

**WONDERLAND SNO-TRAILS SNOWMOBILE CLUB  
MEETING MINUTES/NEWSLETTER**

Monday, November 18, 2024

Current Family/Individual Memberships: 153  
Current Business Memberships: 33  
Location: Bump's Lakeside Bar  
Attendance: 28

Thank you to Josh, Eric and Melanie from Bump's for hosting our meeting and providing a meal.

Matt Swenson opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Secretary's report, was approved as published.

Treasurer's report, was approved as published.

Our **Sunshine Report**: Joy reported that Greg Johnson passed away, former owner of the Fish Bowl and donor for the land where the groomer building is located. Cards and a donation sent to his family. If you know of a member who's in need of a card, please either email Joy Dressel at [jdressel@msn.com](mailto:jdressel@msn.com) or call/text her at 651-274-6317.

**Candy Bars** - Nicole Miller has replenished candy bars and turned in a total of \$656 from the past two weeks of sales! The candy bars are a good deal at \$1 each, proceeds help support the club.

**Trails**: Lots of trail maintenance going on, with a good turnout for the Nov 2 trail clean-up day. Bob Pace will be taking over from Lowell as the Trail Boss. Thanks to Lowell for his leadership over the past years and Thank you to Bob for taking it forward! A new power-auger will be purchased to use in sign maintenance. Just a reminder that anyone out working on the trails needs to make sure they log their hours and the equipment they have used with either Bob or Don Hamilton.

**Meat Raffles**: Mindy Severson reported that the calendar is filled through end of the year, but no sign-ups yet for 2025. The book will be circulated at the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on 12/7, so check your availability! 😊 There will be a meat raffle the Sunday between Christmas and New Year's based on when the holidays fall. If you've never worked a meat raffle, it's really a fun activity and new volunteers are welcome – reach out to Mindy at 651-343-8333 or sign up on our website if you can help. **Wonderland Merchandise of up to \$50 is yours for working 6 meat raffles!** Emails are sent when you're eligible, but let Mindy know if you think you've been missed.

**AWSC**: Don Hamilton encouraged all to buy their Trail Pass early - don't wait for snow. He briefed the mild winter last year resulted in a large drop in trail pass purchases. Because trail pass sales statewide were down, overall program funds are down, adversely impacting how much money is available for trail projects and grants.

AWSC is also looking into doing an Economic Impact Study for Wisconsin within the next couple of years. Goal is to quantify the huge economic impact Snowmobiling has on Wisconsin's economy. Legislation: Trail Pass and Registration fees have not changed in over 10 years. In the coming years, we expect the legislature to increase fees.

It was suggested that Social Media or other resources could be used to help educate the public about the value of the trail passes and the positive impact that Snowmobiling provides to our business partners. Don will check to see what is available or perhaps we can create something we can use for this purpose.

**Website:** Our website is <https://www.wonderlandsnotrails.org/>. You can renew your membership, order Wonderland merchandise, sign up for open Meat Raffle dates, check trail status/condition and more. New Merchandise: Ladies puffy-vest, to help add some warmth for these cold temperatures; and 2 new ladies t-shirts in bright colors – great for summer! Check out the popular quarter-zip men's or ladies shirts, or the engravable items – water bottles, can cozies, flasks, insulated cups, and other items to show your pride in the club. Reach out to Lynn at 612-240-8596 if you have questions about the website or merchandise.

### **New Business:**

- **Volunteer Dinner – Set for Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.** Invites have been sent out, contact Lynn if you feel you've been missed!
- **2024 Snowmobile Safety Class will be held on December 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>** at the Webster Fire Hall (7420 Main St W, Webster). Thanks to Shari Flanigan and Mindy Severson, who volunteered to set-up and serve lunch for the students and clean-up after.

#### Class Details:

Day 1: 12/7/2024 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Webster Fire Department, 7420 Main St W, Webster, WI 54893

Day 2: 12/14/2024 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM Webster Fire Department, 7420 Main St W, Webster, WI 54893

Course Fee is \$10. Pick up booklets on Dec 7th and pay for Safety Class. Students will need to read and answer all of the questions in the booklet BEFORE Class on Dec 14th.

Please bring a pen/pencil, highlighter, and \$10 cash, (exact change is appreciated.) On the first day, (Dec 7th) if you're under 18 years old, please have a parent or guardian come in to sign the Class Registration slip. If a student needs any special accommodations for learning or test taking, please call one of the Instructors to coordinate prior to enrolling.

Students must attend both class days. Lunch will be provided on Dec 14th, courtesy of Wonderland Sno-Trails Snowmobile Club. Dress warm as we may spend up to an hour outside on Dec 14th.

Each student must have their own DNR Customer Number. Obtain DNR Customer Number before enrolling for the snowmobile safety class. Note: A child CANNOT register under a parent's DNR Customer Number.

Enroll online via the student's Go Wild account or call one of the Safety Instructors:

Don Hamilton (608) 345-1819 or Mike McLaughlin (715) 577-7632

- **Elections were held** as part of the November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting (with email votes from some unable to attend), with the following results:

President – Matt Swenson

Treasurer – Dorothy Wallace

Directors – Blane Swanson and Mindy Severson

**Next Meeting** will be Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm with a director's meeting at 5 at Archie & Arthur's Icehouse (29460 CCC Rd, Danbury)

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Shellenbarger, Secretary  
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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

December 7<sup>th</sup> – Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, check your invite for time and location

January 20<sup>th</sup> – Member Meeting at Archie & Arthur's (29460 CCC Rd, Danbury) at 6pm, directors meeting at 5

Meat Raffles – Sundays, 4pm-6pm at the 10<sup>th</sup> Hole.

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10th Hole

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Boone Docks Marine

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C & C Automotive

Cashman Excavating

Chuckwagon Diner

Connors Service Station

Copycat Hearth and Home

Crow Bar Tavern

Diamond Collision Center

Fusion Bistro Café Market

Gandy Dancer Saloon

Holly's Drive-In Bar & Grill

Johnson's Yellow Lake Lodge

Lily Lake Tavern

Log Cabin Store & Eatery

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Oakland Store

Route 35 Bar & Grill

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The REC on Yellow Lake

The Tap Bar & Grill

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