

Bagley & Brazeau

Joyriders Snowmobile Club

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November 2011 Snow News & Minutes

Presidents Corner

In my letter this month I want begin with visiting about the history of our club and how far we have come. It was 27 years ago when Kathy and I purchased our first snowmobiles. We were so excited, they were delivered to us on Friday afternoon and we could not wait to take our first ride on Saturday because it was too late in the afternoon to go for a ride.

That night we went out for a fish fry and were visiting with some of the locals and telling them how excited we was to become snowmobile family. Well that night someone told us that the local snowmobile club the Bag & Bra Joyriders where dissolving the club. Needless to say there was great concern about this news. At that time there were only 6 members left in the club. At the next meeting 4 people new to snowmobiling attended the meeting and became members. When it was time to dissolve the club the four new members and two of the existing members voted to keep the club going. Those two members were Loddie and Gladys Koutsky who are now life members. Loddie and Gladys we really want to thank you for keeping the club going. From that point on the membership has had continued growth.

Our trail system 27 years ago was 17 miles. It started at Kelly Lake and went to Klondike and was called the North Klondike trail and a south trail from Klondike to Kelly Lake. The first goal of the new members was to

establish a trail from Kelly Lake to the Pipe Line so we could reach the Lakewood, Mountain area. The trails back then were just one sled wide.

Well thanks to some real leaders back then that became active in our club we have had continued improvements to our trail system. Tom Stadler and his family, who is still very active working on our trails, and a past President Kevin Conrady and his family are responsible for establishing our first funded trail. To establish a state funded trail back then the local club had to build a trail 8'wide, groom it, and get it up and running before you could apply for funding. Tom and Kevin did just that. It was a tremendous amount of work. The trail connected the Coleman trail from the east to the Pipe Line to the West, just 17 miles. That was the beginning of the growth of our trail system. From there we purchased our first groomer a Track Truck and we were truly up and running.

So where are we today? You might say we have come a long way baby. We presently are responsible for 98 miles of trail system, of which 76.5 are state funded. We operate two groomers on that trail system that cost just over \$125,000 each and groomed our trails for 312 hours last season. Our club members put in over 3500 hours preparing our trail system last season brushing the trails and putting in and taking down signs. We also have maintained above 100 family memberships which is great considering the trend in the rest of the state is down.

It is fun to look back but we have to continue to look forward to the future. Your trail bosses Tom Stadler, Andy Baker, Chuck Panure, Tom Yingling, and Gerry Frey along with their families and our membership are always looking for ways on how we can improve our trails. I want to sincerely thank all our active members for your participation and support.
Roy Lawrenz President

AWSC

“CAP/STEPPROGRAM”

As many of you have been reading in the AWSC magazine the AWSC is pushing for a change is the way we register our snowmobiles. The purpose for changing the program is to generate more revenue to support the state of Wisconsin snowmobile trails and it's clubs. The proposal is patterned after a very successful program presently being used in the state of New York.

Snowmobile state funding is generated off of snowmobile registrations, and over the past 5 years registrations are down which reduces the amount of money to support the trails. At our last Oconto County Snowmobile Alliance Meeting it was reported that 3.6 million was requested to support are trails and only 2.1 million was approved. That means when we apply for supplemental funding we will probably only get 59% of our request to support are trails. In addition for the last 3 years your club has only received on average 65% of our request. It cost our club on average to support the trail system \$30,000 to \$35,000 annually and we are guaranteed up to \$17,688 in state funded income, and then we jump into supplemental funding. So you can see the need for a change.

The CAP/STEP PROGRAM is designed to bring more income to the 600 clubs state

wide. Here is how the new program would work. It is a two tiered program. There will be a onetime sled registration sticker, after that you will have to buy an annual trail sticker for your sled. If you belong to a snowmobile club the cost for your trail sticker will be \$15.00. If you do not belong to a club the annual sticker will cost is \$35.00. The reason for this is the fact that the average club dues are \$20.00. It is felt that the club members who are responsible for the installation and maintenance of the trails system will receive the benefit of a lower sticker price. Too many people are using the trail system without putting an effort into it. It is felt that this is a way to level the playing field. For our active members who renewal their membership each year your cost to register your sled will have very little impact.

Roy Lawrenz

2011-2012 Meeting Schedules

December 3, 2011

Club Meeting / Work Weekend

Location:

Wescott Lake Bar, Wescott Lake, WI

Time 9:00 am

January 7, 2012

Club Meeting

Location:

Wouters II, White Potato Lake, WI

Time 9:00 am

January 28, 2012

Club Overnight Ride

Mark Your Calendars

February 11, 2012

Club Meeting

Location:
Klondike Bar, Klondike, WI
Time 9:00 am

February 11, 2012

Dinner Ride Event
Club Ride after 9:00 Club Meeting
Dinner Location
Park Place Super Club, White Potato Lake, WI
Cocktails 6:00 pm Dinner 7:00 pm

March 10, 2012

Club Meeting
Location:
Black Bear Trail Golf Club, Suring, WI
Time 9:00 am

April 7, 2012

Club Meeting
Location:
Club Storage Building, Lee Lake, WI
Time 9:00 am

December 3, 2011 Club Meeting 9:00 am Westcott Lake Bar

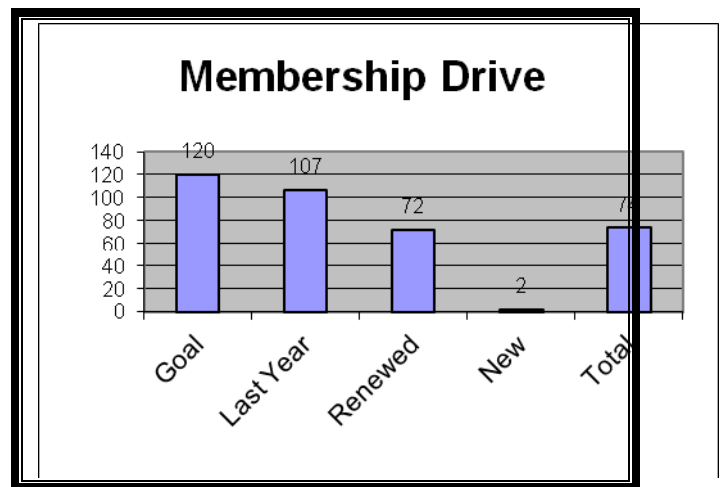
Our December meeting is again another work weekend. There is still much to be done. Before deer season there was still a lot of corn standing on the fields so there is a lot of marking to do. Also your club is looking into building two bridges in the Joco Lake Swamp to improve that trail system. Your help on these projects is very much appreciated. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

Mark your calendar the overnight club ride has been scheduled for January 28, 2012.

This is really a fun event so plan to participate.

Membership

As you can see in the graph we still have a way to go to match our club memberships from a year ago. Again this month we will include in this mailing a renewal membership application to those members who have not renewed their membership this year. Your support is important so please renew your membership today.



I want to thank the 72 members and 2 new ones who supported our club again this year with you membership. Don't forget to invite a family member or friend to join our club.

NOVEMBER 5, 2010

Meeting was called to order by President Roy Lawrenz at 9:00 AM at Lee Lake Tavern, Lee Lake.

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS
Secretary's Report

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

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Treasurers Report

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report as given was made by Tom Stadler and seconded by Gene Duffy. Motion approved.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS OLD BUSINESS

TRAIL REPORTS

Gerry Frey - Trails from Lee Lake to Klondike are in good shape. It was determined that two bridges will be built in the swamp area by Jocco Lake. Logging is being done by the landowners on the trail from Lee Lake to Kelly Lake. Will check back to see if any grading needs to be done there. The new trail to Rost Lake was opened up last week.

Andy Baker – Trails are ready and good. Some remaining marking needs to be done. Andy is monitoring the gate on the pipeline by Hwy 64 and will determine when to open it dependent upon weather conditions.

Burt Wiedemeier – One third of his trail system was marked by the meeting and the remaining trail will be marked during the week. Burt has disked or flattened sections of his trail system.

Tom Yingling/Tom Stadler – A lot of areas have been brushed, cleared and signed. Cedar swamp area needs to be checked after the standing water freezes.

Chuck Panure – Potential problem areas for grooming were discussed near Hwy 64.

Tom Stadler thanked everyone who came out last weekend and helped work on the trail system.

SNOW PATROL TRAINING

Gene Duffy reported that Marinette County will be holding training for volunteers for the snow patrol. More information will follow in newsletter for those that may be interested.

SUPPLIES PURCHASED

The club has purchased a new chain for the chain saw, new bolt cutters, two gates, poles and chains.

GROOMER SIGN

The sign will be put on the groomer around the end of December at the Storage Shed.

BRUSH CUTTER

Mark Kuchta, our groomer was looking into purchasing a brush cutter with a seven foot side arm for use on his farm and inquired if the club would have any need for this on the trail system. It was determined that the club could benefit from this on numerous trails and would be willing to lease this piece of equipment and service from Mark. Roy will look into what the State reimbursement cost per hour would be for this piece of equipment and report back. This would save the club hundreds of man hours of brushing.

OCONTO COUNTY ALLIANCE/AWSC

The Accidental Death and Dismemberment insurance benefit to the membership has increased from \$2000 to \$2500 for all current AWSC Primary members and his or her spouse. This benefit increase includes all children under the age of 19 who are now covered for \$2500 as well. This is still no cost to members and is included with your club dues. New Oconto county maps were discussed possibly going to a 2 sided map versus a one sided map and also having GPS coordinates listed on the map as well. \$29,000 will be used for upgrading the railroad grade with gravel and bridges. Sign markings for water crossing are in to

identify trails that cross water. Gerry Frey picked some up for our club. The AWSC is having an MS tour ride that will be in our area from Jan 27 to Jan 30. More information will be provided in the newsletter.

CLUB SNOWMOBILE RIDE

After some discussion it was decided that the Club ride will be moved to February 8th, the first weekend in February. Eight members that were at the meeting would be willing to participate that weekend. Club member Bob Berns is willing to host a dinner in Rhinelander at his home for riders. More information will follow in the newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP

The club has 83 members. The AWSC is again sponsoring the membership rewards program. For each new member that is signed up, the sponsor or club is eligible to win a \$50 reward. More information will be provided in the newsletter.

ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS

Roy Lawrenz was nominated for President by Gerry Frey and seconded by Andy Baker. Motion approved.

Tom Stadler was nominated for Vice President by Gerry Frey and seconded by Chuck Panure. Motion approved,

Debbie Baumberger was nominated for Secretary by Roy Lawrenz and seconded by Gene Duffy. Motion approved.

Kelly Kraemer was nominated for Treasurer by Roy Lawrenz and seconded by Tom Stadler. Motion approved.

Tom Yingling was nominated for Board of Director by Tom Stadler and seconded by Sharon Meyer. Motion approved.

Andy Baker was nominated for Board of Director and seconded by Tom Stadler. Motion approved.

Gerry Frey was nominated for Board of Director and seconded by Gene Duffy. Motion approved.

MAPS

Tom Stadler reported that large trail maps are being printed and will be put up in the White Potato Lake area. Some additions to the brown signs this year to include destination locations by miles and fuel locations.

A motion to adjourn at 10:00 AM was made by Tom Yingling and seconded by Andy Baker.

Next meeting December 11, 2010 9:00 AM
Wescott Lake Bar, Wescott Lake.

Submitted by Secretary Debbie Baumberger