

## ***GKMT Corporation Snowmobile Club Minutes***

***February 6, 2025***

The meeting was called to order by President Eric Klemme at 7:00 pm.

The January minutes were read and approved. yes

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Checking account: \$2,306.29                      Savings:        \$14,870.33                      CD: \$52, 499.17

### **Communications:**

- Jim Metze father passed away. Card & memorial money will be sent.
- Tom Lohr father passed away. Card & memorial money will be sent.

### **Northern Kettle Moraine Meeting (Diane Stormoen & Hilari Fellows attended)**

**1/23/25        Hosted by Random Lake at Mirror Bar**

The winter directors meeting was held in Siren. There was no snow there.

- Mike Holden reported that President Lori Heideman mentioned that a snowmobile club had been audited by the state raffle commission and reminded everyone to make sure they followed the rules and requirements included with their raffle license. Make sure to hang up raffle licenses. Our club does every year.
- She also reminded everyone that if you get a letter from American Income Life regarding the AWSC death benefit, you do not need to send the card back to receive the benefit, only if you are interested in talking to a representative about additional insurance. If you returned the card and get a phone call it is not spam.
- AWSC dues increase will be voted on in March.
- Mike Holden encourages clubs to be welcoming when they get offers from new volunteers. He announced the Snowmobile Recreation Council (SRC) will be meeting on 2/6, in Arbor Vitae, with zoom option available.
- Mike indicated that Stormy went over details for the Convention on March 28-30, at the Radisson in Green Bay. Due to increasing costs, the executive board has agreed to raise the convention registration to \$50 along with \$50 for banquet tickets. She reminded everyone about the need for those voting for your club to return voting delegate forms by March 7. The conventions and workshops are not making AWSC any money. Less attendance for rooms the more the banquet costs AWSC.
- All officers are seeking re-election.
- Club members can win a \$500 bonus if they increase their membership by 10%.
- Discussion about increasing trail passes to \$15, non-member \$40 and out of state to \$45.
- Convention information was sent out.
- A total of 1,516 calendars have been sold so far. They are looking at some alterations for next year. Club and personal ads will be sold for \$25 and will be due by July 1.
- The \$100 raffle tickets will be available at the convention and each club is encouraged to purchase one. If all clubs in the county would buy one they would be able to sell them all.
- Mike Holden's person email has been hacked. His email address will be changing in the near future.
- Groomer show in St. Germaine is 2/5
- NKM dues are due. Bring to February meeting. Crooked Trails have not paid their dues in a few years. It was discussed to add the breakfast on the farm donation on the dues.
- Turn in any projects you might have to Larry Rietbrock before 4/15.
- There were 3 fatalities. 2 UTV and 1 snowmobiler on 1/18 in Ashland County that went through the ice.
- Signing issues were discussed in regards to marking corners. Orange arrow signs can still be used and yellow arrow ones are small. Mike recommends ordering 18x9 yellow arrows. Chevron signs are being used incorrectly. Trail marking is very similar on how roads are marked. There should be a sign notifying of the corner coming up

and chevrons should be used correctly on the corner. Someone mentioned that we are volunteers and if the AWSC doesn't like how we mark them, they can come and mark them.

- There have been rate increases for the WI Snowmobile News magazine. They say it costs \$4500 to print the 16 pages of commercial sponsors. Very few snowmobilers look at that before heading out on the trails. For one thing the printing is VERY small. Looking into options to cut back on costs.
- Bill was submitted by Larry Rietbrock for his attendance at the Winter Director meeting for \$320.
- Physical DNR certification classes were discussed. They do exist, but a lot can be done online.
- The DNR would like donations from clubs that run through the state forest for new GPS units installed in their vehicles. Someone mentioned that if they call 911, the DNR are not going to be there first, it will be the first responders or law enforcement. No one liked the idea of having to donate

#### Club announcements:

- Louis Corners has their brat fry on Saturday (1/25) and also the Snow Byrds. Greenbush brat fry is March 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Next meeting is 2/20 at Mirror Bar hosted by Batavia.

#### **Trail Master Report**

- Swamp pads were put in at the marsh. Put in maintenance on the groomers.

#### **Old Business**

- KW did some new electrical work at the shed. They installed a light in the container. We should expect a bill, but Eric has not seen one.
- Tool boxes are installed on the drags.
- The UTV has new shocks.
- There is enough work for Saturday work days.
- Tom Lohr received the bid for installing the roof from KSI is \$14,850 + the materials they quoted of \$5,200. It was brought up to maybe get a couple more installation bids. Gary Mallmann has a call into an Amish guy. Wayne Limberg made a motion to adjourn this to the March meeting. Chris LaVine seconded. Motion carried.
- Drag signage was discussed. Diane Stormoen reported on the information she received from Beechwood snowmobile club. Gary Mallmann received information from Crooked Trails and their information was very similar to Beechwood. They sell a 12x12 block for \$100 per side for 1 year with an extra \$25 set up fee; 3years for \$300 per side with no set up fee, 5 years \$500 per side no set up fee, but get the 6<sup>th</sup> year free. They get the signs made at Trendsetters in Kewaskum (talk to Randy) t-setters@kmoraine.com
- Club Trip to MI was a good turnout. There was at least 20 members there.

#### **New Business**

- Some big money was spent on the groomers. All these parts have been needed for a long time. Cab mounts and assorted other items. Wheels are at the shed.
- Brat fry will be discussed at the special meeting on 2/27 at the shed at 7pm. Posters available.
- Door prize: Cody Wilterdink, Nick Schneider, Joe Petrie, Nancy Kultgen.
- Next meeting March 6<sup>th</sup>.

- Jim Limberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Diane Kabat seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Stormoen, Secretary