



Kellner Knights

Snowmobile Club News

April 2018



A Message from our club... President

Unfortunately, we had a challenging year for snow conditions. Hopefully you were able to find somewhere to ride and enjoy some time on the trails. Even though our trails did not open, I would still like to thank the dedicated volunteers who still put the signs up, brushed, mowed and who have either begun or already have taken the signs down by time you read this.

This brings me to my next point. A number of times people have asked me "since the trails did not open, do we get any funding?" "How does that affect the Club?" Those are great questions so here's the answer. Our club is still able to get funding by being reimbursed for the expenses we incur for doing the regular trail maintenance. This includes signing, brushing, mowing and removal of signs. These equipment hours and man hours are logged and submitted just as grooming is. We do not need to have opened or to have groomed to receive these funds. However, some forms of maintenance and/or equipment are billed at different rates. Grooming is the most expensive and does allow us to accrue expenses quicker.

The snowmobile program is funded by the snowmobilers themselves. Each club has a set amount of income they can possibly take in each year based on the miles of trails they maintain. In low or no snow years, some clubs do not incur as much cost to receive that income as there is less to do. That extra the club did not collect stays in the general snowmobile program and helps keep the snowmobile fund solvent for future heavy snow years when the club does max out its expenses. If a club maxes out on its income in a heavy snow year from its allotted funding, they need to rely on their own Club reserves (checkbook) to pay for the extra costs.

This is exactly why extra fundraising is so incredibly important to clubs. This is part of the reason why we host the events we do. This extra funding helps pay for the baseline set of bills of the club, just as any home or business would have so it can stay in operation. It also allows us to consider purchasing equipment that the club needs vs. using volunteers or upgrading equipment that we desperately need such as the tractors or drags. The majority of snowmobile clubs for the most part are like all other non-profits, they work on a shoestring budget and rely on the volunteers to supply the free manpower to make things go.

I'm thankful that we have built a relationship with such supportive sponsors who help the club exist. This list continues to grow and we as individuals of the club enjoy supporting them in return all year round for their services! Thank them the next time you stop in!!

Be on the look out for the next newsletter that will have our calendar of events laid out. Please keep these key dates in mind and help out where you can. The trails need you!!

See you at the next meeting Thursday 4/12/18 at Chat'R'Box 7pm. - Dan Guck 715-451-0479

Upcoming Meetings
at 7pm
April 12 - ChatRBox
May 10 - Anchor Bay

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The Aqua Skiers Could Use Our Help!

Kellner Knights Snowmobile Club and the Aqua Skiers Club have had a long-standing relationship with each other for years. In the past we have relied heavily on using the Aqua Skiers tables and chairs at our annual Bingo Fundraiser and we have borrowed a variety of equipment for our Radar Run event; all at no cost to our club. Borrowing these items instead of renting has significantly impacted the proceeds we have generated at these events.

At this time we are asking our Kellner Knights' members to consider helping the Aqua Skiers out at their state event. They are especially in need of volunteers in the concessions area while they are competing on Saturday, July 21 and could use help starting at 2pm until the end of the ski competition that day (around 6pm.) The Aqua Skiers ski 2nd to last that day. If you are willing to help, please email zirnysm5@gmail.com so we can let them know how many volunteers they can rely on that day.

Kellner Knights Club Renewal, Trail Passes & Newsletter Information

- With the Wisconsin Trail Pass process, we encourage our members to renew their Kellner Knights club membership at the end of summer or early fall. Our deadline to do this is November 1, 2018 so that we can send the majority of memberships in large batches to bypass the club paying processing fees. (We have to pay this fee each time we send in memberships.) You can do this on-line through our webpage at <http://kellnerknights.org/join-our-club/> and pay on-line.
- Annual Trail passes are purchased through the AWSC and will be available to purchase for the 2018-19 season beginning July 1, 2018. Trail pass information can be found on our webpage at <http://kellnerknights.org/trail-pass/> or at www.awsc.org.
- All newsletters will be emailed to you to save costs. If you prefer it in written form, you may print it off from our website, as all our newsletters are posted there. We also post Newsletters on Facebook, so be sure to "Like" us there as well.



We will be setting the date for our **Kellner Knights Summer Picnic** and will get that date to you in the May newsletter, which will be the last newsletter of the season. If you haven't "Liked" us on Facebook yet, be sure to do so as we post updates and events there regularly.

The [March Meeting Minutes](#) can be found on our webpage.

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