



Inside this Issue

General Membership	
Meeting Minutes.....	1 – 3
Calendar of Events.....	3

LakesNPines.org

September 2023 NEWSLETTER

Club Officers	
President	Mark Spease
Vice President	Randy Shimanski
Treasurer	Deb Grobner
Secretary	Tara Feldick
Membership	Open
Fundraising/Events	Annette Wermerschirchen
Grooming	Rick Wermerschirchen
Trail Maintenance	Dave Nelson
Equipment Maintenance	Matt “Whimpy” Kabus

NEXT MEETING: Saturday October 14th, 11:00 at The Sand Bar

Attendees:

Mark Spease	Dan Howard	Matt-Whimpy Kabus		
	Greg Main	Larry Main		
Deb Grobner	Cindy Quinlan	Greg Strand		
	Terry Quinlan	Melissa Strand		
	Steve Tice	Cory Jones		
	Scott Martini	Melissa Jones		
	Terry Demulling			
	Bonnie Demulling			

President – Mark Spease

The meeting was called to order by Mark Spease at 11:00 am

President's Report – County meeting was 9/6 and we received funding for the final payment from last year (\$6,360.00) and first half of this year (\$12,720.00) for a total of \$19,080.00. We will be receiving \$19,833 in supplemental funding early next year.

Mark has contacted all of our sponsors and made any changes they wanted and added some logos. We have 2 sponsors back, JoMama's and The Local. We also have 2 new sponsors, Trail Blazer's Tavern, Inc. and Webb Lake Inn. Total business sponsors are now 21. I have asked Jesse to update our website with the new sponsors and their logos. The 3 current large ads on the map from Sky High Skid Steer Services, NextGen and The Main Store will remain, and 2 new ads will be added for Trail Blazer's Tavern and A&H Country Market.

Mark asked for an update on the Frog Lake Rd trail, and it is on the list and hope they will get to it this fall yet. The grant expires June of 2024, so it will be done by then. New gravel is being laid on Trail 5 and 41, which is much needed due to the sand. UTV/ATV trail funding has been an issue we have been discussing and how unfair it was that they get \$800 per mile, and we get \$300 per mile. It has since gotten worse. About a month ago, the state approved another \$200 per mile for UTV/ATV trail funding, and \$0 for snowmobiles. We get paid \$4,140.00 to groom the winter ATV trails. We are also being paid \$5,410.00 for grading the ATV trails last fall.

Scott Volunteer Fire Department had sent us a letter asking to buy raffle tickets. We ended up buying \$30 worth of tickets, in addition we sent another \$45 as a donation. There is a proposed solar farm being planned for the Webb Lake area along Lake 26 Road near the current power station. This would eliminate a portion of trail 8W that would need re-routing. (Township meeting held 9/4, much opposition was raised, and this has been tabled for more discussion later this fall.)

Vice President – Randy Shimanski

Randy continues to work on the budget, online membership renewals and officer job descriptions.

You can now sign up or renew your membership on our website, lakesnpines.org.

Treasurer-Deb Grobner

Deb provided a financial update.

Social Events/Fundraiser – Annette Wermerschirchen

We have purchased 20 map boxes from Rolling Hills that will be used for fundraising. Mark, Rick, Terry and Bonnie Demulling met and discussed a design for the box with an example shown. We now have a QR code that will be on all of the boxes and all of our materials going forward, it will take you right to our website. The map boxes are new so there was a discussion on where the money should be allocated. Terry Quinlan made a motion to use the money towards tracks and seconded by Scott Martini. Motion passed. Steve Burkinshaw from Webb Lake Tavern has expressed interest in hosting a dinner and fundraiser for the groomers.

Meat Raffle held on September 15th at the Tavern, thank you Steve for hosting and your donation.

Bingo for Tracks has been held every other Friday throughout the summer at the Cabaret. Thank you Cabaret and Linda for hosting!

Membership – Open

We may have someone interested in the open position. Brian is waiting to get renewals sent out so he can train the new person. Kurt Paddock and Randy Shimanski are willing to be trained in the meantime, we will be asking Brian to train them so we can get the renewals out ASAP.

Equipment Maintenance-Matt “Whimpy” Kabus

We have a bid to fix the low spot in the maintenance shed driveway, cost of about \$1,000.00 with 2 loads of gravel. Not a high priority right now. Also, the sign at the road is almost completely faded. Terry Demulling will take a look.

Whimpy has removed the rear chains from one of the tractors. He also has hooked up the mower and gave it a complete check over and has done some mowing already. Both of our new winches have arrived and we will be working on getting them mounted. He said he would be going to Baribeau to check on the new tractor and see how that is coming.

Trail Maintenance – Dave Nelson

We have lost access off of Big McKenzie due to Shaunie’s Resort driveway having brand new asphalt laid on it. It was gravel prior to that. Shean and Joe G are working on an alternative. We also had to put a gate up where Trail 22 goes from West Point Road onto Dawn Peterson’s land as ATV’s were trespassing. Currently, trail 22 on Old A is on the road all the way to What The Heck. We are working to get trail 22 off of a portion of Old A. There is a section that is about half the distance that had underground electricity put in on the south side of the road and it is about perfect for a trail. Some tree and stump work would need to be done. I was able to get on the Town of Scott’s monthly meeting agenda and went to their August board meeting and talked to them about it and they are on board. I plan to speak to the landowner soon, although this may fall in the right-of-way anyway.

We are currently getting bids for the proposed new trail behind Lipsie Pines. The cost for this would come out of our maintenance fund, so we will have to discuss this further once all bids are in. Where Trail 22 connects with Old A, that property was sold and we met with the new owners, who are snowmobilers, and they were great to work with. The trail will stay where it is for a year or two, but then they will be building and we looked at a few re-route options. We will be contacting a landowner regarding one of the options, confident that trail will stay open.

Grooming Report – Duane Staehnke

No update

Secretary–Tara Feldick

Tara was not present, thank you Greg Main for taking notes. Motion to adjourn by Matt Kabus and seconded by Terry Quinlan.

Steve Tice won the \$25 drawing and donated it back to the track fund.

Old Business

Description of Officer’s duties – Randy has a good start on this. Please provide Randy with input from the Officer’s duties distributed.

New Business

We have sent out most of the landowner's gift certificates, but are missing some addresses. If our snowmobile trail crosses your land and you did not get a certificate, please contact Mark Spease at 612-308-6749 or mark.spease@gmail.com.

Larry Main suggested we ask businesses for a donation (\$100) for the ATV trail grading we do after September 15th . We have several projects we need to get done, including lots of brushing and signing. If you have time to volunteer, please contact Mark Spease at the contact information above. The club does get paid for your volunteer hours and you will find it rewarding.

A motion was made by Terry Quinlan and seconded by Matt Kabus to purchase a new plow for the south tractor. Motion passed unanimously. This will be voted on by the membership at our next meeting.

Upcoming Events

- Friday 9/22 5:30- Bingo for Tracks-- The Cabaret
- Saturday 10/14 11:00- Monthly Club Meeting –The Sand Bar
- Friday 10/20 5:30- Meat Raffle -What the Heck
- Saturday 11/11 11:00- Monthly Club Meeting—The Shop
- Friday 11/17 5:30-- Meat Raffle-The Sand Bar



PO Box 91
Danbury, WI 54830

Check out our website:

www.lakesnpines.org

On Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/Lakes-Pines-Sno-Trails-134955239894315/>

A & H Country Market
Brandi's Bar & Grill
Cabaret
Jo Mama's
Lipsie Pines
Lumberjack Saloon & Eatery
The Main Store
Mallard Lake Family Resort
McKenzie Landing
NextGen
Northwinds Resort
Oak Ridge Inn
The Local
Trail Blazer's Tavern
The Sand Bar
The Shop Bar & Grill
Voyager Village
Webb Lake Inn
Webb Lake Pizza
Webb Lake Tavern
What the Heck

**Please Be Sure to Patronize All of Lakes &
Pines' Generous Business Members**