

Red Arrow Snowmobile/ATV Club

Membership Meeting Minutes November 9th, 2023

Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Rick.

Roll call: Officers present were Rick, Mike, Chuck, Tracy, and Carla. Absent were Tad, Brenda, Chad, and Bob.

Minutes were read and a motion was made to approve the minutes by Mike M. and second by Chuck S.

Treasurer Report: Chuck stated we up graded our insurance with more coverage and a 30% reduction in premiums with West Bend Insurance who are an AWSC partner. We have \$200,000 in liquid assets. \$150,000 of it was moved into 6 month CDs at a rate of 5.5%. Also have about \$20,000 in checking and about \$20,000 in the money market. About the 2023 Corn Roast we took in \$2000 more gross, but the increase in meat prices absorbed most of that. Last year was \$19,812 compared to this year of \$19,526.

Membership Secretary: Tracy stated she received 2 new memberships tonight and 8 are pending, we have 363 members to date. Question was asked if our membership fee was inline with nearby clubs. Chuck mentioned that our club is very affordable for a joint club. The landowners letters were going out in the mail next week.

Trail Boss Report: Mike stated he needs to fix a light on the secondary building, otherwise the grounds are ok. All equipment is greased up and ready to go for the winter. A lot of signage was done on the west side but the whole west side is being logged. Not sure of trail conditions due to logging which comes from Phil's Philling Station north to Forest Hill road. Mike stated that he will need help putting in the remaining trail signs on the west trail. Rick, Gary W., and Derrick W. volunteered to help next week. Solar lights were purchased at a cost of \$65 and set to be installed on the kiosk located near the Olive Pit intersection and set to turn on when motioned is detected so the board can be read at night.

Correspondence: Snowmobile Safety Class was held on November 4th with all 29 students passing.

Events: Christmas Party: Rick is getting a price from Russ for food and drinks at Waubee Lodge. Donations again of non-perishable food items. Nametags will be written as guests arrive. It was mentioned how we could get more younger members to attend the Christmas Party, perhaps a DJ or Karaoke, etc.. Mike brought up that the club does have a stereo system that could be used. The Bonfire in the Woods will be held on January 20th, 2024 at the clubhouse. We will need to do a better job posting the event such as on our trails so snowmobilers will see it when riding that day. Looking to do something different for this years Snowfest because it seems like we hit our sponsors every year and it's getting harder to get donations. Looking at cash prizes of \$1500, \$1000, \$500 and 5 - \$100 and we will still have prizes for the meat raffle.

Projects: Rick mentioned that we are working on the lights for the kiosk at intersection near the Olive Pit. The 24/25 Atv maps are being worked on per Jim W. The maps will be handled by Samantha Boucher of the Oconto County Tourism after this coming year. The Wildwood Trail on the upper east side is now completed with the lower loop pending a signature from the Forestry Department.

Old Business: Continuously working on the website

New Business: A reminder to everyone that they should be getting their trail passes ordered ahead of time before the trails open. The club does not stock trail passes, they need to be ordered. It was brought up if we could put the history of the club on our website. Tracy stated she will work on it. Gary W. mentioned the history of the Red Arrow stickers and wanted to ensure everyone knows that the arrow should face towards the front of the machine. Gary W. wanted to thank the board for having this meeting. It was discussed having the training for groomer drivers be played and refresher testing be done. Rick recognized the 2 newest members who just joined our club who were present at the meeting. Katelyn Freismuth and Derrick Wagner.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned, motioned by Mike M. and seconded by Katelyn. The next membership meeting will be held on January 13th at the Waubee Lodge Christmas Party.