



# PAUL BUNYAN RIDERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB

April, 2017 Newsletter

Dear Paul Bunyan Member,

Our March 21, 2017, meeting was called to order by President Dave Thomson with 12 members present at Halfway Bar. A motion was made by Pam Butler and seconded by Bob Goble, to accept the secretary's report of the last meeting as emailed or printed in the last newsletter. M/C.

The treasurer's report was given by Mary Kay Thomson and a motion was made by Brian Fitzpatrick, and seconded by Jim Wisneski, to accept the report as given. M/C.

## **Trail report was given by Dave Thomson.**

- Trails closed on March 6, 2017. While it may have seemed like a short season, the closing date was only one day earlier than last year. The trails were not really ride-able the last weekend of the season.

## **AWSC Director - Kurt Butler:**

- The upcoming convention is March 24-26 at the Potawatomi Hotel & Casino in Milwaukee.
- LRB-2237, the bill regarding increasing the maintenance amount paid per mile from \$250 to \$300 and making the Trail Pass permanent, has plenty of sponsors. Club Members will be encouraged to contact their state representatives later this year as the Bill continues to work itself through the Legislature.
- There are still complaints that stickers for new snowmobiles are taking too long. It will be discussed at the Director's Meeting at the convention.
- A new snowmobile map is in the planning stages for this next season. Businesses are being solicited.
- There is a move to hire another Recreation Officer for Oconto County to enforce the laws & keep our trails safe. Troy Sherman is our only officer now for the entire county covering Snowmobiling, ATV-UTVing, Boating & etc. The Oconto County Alliance has pledged to support this effort and has asked all the county Clubs to do the same.

**Old Business:** None

## **New Business:**

- We will sell our 8 ft Drag and purchase a new Folding 10 ft. Drag as approved at the last Board of Director's meeting. Also approved was purchase of a new laptop and updated software for the Club.
- Elections were held. There were no nominations from the floor for any offices. Unanimous ballots were cast for each officer position and the board members.
- **The Officers/Board Members for 2017-2018 Season are:**
  - President – Dave Thomson
  - Vice President – Ron Schmock, Sr.
  - Treasurer – Mary Kay Thomson
  - Secretary – Diane Fitzpatrick
  - Board Members – Bob Goble, Russ Kralovetz, Jim Peterson, Jim Wisneski, Brian Fitzpatrick. Who is replacing Walt Larson. We thank Walt for all his years of service to the Club.

The Door Prize of a Halfway Bar gift certificate was won by Diane Fitzpatrick. Thanks to Halfway Bar for hosting the meeting.

The 50/50 raffle of \$20.00 was won by Pam Butler. A motion to adjourn, was made by Julie Pommering and seconded by Bob Goble. M/C.

**This is our last membership meeting until the fall. The next meeting will be on September 12, 2017, at 7:00 pm. at a location to be determined.** A newsletter will be mailed out prior to the September Meeting with details and renewal applications. Check the **paulbunyanriders.com** website for club information or email us at [paulbunyanriders@gmail.com](mailto:paulbunyanriders@gmail.com) with questions. Have a wonderful and safe summer. See you in the fall.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Diane Fitzpatrick, Secretary

### **OTHER CLUB INFORMATION:**

#### **To our club members:**

Please support Legislative **Bill AB180** our bill to increase trail funding and continuation of our trail pass by contacting your **Senator/Representative** and ask him/her to support **Bill AB 180**. You can find your local representative at <https://legis.wisconsin.gov/>. Type your voting address into the "Find My Legislators" search tool on the right side of the page. Here are sample Talking Points for an Email and/or Phone call to Legislators:

**To:** <<Insert Senator/Representative email address>>

**Subject:** Please Support AB 180 and Wisconsin's Snowmobile Program

Dear <<Senator/Representative \_\_\_\_\_>>:

My name is <<\_\_\_\_\_>> and I am a member of <<insert name of local snowmobile club and/or AWSC>> in <<\_\_\_\_\_>>County. I have been a snowmobiler for <<\_\_\_\_\_>> years.

I am contacting you on behalf of myself, as your constituent, and on behalf of my fellow snowmobilers statewide to urge you to **please support AB 180, which will help maintain Wisconsin's snowmobile trails and ensure the continued vitality of the statewide snowmobile program.** The Bill will allow local snowmobile clubs to be reimbursed more for per-mile trail maintenance activities, which will help state snowmobile trails remain in excellent condition; and provide a permanent funding source for the statewide snowmobile program through the highly successful trail pass program.

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### **SAVE THESE DATES:**

**Mark Your Calendars, Come & Support your Club**

*(Remember: All volunteers who work during any Fundraiser get entries in the REWARDS Program Drawing)*

**Brat Fry Fundraiser at Supervalu on Saturday, July 8, 2017**

**Brat Fry Fundraiser at Supervalu on Friday, July 28, 2017**

**First Meeting of the new season on Tuesday, September 12, 2017**

**Snow Fun Day Fundraiser on Saturday, January 27, 2018, at Waubee Lake Lodge**

*If you signed up to work one of the Brat Fry's, Diane will be calling you a week prior to confirm. If something changes and you find you cannot make your shift, please call her as soon as possible at 715-340-8824 or email her at [paulbunyanriders@gmail.com](mailto:paulbunyanriders@gmail.com) so a replacement can be found. Thanks.*