

WONDERLAND SNO-TRAILS SNOWMOBILE CLUB
MEETING MINUTES/NEWSLETTER

Monday, November 17, 2025

Current Family/Individual Memberships: 138
Current Business Memberships: 32
Location: Bump's Lakeside Bar
Attendance: 38

Thank you to Eric & Melanie and staff from Bump's Lakeside Bar for hosting our meeting and providing a meal.

Matt Swenson opened the meeting at 6:03 pm.

Secretary's report, was approved as published.

Treasurer's report, was approved as published.

Our **Sunshine Report**: Cards were sent to Lowell Severson (knee surgery), Tim Doose (get-well card regarding his continued treatment for cancer. Shawn Doose - sent get-well card regarding her recent cancer diagnosis. Greg Peterson - sent sympathy card & \$25 for the passing of his wife Linda.. If you know of a member who's in need of a card, please either email Joy Dressel at jdressel@msn.com or call/text her at 651-274-6317.

Candy Bars - Nicole Miller reported that 11 establishments are carrying our candy bars, with replenished stock and new signs. If you see a box that is low in stock (1/4 full or less), please text Nicole – her number is on the sign - to let her know stock is low, be sure to include the name of the establishment. The candy bars are still a good deal at \$2 each, proceeds help support the club.

Trails: Bob Pace reported that the tractor is back, Bob Dale and Dan got the trailer back together and have been out mowing. Special thanks to Dan Flanigan and the Jeff Peterson group for their extra work. Signage work continues, some areas needing additional attention. Trail work will end on Thursday 11/20 until after deer season.

If you want to do some trail clean-up near you, or if you see something that needs attention on the trails, please reach out to Bob Pace at 612-308-9659. A sign was brought to the maintenance building - not sure where it came from – if you know, give him a call on that too.

Meat Raffles: Mindy Severson reported that volunteers are needed for 2026, take a look at the website or check the book on Sundays during the Meat Raffle to see what's open and you can sign up into next year. Mindy also shared the totals for 2025 to-date: \$35,805 income, \$15,306 expenses, \$20,502 profit. No weeks this year where we lost money. Lowest sales in February, highest in August. If you've never worked a meat raffle, it's really a fun activity and new volunteers are welcome – reach out to Mindy (651-343-8333) or sign up on our website if you can help.

AWSC: There is a bill in process to increase fees on trail passes from \$10 to \$20 per pass for AWSC club members (for snowmobiles registered in WI), for WI residents not in an AWSC club are going from \$30 to \$50, for non-residents from \$50 to \$70. These fees haven't been increased since 2014 and 100% of funds go to the trails. These are the only funds that go to trails, there is no support via tax dollars. Infrastructure costs have increased, particularly for grooming equipment. The new fees are very competitive with fees charged by neighboring states. **Buy your trail passes now, the funds are critical for financing projects on our trails.**

Don Hamilton and Mike McLaughlin will again hold Snowmobile Safety Training classes on December 6th and 13th. In Wisconsin, you are required to have a Snowmobile Safety Certificate if you were born on or after January 1, 1985, are at least 12 years old, and plan to operate a snowmobile on public lands or trails. You can sign up on the DNR site, call Don Hamilton at 608-345-1819 to reserve your spot. Seeking volunteers to make lunch for the kids on 12/13, please let Don know if you can help.

Clothing: Patty Dudley has clothing items for sale or they can be ordered. It is possible to have the large retro logo added to the back of your previously ordered sweatshirt or jacket – reach out to Patty if you're interested. Come to a meeting to check out the available items in person, check out our website or reach out to Patty at 952-451-5816 or wonderlandstmerch@gmail.com

Website: Our website is <https://www.wonderlandsnotrails.org/>. You can renew your membership, order Wonderland merchandise or sign up for open Meat Raffle dates.

New Business:

- **Wonderland Elections:** Al Steiner made a motion to elect all of the nominated candidates below, seconded by Dan Dressel. All in favor, motion carried.
 - Don Hamilton as Vice President
 - Kris Hoefs as Secretary/Membership
 - Bob Pace as Trail Director
 - Mindy Severson as Fundraising/Gaming Director
 - Dale Hoefs as Director at large
 - Dan Flangan as Director at large
- **Tractor Purchase:** Bob Pace reported on the tractor purchase. Bob, Dan Flanagan and Dale Hoefs visited the tractor dealer. The tractor initially suggested was too wide for our trails and bridges. The tractor that best suits our needs was a used (well maintained) 2015 New Holland T5-115 with 2400 hours on it. The dealer agreed to favorable terms. The total expense is \$85,000, which exceeds the \$75,000 approved at the October meeting. Dan Bullis made a motion to spend the additional \$10,000 to purchase this tractor and mower, second by Lowell Severson. All in favor, motion carried.
- **The Vintage Ride** has been scheduled for Friday, February 13th. SAVE THE DATE – more info to come.

Next Meeting will be Monday, January 19th at 6:00 pm, with a Director's meeting at 5:00 pm, at Archie & Arthur's Icehouse Bar (29460 CCC Rd, Danbury) with a light meal following the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Shellenbarger, Secretary
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 6th – Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

December 6th and 13th – Snowmobile Safety Class, contact Don Hamilton to reserve your space

January 19th – Member Meeting at Archie & Arthur's (29460 CCC Rd, Danbury) at 6pm, directors meeting at 5

February 13th – Vintage Ride. SAVE THE DATE

Meat Raffles – Sundays, 4pm-6pm at the 10th Hole.

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10th Hole

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Holly's Drive-In Bar & Grill

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Lily Lake Tavern

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