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November 2023 NEWSLETTER

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

NEXT MEETING: Saturday December 9th, 11:00 at Voyagers

Attendees:

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| Mark Spease | Terri Guertin | Jim Breister | Diane D | |
| Randy Shimanski | Larry Main | Craig Aakhus | Curt Feldick | |
| Deb Grobner | Scott Martini | Troy Magnuson | Helen Hawkinson Mike | |
| | Wade Webster | Jill Aakhus | Ray? | |
| Dave Nelson | Lisa Webster | Judy Marshall | Julie Drews | |
| Matt “Whimpy” Kabus | Chris Cusick | Rich Danielson | | |
| | Terry Demulling | Kurt Paddock | | |
| Annette Wermerschirchen | Bonnie Demulling | Theresa Staehnke | | |

President – Mark Spease

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

County meeting was held 10/24.

- Susie noted several projects have been completed, including the new bridge on Trail 130 east of Trail 41. They have been filling holes and adding gravel on Trail 41 north and east of the warming shed. Trail 5 down to Oak Ridge will be done next year.
- AWSC Miss Snowflake is from Rice Lake this year and may be available for club events if interested.
- The state is working on an emergency system in the event of a major storm. Clubs would offer use of equipment and snowmobiles to assist. More to come in the future.
- The international Snow Congress is being held in Green Bay in 2024. 26 states and Canada will be represented, and a few European nations attend some years. \$500 sponsorships are available which includes attendance for 1 person, we expect county representation here.
- Brought up trying to get trail 11 funded now that it is off of the swamp. It is on the list, but this can take years.

We have received ½ of our supplemental funding, just under \$10,000.

Mark will be attending training for SNARS, which is the new system for entering maintenance work and monitoring grooming.

Mark has 10 new landowner agreements signed and 2 more to get. This is for new portions of the trail; much has been accomplished which we will cover at a future meeting.

Vice President – Randy Shimanski

Randy is continuing his work on position descriptions for Directors.

Treasurer-Deb Grobner

Deb provided a financial update.

Social Events/Fundraiser – Annette Wermerschirchen

November Meat Raffle will be on Friday 11/17 at The Sand Bar, 5:30. We will have a New Year's Day Super Meat Raffle at Voyagers on 1/1/24.

November calendars are sold, and daily drawings are happening.

A motion was made and passed to hold other raffle events for fund raising. Brandi's has offered opportunities for every 3rd Saturday for a meat raffle.

Membership – Pending

Julie Drews has volunteered for the position. Member and Sponsorships dues are still coming in. We have 137 members renewed.

Equipment Maintenance-Matt "Whimpy" Kabus

The new tractor has been delivered and we also have the new winches ready to be installed. We have received the new welder.

Trail Maintenance – Dave Nelson

A big thank you for our volunteers (17) for the trail clean-up was held on October 21st. We worked from 9:00 to about 4:00 and got a lot accomplished. There is still more work to be done. A big thank you for Lipsie Pines and Steve Christner for providing us lunch once again!

Grooming Report – Rick Wermerschirchen

Rick is scheduling a groomer's meeting.

Secretary–Tara Feldick

Secretary report for October was accepted.

Old Business

Awarded mugs/gift cards to Larry Main, George Kuechle and Paul Kipping for all their dedication and work to Lakes & Pines over the past years—Thanks you again for all your dedication!

The Swamp Squad is set to proactively manage 10 swamps in the south, addressing as freezing temperatures are approaching.

New Business

Trails

We have access again into the back side of McKenzie Landing, thanks to owners Phil and Genevie and landowners Oly and Tammy Olsen.

We have lost access at Shaunie’s Resort due to new asphalt being laid on his driveway. Shaun and Joe G helped get a new access 1 driveway west of Shaunie’s. It is signed and ready to go.

We are waiting on final approval from 1 landowner for an alternative trail for Trail 22 getting us off of Cty Rd A, Mark is scheduled to meet with him.

Frog Lake trail has been logged and stumps removed. Gravel is being laid and the trail will be ready for winter.

Barrens signing update—This is a bird sanctuary, and we were told we can’t use the big wood posts and move the trail. We have to stay on the old trail and use steel posts.

Upcoming Events

- 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.
 - Saturday 1/13/24-Monthly Club Meeting 11:00—Webb Lake Tavern
- PO Box 91
Danbury, WI 54830



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The Sand Bar
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Voyager Village
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Webb Lake Tavern
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