

Osceola Valley Sno-Goers

January 8th, 2019 Meeting

UW Wandroos Bar & Grill

The January 8th, 2019 meeting was called to order by President Kevin McNutt

The Secretary's Report: was read and approved

The Treasurer's Report: was read and approved.

Media and Marketing Report:

- Mark Kuhl reported that he has been working on the website, and has posted many pictures on there.

Council Report:

- Rick attended the last meeting, and most of the meeting was on the Stower Trail. It was approved for snowmobile usage, so the following day, 20 people showed up and worked on clearing the brush from the trail. Our club was responsible from Dresser to Wandroos, and the Amery Club was responsible from Wandroos to Amery. There was a little left to do after that day, but we had enough volunteers that it is now done, and ready to use. A big Thank You to all those who came out and helped, without you this would huge task would not have been possible.

Trail Boss Report:

- Any landowner's agreements that have not been done need to get done ASAP!
- We have gotten all the new landowners signs up that we ordered. The drag and chains are on the groomer and it is ready to go.
- We are asking that the trail bosses check their trails out with this current wind, there may be trees or limbs down.
- Scott Carlson reported that the corn is now off.
- Kevin McNutt and Greg Swanson are working on getting easements signed for landowners from Trollhaugen to Lotus Lake to connect the trails.
- Rick would like to purchase some post pounders, so that each trail boss has one. He will take care of getting them from Fleet Farm, and also for getting the slots put in them to work for our signs. Motion made, and seconded to purchase these.
- Rick also said that when they were working on the Stower Trail the pole saw broke. He made a decision to get one, as they had just started clearing the brush and needed one

right away. So Rick called Boyd's Outdoor and Todd brought him a new one, right out onto the trail, so that they could keep working. Please thank Todd when you see him, what service! They were able to get the other one fixed, so we now have an extra one to use for the club. He will talk to the ATV/UTV club to see if they want to go in on it, so that both clubs could use it.

Youth Club:

- Their meeting is tonight. Kevin McNutt has postcards with the dates and times of their meetings if anyone is interested. They are needing more youth to sign up, as they are going to be losing a lot of seniors this year. So spread the word, if you know anyone that has kids and likes to snowmobile.

Old Business:

- The Stower trail is **NOT OPEN TO ATV/UTV**, so please do not ride on it. If you are going to check out the trail, you must use either a tractor, car, or pickup. No ATV'S!
- A reminder to reply all to the email that Kevin McNutt sent out to go to the Polk County Board of Supervisors. They have a meeting tomorrow morning at 9:00 regarding the ATV/UTV use, if anyone is available to go.
- Osceola Village approved use for the ATV/UTV route thru town, starting in April. It will be County Road M, to Hwy 35 thru town. They will be permitted within a 2 block radius on Chieftain Street to get to the businesses in town. Hwy 35 will be open to Ridge Road on the South end of town, and they are going to try to petition the state to open it up to County Road S, so that they can connect on the other side of town. This will be down the road. So right now Hwy 35 going north is only open to where the speed limit changes from 35 mph. Any resident living on Osceola will be permitted to get to Hwy 35. **THIRD AVE IS NOT OPEN FROM CHIEFTAIN STREET TO COUNTY ROAD M, AS WELL AS EDUCATION DRIVE OR MIDDLE SCHOOL DRIVE. NO ATV'S PERMITTED BY SCHOOLS.**
- Club memberships keep trickling in, and we have to pay each time we get a membership to send it. So please send these in, so that Sheri can send a bunch in at a time. Got to AWSC.org if you need to check your status. Reminder that your number for your trail pass does not change and it is also on your magazine that you get monthly, as well as your yellow card. If you have not received your membership card, see Sheri, she has them but will NOT be mailing them out. It is your responsibility to get it from her.
- **Our meat raffle is Friday, February 1st at 6:00 at Sue's Bar & Grill.** Eric needs volunteers to help with this. Please contact Eric, or show up to help out selling tickets etc. Steve Paulson will MC this event.

New Business:

- We still have decals yet, if anyone is interested in them, Kevin McNutt has them.
- The Osceola School Scholarship application **will be out for seniors in February**. (Note: Not due Feb 1st, as previously noted) Please see your school counselor if you are interested, and watch for the announcements at school. One \$500 award will be given from our club.
- The Stower candlelight hike, bike, ski, snowshoe night is on Sat. January 26th from 5:00 – 9:00 pm. This is a great opportunity to show how the trail can be used by all interested groups. A portion of the trail will need to be sectioned off; we will contact the Amery Club to see if they are going to do this.
- Mark Kuhl wants to put an article in the Osceola Sun, regarding the volunteers and brushing that we did on the Stower Trail, to get our name out there, and show that we are participating on this trail. It was approved to go ahead, even if we have to pay for it, as we have a budget set aside for advertising and marketing. He will get some pricing on the cost of this.
- It was brought up by Kirk Johnson that the clubs that he belongs to the ATV and MN 4-wheel association donate to the Osceola Cupboard, and was told by Roseann Anderson, that if you donate \$250 it is tax deductible. We already have donated to them and we are a non-profit so we don't have to deduct it or pay taxes, but we do have to file them.
- February 23rd, 2019 in Chetek is the Chetek Winterfest. There will be snowmobile racing, and a Bikini Run. Visit www.chetekwinterfest.org for more information.
- Someone from the Amery Club was present and they want to get a ride scheduled for the Stower Trail, for the two clubs to ride together for a day. We all thought this was a great idea, and maybe we could incorporate it with our Shelter Ride Day.
- **The Landowners dinner will be Sunday, May 5th, 2019 at noon at the UW Wandroos, Outback Building.** Please mark your calendars. If you would like to be on the planning committee for this, please see Julie McGuiggan or Suzy Wentz. A menu will be decided soon. We could not do it in April, as they do not turn the water on or heat it until May.

Trip Committee:

- Frank reported that there are 10 rooms reserved at the St Croix Inn, in Solon Springs for Friday and Saturday night, January 25th & 26th, 2019. Call and reserve your name, it is under the Osceola Valley Sno-Goers. If you try to book one on your own, as someone tried, they are already full for that weekend.

NEXT MEETING: Feb 5th, 2019 at 7:30 pm at Sue's Bar & Grill

Notes taken by: Julie McGuiggan

