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## October 2023 NEWSLETTER

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

## **NEXT MEETING: Saturday November 11th, 11:00 at The Shop**

### **Attendees:**

Mark Spease	Morgan Vieman	Mike Ecker	Duane Staehnke	
Randy Shimanski	Greg Main	Larry Main	Curt Feldick	
Deb Grobner	Cindy Quinlan	Julie Drews	Kurt Paddock	
Tara Feldick	Terry Quinlan	Ryan Fulton	Jim Breister	
Dave Nelson	Dave Grobner	Bob Humphrey		
Matt “Whimpy” Kabus	Chris Cusick	Rich Danielson		
Rick Wermerschirchen	Terry Demulling	Gina Nelson		
	Bonnie Demulling	Theresa Staehnke		

### **President – Mark Spease**

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

Mark worked with Dave Nelson to go over plans for the trails and get signs ordered. Worked with Randy and Deb to put together a budget for this year.

The labor rate for volunteers is still at \$9/hr for snowmobiles but was raised to \$12/hr for ATV/UTV. Mark is sending an email to the chair of the Snowmobile Recreation Council to voice our concern over this.

Financed the tractor for 60 months with no pre-payment penalty.

We will be receiving \$19,833.13 in supplemental funding late this year or early next year.

#### **Vice President – Randy Shimanski**

Randy presented a budget. The summary has both historical as well as future. The proposed solar farm in Webb Lake is still under consideration. If it moves forward, NW WI Electric will move our trail to keep in somewhat in the same area.

#### **Treasurer-Deb Grobner**

Deb provided a financial update.

#### **Social Events/Fundraiser – Annette Wermerschirchen**

Annette was not present. October Meat Raffle will be on Friday 10/20 at What the Heck, 5:30. We will have a New Year's Day Super Meat Raffle at Voyagers on 1/1/24.

November calendars are available for sale and will be at our Sponsors.

Rick is working on a "sink the sled" fund raiser, where people buy a chance to win at their guess as to when it will fall through the ice. Along with the vintage show it will be located at the LumberJack-Big Bear Lake

Thank you, Bones&Nancy/Lumber Jack, for your recent donation and support of the club.

#### **Membership – Pending**

Deb is temporarily managing this. Julie Drews has volunteered for the position in the future. We have 110 members renewed. There is a problem with the online submission and AWSC. Deb is researching and will resolve.

#### **Equipment Maintenance-Matt "Whimpy" Kabus**

Wimpy has expressed a need for a new welder. A motion was made to look for a new welder for a budget of \$2,000. Dave Nelson made the motion and Duane Staehnke made the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Whimpy has been working on chains and saw sharpening. We are in need of a new beacon and Whimpy will review.

#### **Trail Maintenance – Dave Nelson**

Dave has received the new signs and he and Duane will be working in the Barrons following the meeting. Club trail cleanup will be Saturday 10/21 8:45, meet at the club shed. Bring pole saws, loppers, chain saws etc.

#### **Grooming Report – Rick Wermerschirchen**

There has been a lot of dirt work the last 3 weeks. Focused on North Trails, 8 & 41, last Thursday for dragging and leveling of trail.

#### **Secretary–Tara Feldick**

Secretary report for September was accepted.

Motion to adjourn by Rich Danielson and seconded by Morgan Veiman.

Larry Main won the \$25 drawing and donated it back to the track fund. This will be our last meeting drawing; we will think about other ways to entice members to attend meetings.

### **Old Business**

Description of Officer's duties is still being reviewed. Looking for someone to volunteer to manage the Polaris ride, updating trails, sponsors etc.

There will be a swamp squad this year, 3 teams to cover 10 swamps in the South, working them prior to deep freeze, making them more passable and less risky with mud and getting stuck.

You can now sign up or renew your membership on our website, [lakesnpines.org](http://lakesnpines.org)

We have purchased 21 map boxes from Rolling Hills that will be used for fundraising. Terry and Bonnie have outfitted them with club identification and UR code. These will be placed at our Sponsors and other area businesses.

South Plow—Waiting on proposal and will vote.

### **New Business**

Duane has volunteered for a building maintenance director. Mark will review, we need to have an odd number of directors and see where this will be the best fit.

### **Trails**

Mark talked with the Town of Scott about getting 22 off of old A for ½ mile. We have met with the property owner Tracy Durand, which is happy to work with us. We will need to remove a few trees and get the stumps removed and sign it before trails open.

Trail 140-South of Lipsie Pines has been cut in and just needs to be signed.

West of Lipsie Pines there is a large field, the owner is now open to test year for us to put a trail through. We are waiting for the landowner's agreement. We will need signage and trail markers ensuring that people stay on the trail.

Trail 5-mud hole off of upper Webb Lake. We are in discussions on what can be done, it will need a large wooden platform of some sort.

Long Lake access from Shoreline Road has been closed. Mark talked with Steve Austin from Town of Webb Lake, and he brought it to the city board meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup>. It is thought there may be an easement there, Greg Main is looking into it. As a backup, there is a small strip of land owned by the Town--1000 feet to the south.

Mark talked with the county on an update for the Frog Lake Trail, they are meeting with Carl to finalize the route and the highway department will start on it next week.

### **Upcoming Events**

- Friday 10/20 5:30- Meat Raffle -What the Heck
- Saturday 10/21 8:45 Club trail clean up. Meet at the shop, bring pole saws, loppers, chain saws etc.
- Saturday 11/11 11:00- Monthly Club Meeting—The Shop
- Friday 11/17 5:30-- Meat Raffle-The Sand Bar
- Saturday 12/9 Monthly Club Meeting 11:00—Voyager Village
- Monday 1/1/24-Super Meat Raffle -Voyager Village, details to follow.



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What the Heck