



## PAUL BUNYAN RIDERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB

P.O. Box 61, Lakewood, WI 54138

AUGUST, 2020 NEWSLETTER

Dear Paul Bunyan Members,

We hope we are finding all of our members happy and healthy with all the challenges that have been thrown our way since the last meeting in March. With all the new Covid-19 lifestyle changes mandated by both our Federal and State governments, one has to wonder if our lives will ever be the same.

The purpose of this mid-summer membership letter is to keep our members informed of the changes that have occurred since the March elections. If you recall, at the end of the April newsletter newly elected President Dennis Pommering outlined an agenda that would be discussed with the new board members to assure we continue to have quality trails, be fiscally responsible, improve communications, and provide better transparency to the club members. They are again listed below, with the status of each. Other items of importance that required board approval since the elections are also included.

- Replace the 2002 Tucker with another machine to minimize maintenance costs. **STATUS:** With board approval, the 2002 was sold and another 2012 Tucker (blue) was purchased. We have a 5-year loan for \$65,000 that requires annual payments of \$14,295. We feel that we will be able to pay this loan off easily within that timeframe.
- Improvements to the groomer shed that will insulate and heat the “cold side” of the building. Bringing the snow-covered Tuckers into a cold environment (after grooming) would allow everything to re-freeze. This resulted in the tracks and boogie wheels having large amounts of resistance in the drive train upon startup before they would break loose. This contributed to the higher maintenance costs of those components. **STATUS:** The improvements should be implemented this fall.
- We are proposing rotating the terms of the officers and board members to odd and even years to minimize the change what we just experienced due to the annual elections of all officers and board members. **STATUS:** We are proposing changes to the by-laws that will provide for these election cycles.
- We have added a second secretarial position to the list of officers. We are proposing to have both an Administrative Secretary and a Membership Secretary position to distribute the work load of the club. The board of Directors temporarily approved this change, but the bylaws must be changed to make it permanent. **STATUS:** All changes related to the by-laws will be presented to membership for approval at the September 8, 2020 annual meeting to be held at Phil’s Philling Station at 7 PM. **You must be a renewed club member to vote.** So, please get your membership in as soon as possible. Memberships will also be accepted prior to the start of the meeting so bring your membership form and payment with you.
- Sid Steinmetz, who was elected as Treasurer at the March meeting, had to resign for personal reasons. Julie Pommering was nominated to be the new Treasurer for the remainder of his term, and was approved by Board of Directors.

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- Improve transparency by providing full financial disclosure on a monthly basis for the Board's review and approval. **STATUS:** In effect for the board members. A financial statement will be provided at each membership meeting in the future.
- Provide an Agenda in advance of board and membership meetings so all involved can be better prepared, and to improve communication. **STATUS:** A formal agenda has been provided in advance of each board meeting since the election, and will be provided to the membership prior to each membership meeting, as well.
- Assure that budget approvals, and financial audits occur annually as stated in the club's bylaws. **STATUS:** A financial audit was performed by both Sid Steinmetz and Julie Pommering. No major inconsistencies were reported.
- Assure all issues or changes related to policy, budgets, and capital expenditures are approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. **STATUS:** The Agenda for the board meeting has each item listed that will be addressed during the meeting. The Board meeting minutes identifies who made a motion to Accept (or Reject) each item, and who seconded the motion adhering to the Robert's Rule of Order.
- The Paul Bunyan website is undergoing major changes to enhance its effectiveness.
  - Ability to pay for membership renewals, clothing, trail passes using PayPal and major credit cards.
  - On-line Membership form that can be auto-filled (typed), and can be emailed directly to the membership chair.
  - Links to AWSC & DNR sites, and also links to our Facebook page(s).
  - Rolling Ads allowing our Booster Members to advertise for a fee.
  - Contact Us and Donate options.
  - Posting of Club newsletters, Calendar of Events, Trail Reports, Clothing, Public Relations information.
  - "All About the Paul Bunyan Riders" section providing club history, Equipment List & Pictures.
- As you would expect, the planning for the Snow Fun Day events for January 30, 2021 is much different this year due to the Covid-19 Pandemic limitations. The board of directors have been discussing what changes may need to take place since June. As many clubs and associations have already had to cancel their events, we have continued to move forward with the planning to assure we would be able to maximize the fund raising in the event both meat and bucket raffles would not be possible. We will keep the membership informed as to the direction we plan to take at the September membership meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Paul Bunyan Riders Board of Directors

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