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## ***Joyriders Snowmobile Club***

***April 2008 Snow News & Minutes***

### ***Presidents Corner***

At our ***next meeting*** on ***April 11, 2008 at Lee Lake Tap, at 9:00 am in the morning***, we hope to accomplish the following agenda. Conduct a business meeting giving an update on our club finances, club projects, and meetings and events for the remainder of this year and next season. After a short meeting, any trail work remaining in the removal of trail signs will take place for the remainder of the day. I know we will need some help especially on the northern part of our trail system. Your participation and attendance at this meeting is both needed and appreciated.

I am happy to report we had another good year with our membership drive. We ended up the year with 111 members, 6 of them being new. This matches our membership from last year. Considering the rest of the state membership is down almost 30% our club has done very good job in retaining and growing our membership. Just as a reminder your club is also a 100% supporter of the AWSC, Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs. Of your \$20.00 membership dues \$10.00 goes to support the dues to the AWSC. Being a member of the AWSC you support snowmobiling across the entire state, receive the AWSC magazine, and also an insurance policy. I want to sincerely thank everyone who renewed their membership and say thank you to our new members for joining our club.

This was truly a good year and I hope you found our trail system a good one to ride on. At our last meeting we discussed areas that we can improve on and will be working towards those goals next season. Stay involved and communicate to us by attending our meetings and using our web site to give us your suggestions.

Roy Lawrenz President

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MARCH 15, 2008

Meeting was called to order by President Roy Lawrenz at 10:05 A.M. at Wouters Front Bar at White Potato Lake. 16 members were present.

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Secretary's Report

A motion to accept the Secretary's minutes was made by Gerry Frey 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 Gerry Frey and seconded by Mike Lambert. Motion approved.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

BRUSH CUTTER

The DR brush cutter has been ordered and will be arriving in April. We will have to pick up. It has a 48" cut and 17hp motor and can be towed behind with an ATV or pickup truck. It will be stored at the storage building.

TRAILER

Tom Stadler informed us the trailer has been purchased for \$1000 and is in the storage building. The one year old trailer is a 6 ½ feet by 12 foot drive on/drive off trailer. It has both a side and back entrance, a spare tire and a third tire for easy mobility.

GROOMER DRAG

Tom Stadler informed us that a club from Minnesota is interested in purchasing our groomer drag that we used to operate when we owned our own Trac-Truck. It is currently stored in the storage building. He has spoken with them and sent them photos and they will be sending us a check for \$3000. There is one additional drag that we own that is out at the Black Bear Golf Course that is also available for sale. We will work on getting the unit back to the storage garage this spring.

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### GROOMING & SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING

Roy updated the club members that we will pay out approximately \$30,000 for grooming expense this season to Mark our groomer. This figure is well above the \$16,780 we are allotted from the State for our ongoing expense as it relates to labor, trail preparation, grading and grooming, so we will be requesting supplemental funding. It is unknown at this time what percentage we will receive back from the State because the whole State had good snow conditions this year, so therefore more counties will be requesting supplemental funds. We may only be reimbursed as low as 40% or 50% of the amount we submit over our allotted expense. We may have to use some funds from our Savings account to pay for the grooming and grading we will not get reimbursed for.

### DINNER RIDE

Our dinner ride was held on February 9<sup>th</sup> at Walkers Bay Supper Club. It was a huge success and we raised \$752 for the Brazeau Rescue Squad. An article appeared in the Oconto County Newspaper along with the photo of the check presentation. Roy read a thank you card from the Brazeau Rescue Squad.

### FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### SIGN POLES

Gerry Frey brought to the attention of the club that other clubs are using a more sturdy and rigid green pole for their signs. The signs seem to hold up better and are not destroyed as easily by wind spinning them around or snowmobiles running into them. Part of the problem this year with our signs could have been that they were installed later when there was some frost in the ground and weren't able to be put as deep as they should have been. Tom Stadler reported that he had to replace 12 stop signs have been taken or destroyed this year. Different pole types were discussed and Gerry Frey made a motion that all future posts purchased be the larger type posts. Don Wittmann seconded motion. Motion approved.

#### OLD BRUSH CUTTER

Roy received an e-mail from our past President requesting to purchase our used walk behind brush cutter. Some members thought this equipment may still be able to be used on some areas of the trail system next season and it may be used in conjunction with our new brush cutter. A motion was made by Don Wittman to hold off with the sale for one

year and make a decision after that time and seconded by Burt Weidemeier. Motion approved.

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The December hunt

Hunting season is going to be discontinued. In previous years our Bagley & Brazeau trails have been graded by the Oconto County Alliance. For the last few years we were always rated #1, but this year we slipped to #3. Part of the reason they stated were signing issues especially on Butler Springs Road, (possibly due to the ATV signs that are there) and not being groomed well enough on weekends. Chute Pond and Lakewood trails were rated better this year. Everyone from the club agreed our standard needs to come back to where it was and future grooming strategies were discussed.

THANK YOU

Roy received and read a thank-you card from Kohlsville Kruisers Snowmobile Club which is located 40 miles North of Milwaukee between Allenton and Kewaskum. They rode our trail system on Feb 15-17, 2008 and thanked the club for the excellent trail conditions they encountered on their club ride.

TRAILS

We may lose the trail we run between Lee and Round Lake next season. People have been running off the trail and ran over the landowners pine trees that were planted. The club will replace the damaged trees and would like to work with the landowner and try to reroute a trail thru his land. The DNR is willing to come to our fall meeting and educate us on grooming and trail marking tactics. The trail in the area by Montana Lake in Marinette County located by one of our welcome signs will have to be graded or re-routed next season. Our groomer Mark had a hard time grooming due to the steepness of the hills in that area. . The welcome sign may have to be moved to accommodate this.

NEW TRAIL SIGNS

Discussion was entertained as to the possibility of the club purchasing and installing more trail signs welcoming snowmobilers to the trail system. One area that would be a good placement is the area North of Hwy 64 on the Pipeline. A lot of snowmobiles come from the North and enter our trail system. We currently have a small sign placed on the side of the trail where our trail starts. Another good placement area for a welcome sign is the private land by County W. Both these locations would have to be looked into.

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## NEW TRAIL BOSS NEEDED WHITE POTATO LAKE AREA

Our trail boss for the White Potato Lake area, Arlyn Johnson will no longer be able to do manage this section of trail. The club is in need of someone willing to take an active roll in understanding the marking of the trails in that area, establish relationships with landowners, having a feel for problems that may affect the trail system and bring these concerns and issues to the club. It was strongly encouraged that if any club member knows of anybody in the area interested in this position to pass the information along. Our trail system currently is divided into four segments with four trail bosses. Andy Baker is in charge of the trails going to Suring. Tom Stadler and Tom Yingling are in charge of the trails around the Kelly Lake area. Gerry Frey and Tony Gnad are in charge of the trails from Lee Lake to Klondike. Bert Weidemier takes care of the trails north of Klondike.

## CHICKEN DINNERS

Complimentary gift certificates for the landowners will be printed up by Roy and distributed. This year they will be able to be redeemed at Walkers Bay Supper Club, Holiday Inn, Black Bear Golf Course.

Motion was made by Don Wittmann to adjourn and seconded by Tom Yingling. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 11:13 A.M.

Submitted by Secretary, Debra Baumberger

