

West Bend Kettle Trail Blazers

September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Newburg Sportsman's Club

President-Pat Groth

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

#### **Treasure's Report-**

- The checking account total is \$14,416.65.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report 1<sup>st</sup> by Harley Davidson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rich Wilger.

#### **Old Business-**

- Newburg Picnic was a success with \$917.86 of profit. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped at the picnic and to those who made desserts to sell.
- **REMINDER-** Please send all volunteer hours to Kris Groth, so they can be entered in at a timely manner. She is expected to enter all hours in monthly. Call, text, email, or bring in your paperwork when you finish with work for the snowmobile club. Her phone number is (262) 573-7661 or email- [pknjgroth@aol.com](mailto:pknjgroth@aol.com). Thank you in advance!

#### **New Business-**

- We are still searching for a building for the snowmobile club supplies such as, trail signs, groomer, grill, and other utensils for our various fundraisers. Harley spoke with Jeff Esselmann to potentially rent an area of his shed. We would only be allowed to store these items when he is not storing campers.
- Also, Pat Groth found a hoop building that could be purchased for storing the groomers in. This building would possibly need new covering. Also, there could potentially be a barn to rent for the groomer and supplies on Russco Drive.
- All ideas were tabled until more information was gathered.
  
- Pat, Kris, and Jerry Zier met with the County Park Rep regarding new dog park going into Sandy Knoll Park. We will be able to continue to use the trail and Pat Groth will follow up about route options next spring.
- There was damage to the bridge in Newburg due to skis and studs from snowmobiles. Also, some off trailing occurred in Fitz Park with small damage. These concerns were brought to our

attention to make us aware that possible reroutes might need to be enforced in our future. We will still be able to use our current trails, but some proactive actions will need to take place.

- The West Bend Kettle Trail Blazers Board members will be meeting in the old Newburg Bank at 6 p.m. on September 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss plans of reroutes or other trail options.
  
- The Dual Sports Race is October 19<sup>th</sup> and will possibly be held at the Geller Farm in Allenton. We have been asked to provide food again. We are looking for volunteers to make chili, desserts, and work. Last year we had a skeleton crew of 6 people, so we are asking for as much help as possible. Please contact Tiffany Falk at (262) 305-3470 or [tiffany.falk2018@gmail.com](mailto:tiffany.falk2018@gmail.com) to sign up to work, make chili, or desserts. A second sign-up sheet will go around at the next meeting.
  
- We need some new trail signs for the 2019-2020 snowmobile season. Kris Groth contacted 4 places for printing.
  - **Waterstreet Sign**- No call back
  - **The Sign Shop of West Bend**- 4"x 12" Non-Reflective \$11.50 and a Reflective Sign \$21.25
  - **Action Graphics in Butler**- Set up was approximately \$75 for Non-Reflective and \$300 for Reflective
  - **Highschool**- The shop teacher doesn't think they would have the correct material to withstand the conditions.
- Another option for road signs is possibly buying the blanks on Amazon at \$41.29\10 pack and having them printed.
  
- Snowmobile safety dates are not set yet. Pat Groth is thinking the first full week in November.
  
- The Christmas Parades are coming up. The West Bend Christmas Parade is on December 1<sup>st</sup> at 5 p.m. with the theme of "Old Fashioned Christmas." The Kewaskum Christmas Parade is on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. with the theme "Back in Time for Christmas." Please start brain storming ideas. Also, Tiffany Falk has been approved to get the candy for the parade.
  
- **The Club Ride**- Bill made reservations at the casino in Carter on January 16-19, 2020. Bob made reservations at the Beaver Lodge in Mercer for February 20-23, 2020.
  
- **Membership Dues**- State dues went up \$2 from \$10 to \$12. Our Club Membership dues will continue to be \$30 for the 2019-2020 season. We will discuss possibly raising dues for next year.

#### County Report-

- The state of Wisconsin had 157,00 trail passes sold during the 2018-2019 season.

- There were 19 snowmobile deaths with 11 alcohol related.
- The county was open 29 day in the 2018-2019 season.
- As discussed before, we are going to need some new signs for the snowmobile club such as stop signs, stop ahead signs, curves, and arrows. Also, we possibly need to replace some stakes.
- The Snow Show is October 18-20 at the Wisconsin State Fair.
  
- **Fundraising-** Mike Wanniger continued to get the raffle license for this year.
  - All raffles and sign board ideas have been tabled until the next meeting so please come up with some ideas.

**50/50 Drawing-** The total was \$32 and won by Bob Grager

**The next meeting will be held on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Newburg Sportsman's Club at 6:45.**

The September 4, 2019 was adjourned and accepted 1<sup>st</sup> by Clint Crass and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Wanninger.