

Red Arrow Snowmobile and ATV Club
Annual Membership Meeting Minutes for April 22, 2023
Townsend Town Hall at 10:00 AM

President Bob Berth called the meeting to order at 10a. He welcomed the fourteen guests and introduced the Red Arrow Board. Board members present include Rick VanAsten, Chuck Searl, Tracy Wiebensohn, Mike Malueg, Tim Barthels and Tad Kallas. Brenda Kallas was excused.

Administrative Secretary's Report: The minutes from the April 16, 2022 Annual Meeting were presented. A motion was made by Chuck S and seconded by Mike Gonnering to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Chuck presented a financial report to the attendees. He stated that as of March 31 the Club has just under \$154,000 in checking and savings. The long term fixed assets were also reviewed. Chuck shared some financial process and improvements he has made as Treasurer as well as financial controls and risk management improvements. The main reasons for these changes are to protect the Club. A motion was made by John Brantmeier and seconded by Dale Szyskiewicz to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Membership Secretary's Report: Red Arrow currently has 422 members. The breakdown is: 342 primary, 31 secondary and 51 booster members. There have been some non-renewed from last year. Two reasons given for not renewing include selling their cottage and no longer using the trails.

Elections: Bob Berth nominated Rick VanAsten for President, seconded by Gary Wagner. There were no other nominations from the floor. Motion carried.

Bob Berth nominated Ted Kallas for one-year Vice President term as Rick moved to President, seconded by Bob Fuss. There were no other nominations from the floor. Motion carried.

Bob Berth nominated Tracy Wiebensohn for Membership Secretary, seconded by Bob Fuss. There were no other nominations from the floor. Motion carried.

Bob Berth nominated Chuck Searl for Treasurer, seconded by Julia VanAsten. There were no other nominations from the floor. Motion carried.

Tracy Wiebensohn nominated Chad VanVreede for a two-year Director position as Tim Barthels has resigned, seconded by Bob Fuss. There were no other nominations from the floor. Motion carried.

Bob Berth nominated Carla VanCamp for a one-year Director position as Tad Kallas has moved into the VP position, seconded by Chuck Searl. There were no other nominations from the floor. Motion carried.

John Brantmeier nominated Mike Malueg for a three-year Director position, seconded by Chad VanVreede. Motion carried.

Bob Berth and Tim Barthels were thanked for their service on the Board. Bob will serve a one-year term as Past President.

Trail Boss Report: Mike Malueg stated the buildings and grounds look good. Gary pointed out that one of the lights isn't turning off on the building. Mike is going to look at it. The trail system took two big hits this year when they had to close from December 16-27 due to the ice storm and the necessary clean up and again January 5-11 because of the warm weather. The trails are not expected to open for ATV/UTV season in April. The best-case scenario is mid-May. The Forest Service will let us know when the National Forest trails may open. The County will notify us when the grade opens. The winter equipment served the Club well and will be gone over and washed once the weather permits. Summer equipment will be looked over as well. Mike reported that the blades need to be replaced on the summer groomer. Trails are graded one time per week in the summer. Holiday weekends are twice.

Projects: There are a few projects the Club the club has planned for the upcoming year. One is to update the map kiosks. The most recent kiosk fixed is by the Olive Pit. If anyone would like to donate building supplies, paint and/or volunteer time; it would be much appreciated. Kroll started resurfacing the Wildwood Trail last fall. It will be finished once the weather permits. The County said they will be doing the Lower Loop Trail. The Forest Service requires some paperwork. The Board will be checking with Monty to see where we are and what's now needed from the Club.

Events: Red Arrow will be participating in the July 4th parade. Meet at the clubhouse to decorate, ride to the line up and participate in the parade. The 17th Annual Corn Roast will be held on September 2nd. Committee chairs are needed as well as volunteers the day of. The Bonfire in the Woods does not have a set date yet. This year we had it at the Clubhouse to allow those without sleds to participate. There were some attendees that drove. It also allowed for running water and an indoor bathroom. The 48th Annual Snowfest will need committee chairs and volunteers the day of. That date hasn't been set either. The 2023 Snowfest netted about \$17,000. The Christmas party was discussed. Those in attendance asked us to look at a January date as they feel there will be attendees. The Board will discuss it at the May board meeting.

Old Business / Ongoing Business: The website changed in late June/early July. It wasn't the most opportune time to do it as we weren't able to work out the glitches prior to renewals. About half of the members renewed online. This makes the process a bit easier between Tracy and Chuck as there is less paperwork to send between the two. In addition, the money is directly deposited into the Red Arrow bank account without a transfer being required. Sandy Wagner stated that the history links are not working. Tracy and Brenda will be getting together for training and will take care of the links at that time. Chuck has gas cards available for purchase. You can also purchase them at Karla's Kitchen. The Club makes 10% of each sale.

New Business: Rick reported that an ATV Class will be held on Saturday, May 20th. This is sponsored by Red Arrow and Hidden Bear. It is full with 30 students but if any member has a

child or grandchild interested they will make room for up to five more. Bob B. shared that Oconto County has received the Snowmobile Friendly Community Award from AWSC.

Guests, Open Floor: Jamin Leuzzo, Game Warden with the DNR, stated his main goal is safety. There were no fatalities in Oconto County this season. There was one fatality last Memorial Day weekend during the UTV/ATV season. Some of the violations he notices and will pull you over for include children without helmets, seatbelts, not making a complete stop and speeding. A ticket will be given if operating while intoxicated. It doesn't matter if it's on the trail, road, water or ice. Jamin also shared that booster/car seats cannot be used in UTVs. No after markets seats or seatbelts are allowed; must use the factory installed seatbelts and seats. Sandy Wagner talked about the Trail Ambassador program through WATVA. They also educate on seat belts and helmets. They are always looking for more people to work as Trail Ambassadors. Gary Wagner stated that he would like to see the Pig Roast come back. There would be a meeting in the morning, a Club led ride and then a pig roast with a meat raffle. The Board will discuss at a future meeting.

Bob Berth, Outgoing President, turned things over to Rick VanAsten, Incoming President.

Rick asked for a motion for adjournment. A motion was made by Mike M, seconded by Mike G to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 11:44a