

Bagley & Brazeau

# Joyriders Snowmobile Club

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## ***February 2009 Snow News & Minutes***

### Presidents Corner

On Sunday March 1st it was with great pride on behalf of our snowmobile club that I was able to present to the Bagley & Brazeau Rescue Squad a check for \$866.00. That was the amount of money raised at our Annual Dinner Ride Dinner on February 7<sup>th</sup>. The event was a great success with just under 90 people attending the event.

The success of this event would not have been possible without the support of our local businesses and members with their generous donations and the hard work of our Chairperson Kathy Lawrenz. In addition a special thanks to the helpers the day of the event Dick & Paula Lamberg, Debbie Baumberger, and Mary Ann Oseland. It is truly a great feeling to be able to give back to the community. We know that we can count on our local rescue squad to be there when a snowmobiler has suffered an injury. In this newsletter is a list of the local businesses that supported our Dinner Ride Event again this year. While visiting them be sure to thank them for their continued support.

I want to finish this month's message by thanking the 102 loyal members who again have renewed their membership this year and the 14 new members that have joined our club. Your continued support of our club is very important. As this season comes to end I would like to encourage you to attend our monthly club meeting and participate in closing down the trails for the season. As you ride the trails at the end of the season remember someone will have to remove all those diamonds you drive past. Your participation and help would be greatly appreciated.

Roy Lawrenz President

### *Please say Thank You to our Business Dinner Ride Sponsors*

- Barnstormers, Coleman, WI
- Black Bear Trail Golf Course, Suring, WI
- Burger King, Oconto Falls, WI
- Cal Compe Automotive, Coleman, WI
- Citgo Quick Food Mart, Suring, WI
- Holiday Inn, Suring, WI
- Kelly Lake Kwik Stop, Suring
- Klondike Salon, Pound, WI
- Mercier's Fast Stop Shell, Oconto Falls, WI
- Mobil All Rite C Store, Pound, WI
- Oconto Electric Coop, Oconto Falls, WI
- Oconto Falls Pharmacy, Oconto Falls, WI
- Pelkin Piggly Wiggly, Coleman, WI
- Ron & Kim's Lee Lake Tavern, Pound, WI
- The Crossroads, Crivitz, WI
- United True Value, Oconto Falls, WI
- Vollmars Bar & Grill, Suring, WI
- Walker's Bay Supper Club, Pound, WI
- Webbee's BP Station, Coleman, WI
- Wescott Lake Tavern, Pound, WI
- Wichman's BP Station, Suring, WI
- Witt's Piggly Wiggly, Oconto Falls, WI
- Wouter's Front 11, Pound, WI
- Yancey Powersports, Suring, WI



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*Please also Thank the Member's  
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donations to our Dinner Ride Event*

### Members

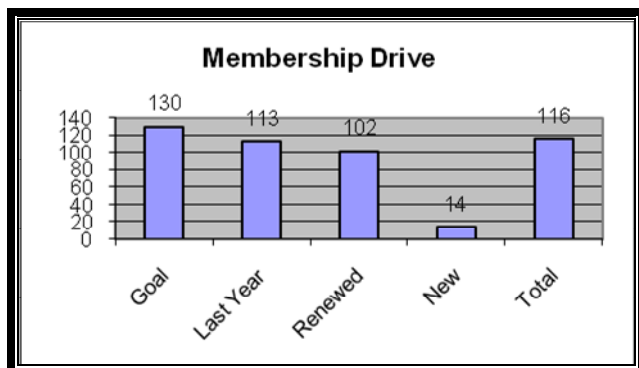
- *Andy & Lori Baker, Green Bay, WI*
- *Debbie Baumberg, Milwaukee, WI*
- *Jerry & Sandy Frey, Pound, WI*
- *Dick & Paula Lamberg, Pound, WI*
- *Roy & Kathy Lawrenz, Pound, WI*

### Landowner

§ Douglas & Alison Kostreva,  
Pound, WI

## Membership Drive

Boy how great is it that we actually passed up last year's membership of 113. Again I want to say a big thank you to everyone who renewed their membership and the new members that joined our club.



### Meetings & Events Schedule

March 14, 2009  
Lee Lake Tavern  
10:00 am  
Club Meeting

April 11, 2009  
10:00 am  
Club Meeting  
Club Storage Building

### **AWSC LEGISLATIVE ISSUES 2009-2010 Session**

It is the Wisconsin snowmobiler who is responsible for our state's nationally-acclaimed trail system. It is the volunteer snowmobiler – not some state entity – who works with land owners to acquire access to properties, and works year-round to groom, grade and maintain our trails.

The millions of dollars these volunteers spend out-of-pocket on grooming machines, on fuel, on trail signs and markings, and various expenses provide a tourism magnet and revenue stream beneficial to all Wisconsin residents.

In return, the Wisconsin snowmobiler asks for little from government beyond the necessary enforcement of safety measures and maintenance of registration and permitting records. To further burden these volunteers with additional expenses is unfair, and we specifically cited.

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### AWSC LEGISLATIVE ISSUES Continued

Use of the Snowmobile Segregated Account to provide for DNR Wardens

- § Although the AWSC desires to contribute its fair share toward warden enforcement, funds designed to remedy annual shortfalls in Supplemental Funds have been raided to balance the DNR's budget in order to compensate wardens.
- § At the request of the AWSC, Governor Doyle in 2008 signed into law an increase in the non-resident Trail Pass Fee. This increase was requested solely to fund trail maintenance programs.
- § In the past, warden enforcement funding typically derived from the Gaming Fund. This latest DNR Agency Budget directs \$128,000 from the Snowmobile Segregated Account to warden enforcement.

The AWSC also encourages legislators to consider the following:

#### Past & Present Safety Issues

- § It is the AWSC which brought about the current dusk-to-dawn 55 MPH limit.
- § It is the AWSC which created mandatory youth safety training programs. The AWSC has endorsed and funded past enforcement programs designed to foster the visible presence of wardens on our trails. The AWSC is currently working with the DNR, recreational vehicle interest groups and the public to create sensible, uniform programs to prevent operating on trails while under the influence of alcohol.

### **Discounted Trail Pass Fee for Snowmobile Club Members (C.A.P. Program)**

- § At a later date, the AWSC may present to the Legislature a request to raise the Resident Trail Pass Fee to \$35/year.
- § That same request would include a provision which retains the current \$15/year Trail Pass Fee for club members to offset costs related to trail maintenance.

### **AWSC Membership Support**

It should be with great pride that your club since March 5, 1988 has supported the AWSC Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs with 100% club membership participation. As you can see in the article printed above in this newsletter that their involvement is important in maintain a quality trail system in Wisconsin?

For each \$20.00 membership dues you pay your club enrolls you as a member of the AWSC at a cost of \$10.00 per member. It is the opinion of the officers and participating members of our club that this is a very good investment in a sport we all love.

### **FEBRUARY 7, 2009 MINUTES**

Meeting was called to order by President, Roy Lawrenz at 10:00 A.M. at Klondike Saloon, Klondike. Thirty one people were present.

#### **FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Secretary's Report

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A motion to accept the Secretary's report in the minutes was made by Andy Baker and seconded by Tom Yingling. Motion approved.

### **SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Treasurer's Report

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report as given was made by Tom Stadler and seconded by Mike Lambert. The club received the first payment for funding from the 08-09 season from Oconto County.

### **THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Old Business

No old business.

### **FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

#### ***New Business***

#### ***GROOMING AND GRADING***

Mark Kuchta our contracted groomer presented the club with a check for \$225. This amount represents a refund to the club of \$5.00 per hour he charges for grading. Some of the billings will be reviewed to make sure we are charging the County the correct hourly rate for the equipment that is being used. Bert Wiedemeier one of the groomers noted a problem on the trail from Lee Lake to Round Lake. At the end of trail by Round Lake some small trees will have to be taken down due to problems with getting the grooming equipment down to the lake.



### **OVERHEAD SIGNS**

Andy Baker suggested to the club about purchasing two more overhead signs for two locations on our trail. The first location would be on the Pipeline, North of Hwy 64 and the second location would be on the North end of the trail system on County W. This location is on private land. Any further discussion will be held at the next meeting.

### **TRAIL REPORTS**

Wayne St.Louis, President of the Lena Snowdrifters was present and commented on the great condition of the trails of the Lena and Bagley & Brazeau Clubs. The Lena Snowdrifters banquet will be held on February 21, 2009 at Romy's Holiday Inn. Anyone interested in attending should contact him for tickets.

Tom Stadler, our trail boss, wanted to thank all the groomers for all their hard work this year and the trail bosses for marking and signing their areas. Some specific areas of the trail system were discussed as to possible better ways to mark or resign.

### **MAP ADS**

An advertising person will be needed soon to renew and secure advertisers for the 2010 Oconto County map which will be printed next year. Further discussion will be held at the next meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Don Wittmann and seconded by Andy Baker. Motion carried. Meeting concluded at 10:21 A.M.

Submitted by Secretary, Debra Baumberger.