

Joyriders Snowmobile Club

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February 2010 Snow News & Minutes

Presidents Corner

Well this has not been the type of year that snowmobiler's in our area really wanted. We got the snow early and it looked like this was going to be a good season for snowmobiling, but then most of January and early February the big storms pasted us by. If you had a chance to ride north and west many of you experienced excellent trails to ride on.

You are probably wondering where the groomer has been lately even though we have had some snow fall. Although we have had some snow this past week we lost our base and for that reason we did not groom. We were concerned that if we groomed it would allow the snow to melt faster by moving it around. You should also know that we have surpassed our guaranteed state funding allowance and now have to rely on supplemental funding. For that reason financially it does not make financial sense to continue grooming unless we really had good trail conditions.

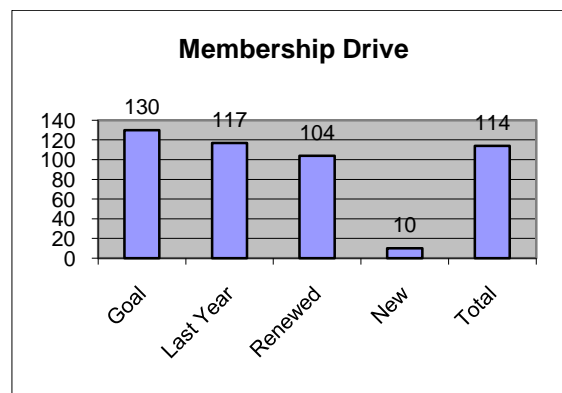
Some of you might be asking what is supplemental funding. It is a pool of snowmobile state funding from the state that all clubs can pull from after they used up their guaranteed state funding allotment. It was designed to support clubs in areas of the state that received more snow to help support their grooming cost. The amount of funding received from the clubs is based on how many clubs put in claims for it. Due to the fact that there has been excellent snow fall all over the

state, and more clubs are requesting funding the estimated payout will be 50 to 60 percent on the dollar. This means for every \$1.00 we spend on the trails for the remainder of the year we will be lucky to get back in state funding \$.60. I hope this gives you our valued members some insight on how the trail bosses and officers of your club make the discussion we do regarding grooming. We want to do the very best job of providing an excellent trail system to ride on and at the same time manage the resources we have to support our club financially.

Roy Lawrenz President

Membership Drive

In all I believe we have had a good year in our efforts in maintaining our membership. With the season almost to an end we had 104 members renew their membership and 10 new members join our club this year. Considering the economy and the tough job market I think we have done very well. Thank you everyone for your continued support.



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2010 Meetings & Events Schedule,

***March 13, 2010
Wouters Front II, LLC
White Potato Lake
10:00 am
Club Meeting***

***April 3, 2010
Club Storage Building
Lee Lake
9:00 am
Club Meeting / Work Weekend***

March and April is the winding down for are season but not the work required in closing down the trail system. There are many trail markers that will have to be removed in the next few months. Stays involved attend the meeting and keep informed on the plans already being discussed on how the trail system can be improved next year. ATTEND THE MEETINGS.

Dinner Ride a Huge Success

I would like to thank everyone who participated in our annual Dinner Ride Event; even though we did not have snow to enjoy a snowmobile ride that I know everyone really enjoys. I also want to thank the landowners who took the time to join us for dinner. We really do appreciate your support in allowing us to cross your land.

On March 7th your President will be presenting a check for \$870.00 to the Brazeau Rescue Squad. Please read the press release that will be submitted to the local newspapers.

In addition inserted in this newsletter is a list of the Businesses and Individuals who made donations. We are very thankful for their support and I would encourage you to say thank you for their contribution when you use their gift certificates and patronage their businesses.

Kathy Lawrenz
Chair Person

Brazeau Fire Department Receives Donation

On March 7, 2010 Roy Lawrenz President of the Bagley & Brazeau Joyriders Snowmobile Club presented a check for \$870.00 to the Brazeau Rescue Squad. The money was raised at their annual Dinner Ride Event at Walker's Bay Supper Club. The Bagley & Brazeau Joyriders Snowmobile Club for years have always held as one of their social events a dinner and snowmobile ride event. In 2004 the club decided to expand the event and make it a landowner appreciation dinner thanking them for allowing us to cross their land. We were please that 82 people attended the event which included 49 landowners.

Also at the 2004 event the discussion was made to give back to the community that supports us by using the event as a fundraiser for our local Rescue Squad. The rescue squad purchased special equipment to rescue injured snowmobilers on our trail. Considering some of our trails are in remote areas the addition of that equipment is a real service to the community and all snowmobilers.

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Since 2004 are club has raised \$4,252.00 for the Brazeau Rescue Squad.

Roy also like to thank the 34 businesses and members who donated excellent door prizes to help make the event successful in raising the money. He went on to say we are very thankful for the supports we receive from are local business and landowners. Without their support and cooperation are trail system could not exist.

He also extends a special thanks to the members who made the event possible, Kathy Lawrenz Chairperson, Gene & Barbra Duffy, Dick & Paul Lamberg, Eve Wallace, and thanks Douglas Kostreva for bringing his beautiful little girl Emily who assisted Roy in pulling the raffle tickets.

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The meeting was called to order by Roy Lawrenz President and there were 16 members present.

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Secretary's Report

A motion was made to accept the January Secretary's Report written by acting secretary Kathy Lawrenz as printed in the monthly newsletter by Andy Baker and second by Tom Stadler. Motion approved.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Treasure's Report

Roy Lawrenz presented on behalf of the Treasure Kelly Kramer the January treasure's report. A motion was

made by Debbie Baumberger and second by Gene Duffy. Motion approved.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

Old Business

Oconto County Trail Maps:

Roy Lawrenz reported to the membership the concerns the Alliance had regarding how this year's maps where produced and the time they were made available. Dale Behnke who was involved with this project reported that many of the complaints and concerns fall back on the Alliance and its members for not getting the changes on the map soon enough causing the delay in distribution. For the next printing everyone agrees they need to improve the process. Dale also brought up that we need a member to take the responsibility of selling map adds again this year. In the past Joyce Sukowski did an excellent job in selling the ads but she is no longer taking an active role in snowmobiling.

Newsletter by e-mail:

Roy Lawrenz reported in the December meeting that a member made the suggestion that we send out the newsletter by e-mail to those members where e-mail is available. We presently have approximately 40% of our members e-mail addresses. To feel out the response of the rest of the membership an article was put in the next two newsletters to see if more members were interested in getting their letters by that method. Roy did not receive any other requests. Over all the members present at the meeting felt that the present way of distributing the newsletter has been very effective in communicating to our membership. We are also making the newsletter available on our website. At this time we will not be making any changes.

Storage Building Addition:

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Roy Lawrenz reported that he has contacted Ron Tank about putting on an addition to our storage building so the groomer and drag could be pulled into the building for service. Roy suggested it may be more cost effective for the club to absorb cost of the addition using club members to volunteer in the construction and the help of Ron Tank. That way we would not have to rewrite the favorable lease we presently have. Ron Tank will be contacting his brother to get recommendations as to how the addition could be put on.

Membership Report:

Roy Lawrenz reported that our membership year to date is 104 renewed members, and 10 new members for a total of 114. Last year we ended up the year with 117 members. Our club again this year is doing very well in maintaining its membership.

FORTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

New Business

Andy Bakers Trail Report:

Andy reported that the corn has been removed and today the trail to Suring will be marked and all of his trails will be open.

Trail to Rost Lake:

Roy Lawrenz reported for Jerry Frey the trail boss for this section of trail that the landowner east of Rost Lake just before the swap has informed our club that next year he will not allow us to cross his land. He has suggested an alternate route to Jerry but Jerry has not had a chance to investigate it. This is a very important trail for us and we will need to address this issue.

AWSC Convention:

Roy reported that the AWSC Convention is right around the corner and anyone interested in going should contact him for the registration information.

Dinner Ride Event (Dinner):

Roy reported that his wife Kathy has everything ready to go for the Dinner tonight. There is over \$1500.00 in donations that have been collected for the bucket raffles and 85 landowners and members have made their reservations.

Need for an Active Secretary:

Roy brought up the fact that we still need a secretary. His wife Kathy has been the acting secretary but he feels there needs to be more people involved in the leadership of the club in case something would happen to his or his wife. Debbie Baumberger who was secretary who sold her property in this area indicated that she may not be able to attend all meeting but will still volunteer for the position. When she was secretary she taped the meetings and wrote the minutes from the tape. She will provide the club with a tape recorder and Roy will tape the meetings and send her the tape on the meeting she cannot attend.

South Marl Lake Road:

Roy received a request from one of the property owners that the club only groom one side of the road from trail 102 to Lee Lake. After discussion the club agreed to groom only the North side of the road from Lee Lake to 102.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Chuck Panure and seconded by Tom Stadler. Motion approved.

Thank You

Thank you Mark Kuchta, and are groomer drivers for doing an excellent job grooming on our trails in a difficult year.