

Bagley & Brazeau

Joyriders Snowmobile Club

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October 2020 Snow News & Minutes

Presidents Corner

It is troubled times we live in and we all must adapt and continue to adjust when it comes to planned events. I canceled the September 11th Landowner Appreciation Dinner due to an exceptionally low response to the invite. At our first club meeting last month we have made the discussion to try and hold it April. Stay tuned for the new date.

Our next club meeting will be held on October 3rd at the storage building behind Lee Lake Tavern. This will be the first work weekend. Fortunately, no severe storms so far but we did have a very rainy summer. With all that moisture in the air the tree and bushes have really had good growth which means we will have a lot of brushing and trimming of trees on our trail system. The county has also inspected all our bridges this year and we have plenty of them. As a result, we may have to replace or repair some of them. Tom Stadler will be giving us an update at our next meeting.

One of the main items on the agenda for the October meeting having a final vote on the proposed changes to the clubs Bylaws. At the last meeting a committee was formed to bring our Bylaws up to date. Below is a note from that committee regarding some of the changes recommended. One of the major changes in the Bylaws is the meeting that election of officers will take place. The change will move the election from September to April a change that I recommended. That will give new officers the summer to get caught up on there responsibilities so in the fall of the year they are ready to go.

We really need your help so please try an attend our next meeting.

Roy Lawrenz President

Meeting Events Schedule

Second Membership Meeting of the Year

October 3, 2020

Club Storage Building Located by Lee Lake Tavern

The Meeting will start at 9:00 in the morning

Membership Report

Year to date we have 59 members who have renewed their membership. Last year we ended the year with 161 members, so renewals are coming in slower this year. With this letter those members who have not renewed will again receive a renewal membership envelope. This will be the last one that will be sent out to you. The Website PayPal program for renewing is up and running if you prefer to renew using that option.

Club Bylaw Proposed Changes

Newsletter Release

The bylaws committee consisting of members, Adam Krause, Jane Garrow, Tom Yingling and Brad Vanhoff met to review the bylaws and recommend revisions. Proposed bylaws have been presented to the Board of Directors for approval. If the Board of Directors decides not to act before the April Meeting, the bylaws committee will present proposed bylaws to members for review, discussion and voting at the April meeting.

The proposed bylaws include the following edits: the election process, Board of Director responsibilities, addition of trail management responsibilities and updating of club policies. The

committee has recognized there has been some deviation from the current bylaws. Moving forward the Board of Directors will be responsible for making sure all bylaws are being followed appropriately.

September 12, 2020

Member Minutes

The meeting was called to order by club president Roy Lawrenz at the club storage building at 9:00 a.m. Fifteen members were present.

First Order of Business

Agenda – A motion to approve the agenda was made by Roy Lawrenz and approved by all present. Motion approved

Second Order of Business

Secretary Report/Minutes – A motion to approve the minutes was made by Hubert Weidermer and second by Jerry Frey. Motion approved

Third Order of Business

Treasurer Report

Income and expenses were discussed. The club is on its 4th year of our 5-year lease we have on the storage shed. The club is interested in an extension but is not sure if our lease will be extended. A motion to approve the report was made by Jerry Frey and second by Tom Yingling. Motion approved

Fourth Order of Business

1. **Website** – We have a new person, Mike, helping us with the website. The link to PayPal and the link to our maps are now working. There are still a few links that need updating with other enhancements coming. There was a discussion about the upkeep and maintenance of the website and the resources needed. Website domain fees are also coming due. Hubert Weidermer made a motion to keep the website and ask Mike for website assistance as needed. Motion was second by Eric Van De Yacht. Motion approved. Club members felt it was appropriate to offer Mike a \$100.00 gift card for his time and service. A motion was made by Brad Vanhoff and second by Pete Hyps. Motion approved. A reminder to send any website suggestions to Tom Stadler at totslad80@gmail.com
2. **Landowner Database/Insurance** – There was a discussion on the responsibilities and upkeep

of the landowner's database with most of the work occurring during the spring. Roy would like someone to take over this responsibility. An existing spreadsheet needs to be maintained. This is done with the help of the trail bosses. All landowners sign a contract and insurance is purchased for each at a cost of \$10.00 per landowner. The insurance policy is then mailed to each landowner. Eric Van De Yacht offered to take over this responsibility with a suggestion to move the database to Google Sheets.

3. **President Responsibilities** – Roy said he put together a list of his responsibilities to support the club. Duties include but are not limited to sending out the newsletter, maintaining the club member database, purchasing/sending insurance policies to landowners, planning the landowner appreciation dinner.
4. **Proposed Changes to Club Bylaws** – there was a discussion on the proposed changes to the bylaws with a motion to vote at our next meeting. Motion made by Jerry Frey and second by Bob Paasch. Motion approved

Fifth Order of Business

1. **Fire Inspection Club Storage Building** – the club storage building passed the fire inspection
2. **Oconto County Alliance Meeting** – the next Oconto County Alliance Meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2020. The club usually has several members present. The club has had input on trail maps and overall good partnership with the Alliance.
3. **Bagley & Brazeau Fundraiser Dinner Honoring the Landowners** – there was a discussion about trying to reschedule the dinner but due to much uncertainty with the health pandemic, the dinner will not be rescheduled and has been canceled this year. Will plan for April 2021. A motion was made by Steve Garrow and second by John Gagnon. Motion approved.
4. **Meeting schedule/club events** – the October club meeting will again be held at the Club Storage Building. Roy will contact area businesses and work to set up our 2020/2021 meeting schedule.
5. **UTV lite groomer update** – the club would like to purchase or lease a UTV with a track system. This would allow the club to better maintain and get in earlier to four swampy areas of the trail. There was a discussion about options and how/if the club can receive

reimbursement for use – the club could charge for gas only. **Tom** already has a UTV with a track system and the club would like to collaborate with him for use. A motion, to collaborate with Tom for a one-year trial, was made by Brad Vanhoff and second by Pete Hyps. Motion approved

6. **Trail Reports** – There was a discussion on the need to groom the trails if they are open - there was one section of the trail that was open last year where the groomer was not able to groom on a consistent basis. We will be ordering new trail signs. The County is inspecting all bridges – this is new and we have not yet received feedback. The club would like to retrieve a bridge back from the owner of a trail section the club is no longer using. Monte has a wooden snow fence if the club is interested. The club needs to define trail sections and trail sections owners. This will be done at the next meeting. Tree trimming is needed on the Kelly Lake trail. Stump grinding is needed on the Lee Lake →201 trail in the area of the pines. There is lots of water on the Pipeline.
7. **Election of Officers** – there was a discussion to keep the same club officers until the April 2021 meeting. A motion was made by Eric Van De Yacht and second by Pete Hyps. Motion approved

Additional/Miscellaneous Items

1. **Membership** – there are currently 40 registered members with new registrations coming in
2. **Bylaws** – it was suggested to post the bylaws on the club website. The bylaws can also be added to the club Facebook page.
3. **Meeting discussion** - it was suggested that some of the discussions/decisions had during the club meetings, that did not need member input/voting, could be had prior with an update/decisions provided at the meeting.

Adjournment - a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jerry Frey and second by Tom Yingling.
Meeting adjourned