

Kellner Knights Club Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2019
@ Anchor Bay
24 members were present

1. Introductions/guests
 - a. Announcements/Guests
2. Secretary's Report – Previous minutes were posted. Tim Zirnhelt made a motion to accept, Shawn Becker 2nd. Motion passed.
3. Treasurers Report: All bills have been paid and accounts are in good standing. Motion was made by Justin Conner to accept, Tim Zirnhelt 2nd. Motion passed. Also to note:
 - a. New signs have been ordered.
 - b. We received confirmation that our supplemental was approved. We should be receiving around \$9,000 by the end of the year. We should be getting the 1st half shortly and the 2nd half by December 1st, 2019.
4. Vice Presidents Report
 - a. Membership renewal details – Get your renewals in early as well as your Trail Passes. Memberships will be sent in to the AWSC in batches to avoid on the charges.
5. Trail & Equipment Report:
 - a. Trail section updates: Volunteers have been working hard on summer storm clean up and brushing. We had 17 volunteers help on a cleanup day as well as many of our trail coordinators have been on there section of trail cleaning up. Thank you to any and all volunteers who have assisted in this long, back breaking process to get the trails ready to ride.
 - i. Town: Arne Nystrom/Rick Austin – The town felt that they should take care of the clean up on the road right of ways in town. Great relationship with the Town of Grand Rapids.
 - ii. Ramsden storage sheds/Sleep inn – The Sleep Inn and Cobblestone Inn have become sponsors. The trail spur is in place.
 - iii. Duellman property (approved via Tim Mancl) - 100 acres of property by the Ridges is good to go for keeping the trail there.
 - b. Josh Lassa:
 - i. The club was in need of some new equipment and we are in the process of purchasing: i.e. new chain saw, pole saw, and brush cutter. This is available for volunteers to use on trails. Contact Josh if in need.
 - ii. Josh is on the lookout for a set of duals for the Kubota and has recently found and purchased them at a good price.
 - iii. The rear tracks on the New Holland will need to be replaced in the next year or so, (approx. \$12,000 - \$20,000?)
 - iv. The board has decided that we are in the market for a new or used tracked groomer. This may replace the New Holland or if the board decides, may be an addition to our fleet.
 - v. Ed Heller property – This is one of the properties that we have trail on and will likely be on the market; on Mill Avenue.

- vi. Red Green Ort Land – This property is in South Wood County and is being auctioned off. Our trail is also on this property. Details to follow.
 - vii. Jacque Koch property – Death of a landowner, however, property remains in the family and does not affect our trail at this time.
 - c. Equipment
 - i. New equipment purchase (see above.)
 - ii. Signs are ordered but not paid for yet.
6. AWSC
- a. Supplemental approved at 100%
 - b. Equipment rates unchanged for '19-'20
 - c. Workshop: Appleton 10/25 – 10/27 Dan will attend
 - d. GPS units to be put into all groomers so that information can be downloaded onto SNARS.
 - e. Mike & Dan are keeping track of storm damage separate for reimbursements.
 - f. AWSC attended D.C. flying; recognized by leaders which was good
 - g. ISC; Wisconsin won the attendance award
 - h. Secretary AWSC Sue Smedegard does Facebook for AWSC
 - i. DNR relationship remains very good with the turnover they have had in staff.
 - j. Check 6 year DOT project site – no surprises there.
 - k. Trail Passes not mailed until 8-1-19 even if ordered in July
 - l. Snowmobile friendly committee; Lori Heideman is on this committee. 6-7 communities were recognized this past year.
 - m. Dave Newman was asked to sit on a new board regarding recreation
 - n. DNR - Kathy Burrow promoted; Jillian Steffes is our new contact
 - o. Membership 5.31.19 \$38,163 down 2,180 from last year
 - p. KAOS (teens) 15 members; hoping for 72, one from every county
 - q. Scholarship applications are available online at AWSC for seniors.
 - r. 40 Counties hit supplemental; \$2M (\$2.5M in account)
7. Portage County:
- a. Map update – renewals are in progress.
 - b. Confirm our funded miles.
8. Wood County:
- a. Map update; renewal in progress
 - b. 1st half billing due 1/8/2020
 - c. Calvin Dorshorst will be our new snowmobile patrol representative from Wood County Sheriff's Dept. Contact him if you see or hear of any issues on the trails.
 - d. GPS of trails needs to be done
 - i. We are out of compliance and will not receive any unfunded miles until we are in compliance.
 - ii. Jillian Steffes is the DNR contact for GPS info. 541 of 1,000 miles were granted= \$162,000 of billing annually from the program towards clubs. AWSC is working hard on this and the extra revenue goes back into unfunded trails.
 - iii. County Ride; Kellner Knights to host/partner with another club
 - iv. We need to confirm our funded miles

9. Youth Committee – no update.

10. Old Business

- a. Calendar of events; posted on our website
 - i. Donahue's open house – Will be Fri., October 25 from 9am-8pm and Sat., Oct 26 from 9am – 1 pm. Our club will hopefully have a volunteer manning a booth on Saturday from 9am – 1pm.
 - ii. Landowners event – Set for Sunday, November 17 from 5-7pm at the Grand Rapids Lions Club. Encourage members to participate in honoring our landowners.
 - iii. Christmas Parade – Always the Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving Day. Volunteers are encouraged to help decorate the float on that Tuesday at Mike & Lori Edward's home garage.
- b. Vision Meeting; report – the board met to discuss the vision of our club. It was decided that we will put our efforts in to having the best trails we can and focus on equipment purchases or upgrades/repairs that will assist in these efforts. There was research done on owning real estate but we will pass on that for now.
- c. New Holland front Tracks repaired; rear will be necessary soon.
- d. New Website - David Moon is working diligently on this, but there have been a few kinks that have not allowed us to use it quite yet. Hopefully once our big membership push is over, we will switch over.

11. New Business

- a. Summer Picnic Recap – great night outside with friends, good food, and laughter.
- b. Kellner Corn Fest report – Best year in 5 years of doing this. Net profit \$2,639. Thanks to all the volunteers who made this possible. Still lacking volunteers for this event annually, please help if you can next year!
- c. Paul's Repair information (sponsor, services, ATV group) – Thank you to Paul's Repair (owner of S & S Trailers). Paul is a platinum sponsor and allowed us to use 2 ATV's for a day of trail maintenance. We appreciate Paul's continued support of our club and are proud to have him as a sponsor. Thank you, Pau!!!
- d. 8.26.19 Board meeting report
 - i. Coordinator positions – we have filled a number of the positions we had available, still a few to fill.
 - ii. VIP event update: will not hold this year – maybe next year.
 - iii. Change club dues or not? It was decided that we would not pass along the \$2 upcharge that the AWSC made due to cost increases due to legal legislation. Our dues will remain the same and the club would cover this. To be reviewed annually.
- e. Evenson's Marine update – they are no longer an Arctic Cat dealer but still want to remain a Platinum Sponsor. We thank Kurt and Cheryl Evenson for their continued support and encourage all to call on them for all their marine needs. Thank you, Kurt and Cheryl!!!
- f. Gun Raffle – the board is hoping to do this in Sept. 2020 and we have help from some of our Platinum establishments that are on the trail. We will be looking for a volunteer to run this in early August 2020. Please let us know if you are willing to coordinate this. Thank you to Tim & Eugene Mancl for their legwork thus far with gun prices from Ace Hardware.

- g. Radar Run signage/posters for kiosks – will be updated.
- h. Wausau Grass Drags are held 9/28 -9/29.

12. The 2019-20 Budget – Was reviewed and discussed. A motion to pass was made by Tim Zirnhelt, 2nd by Justin Conner. Voted and approved.

Adjourned at 8:12 (lots of information shared, thanks to Dan Guck for keeping our meeting moving.)