank account- he was looking at some bank correspondence and it was confusing. We need to verify with First American Bank that we have the appropriate business checking account where fees are minimal, and if we can't find an account that suits our needs, we may need to find another bank.

The Salem Lakes village collected \$14 in map sales, which John Matzke picked up when he dropped off current maps. Membership renewal in the AWSC for the club has totaled \$158 this year, and additional members may push that amount higher. Chris Hettrick will continue to maintain receipts, but we really need to activate the club debit card so payment can come directly from the club account.

Webpage Report

No report.

Alliance Report

John Matzke reported on the following:

- The new groomer purchased by the Twin Runners does not have a GPS on it- additionally there are some mechanical issues as well. Twin Runners would like the Alliance to pay for repairs if they are to groom all county state trails
- There will be a special meeting December 19 at B and Ds in New Munster with members of the Alliance board and Twin Runners to draw up a contract for them to groom our trails
- Once the contract is complete, a follow up meeting with full Alliance membership will be held (probably in January) to vote on the contract
- Christmas party was good time- Samantha Kerkman attended to represent the Wisconsin Assembly

Trail Report

John Matzke is almost done marking the trail along Hwy 50. There is a dangerous spot at Hwys F and 50- lots of railroad ties, which would be hazardous to ride on. Hopefully,

ATC will be clearing this. The area just north of Mobil Brass Ball needs to be cleared of brush, and the trail behind the business condos in Paddock Lake still needs to be marked -all weather dependent.

The trails must be ridden in order to GPS them- we will either need to wait for snow and do them on a snowmobile, or someone with an off road vehicle could do them.

John will try to see about getting Hwy 50 made into a state trail- in order to do this the trail must meet qualifications, and we must petition the state to allow it.

Old Business

The Alliance groomer will now be stored at Hwys K and 45.

New Business

Pending snow, we can have a club riding event- Racine County has some fun trails.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 PM