



PAUL BUNYAN RIDERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB

P.O. Box 61, Lakewood, WI 54138

APRIL, 2020 NEWSLETTER

Dear Paul Bunyan Members;

Our March 10, 2020 meeting was called to order by President Dave Thomson, with 27 members present at Birch Hills/My Bar. A motion was made by Tim Maurer and seconded by Patty Martin to approve the minutes of the last meeting as printed in the newsletter, website, or sent by email. M/C.

The treasurer's report was given by Ron Schmock, Sr. and a motion was made by Pam Butler, and seconded by Dennis Pommering, to accept the report as given. M/C

Elections were held. There were changes made to the Ballot as Dave Thomson asked to be removed from the Ballot for President, and Dennis Pommering was nominated from the floor. The entire club thanks both Dave and Mary Kay for 20 years of dedication & leadership in making the club the great organization it is today. Ron Schmock, Sr. asked his name be removed from the ballot for Treasurer, and Sid Steinmetz was nominated from the floor. We thank Ron for his past service as Treasurer and a Board Member. All candidates who wished to speak, listed their qualifications for their positions, and the votes were taken by paper ballot.

The 2020-2021 Officers & Board Members are:

President – Dennis Pommering

Vice President – Jim Wisneski

Treasurer – Sid Steinmetz

Secretary – Angel Barber

Board Members – Bob Goble, Russ Kralovetz, Dean Martin, Larry Mertz, Toby Warden

Trail report was given by Bob Prasser: The trails are now closed but we had a wonderful year and a lot of positive compliments on our trails. Thanks to our great Groomer crew. Bob's Groomer Appreciation Party was well-attended on March 14 at Phil's Philling Station. Bob put out a great spread including his signature Texas style BBQ Brisket. The event was co-sponsored by Phil's Philling Station, Paul Bunyan, Red Arrow, and Chute Pond, who furnished the desserts.

Oconto County Alliance/AWSC Report by Kurt Butler: The OCSA meeting was held on March 4. We got passage of the bill which raised the cap on snowmobile funds. This allows all Snowmobile funds raised through snowmobile registrations, trail passes, or gas tax to go to the snowmobile program for funding trails. Sadly Governor Evers vetoed the Paddle-Wheel bill, which would have made it legal to use a wheel to determine prizes, at fundraisers for non-profit organizations (meat raffles). A questionnaire was emailed out to all members of area clubs to make our feelings known about the veto. Sponsors of the bill are considering their options as this bill had unanimous support from both houses of the legislature.

KAOS Report by Pam Butler: Silent Auction for the youth will again be held at the AWSC Convention March 20-22 in Madison. OCSA has donated \$200 toward the auction. Paul Bunyan Riders donated a Polo Shirt and a Free One Year Club/AWSC membership for the silent auction.

New Business:

- Patty Martin asked about the rumor the By-Laws would be changed to allow the President alone to decide on the purchase of any equipment. She was assured this was not true and there is an entire

process that must be followed to make any By-Law changes. By-law changes must be passed by the Board with final approval by the membership at the Annual Meeting which is held each September.

Door Prize: \$10 Gift Certificate Donated by Birch Hills/My Bar, was won by Tim Maurer. Thanks to Dawn for being a Booster member, Poker Run sponsor, and for opening up on a closed night to host the meeting.

Prize Raffles: The \$50 Shell gas card was won by Dean Strube and the \$20 gift certificate from Ski Hill Bar was won by Tim Maurer.

The 50/50 Raffle: None held

A motion to adjourn, was made by Jim Juran and seconded by Mary Kay Thomson. M/C.

Next meeting should be September 8, 2020 at 7:00 pm. at a place to be determined. Have a safe and wonderful summer. See you in September and don't forget about our two **Brat Fry's on Friday, May 29, 2020** and **Friday, July 17, 2020** at Supervalu.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Fitzpatrick, Former Secretary

NEW PRESIDENT COMMENTS

I certainly understand that some members may be concerned with the amount of change we saw at the last election. I would like to calm those fears by explaining the plan for this year that will assure the Paul Bunyan Riders will continue to provide quality trails, and yet be fiscally responsibility at the same time.

1. Replace the 2002 Tucker with another machine to minimize higher maintenance costs.
2. The groomer building may require some improvements related to heating and water flow control.
3. Limit the amount of change within Board of Directors by rotating their terms across odd and even years.
4. Improve transparency by providing full financial disclosure on a monthly basis for the Board's review and approval.
5. Assure that budget approvals, and financial audits occur annually as stated in the club's bylaws.
6. Provide an Agenda in advance of board and membership meetings so all involved can be better prepared, and to improve communication.
7. Assure all issues or changes related to policy, budgets, and capital expenditures are approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Of course, any changes related to the by-laws must also be approved by membership at the September annual meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Dennis Pommering at jdpomm78@gmail.com.