



PAUL BUNYAN RIDERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB

P.O. Box 61, Lakewood, WI 54138

OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

Dear Paul Bunyan Members,

It appears that the Covid pandemic continues to hold a grip on our lives. We all know people who either had it, presently have it, or have succumbed to it. Because of this, we have had to make decisions that were unheard of in previous years. The October meeting was canceled, and we have just decided to cancel the November meeting, as well. These decisions do not come lightly, but they are made to assure the health and well-being of our members come first. Because of this, these newsletters will be even more important so we can continue to keep our members informed on everything we do.

The Paul Bunyan Riders family have recently lost two of our members who were instrumental in the development of our club. We are presently mourning the loss of Percy Knaub, who was one of the founding members of the club, and Cliff Fonder who was a Trail Boss for 18 years. They both spent many years building and improving the club, as well as the trail system we enjoy today. We thank both Percy and Cliff from the bottom of our hearts for their dedication, and we give their families our sincere condolences.

The Paul Bunyan Board of Directors continue to meet monthly with masks while social distancing. The information that follows are from our October board meeting minutes. The AWSC prefers that all clubs refrain from providing financial information in their newsletters. But rest assured, the club is in great shape financially. The board will discuss during the November meeting on how much to pay down on the loan from the purchase this past spring of the Blue 2012 Tucker (nicknamed the Blue Ox). In addition, we will receive the second grooming payment from Oconto County in December that will include the supplemental (these are extra funds that the clubs split based on grooming hours). Northern clubs often benefit more due to the traditional snow depths.

-----From the Board Minutes-----

The Paul Bunyan Board met on October 6, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

The treasurer's report was read by Julie Pommering. Toby Warden motioned to accept the treasurer's report. Larry Mertz seconded.

The secretary's report was read by Diane Fitzpatrick. She reports that as of 10/29, there were 170 member renewals. Gift certificates have also been mailed out to landowners this month. Julie Pommering made the motion to accept the secretary's report. Dean Martin seconded.

Snow Fun Day was the main topic of the meeting. As we all know, the Snow Fun Day will be looking a little different this year due to Covid. We have already decided that food will not be served at the event this year due to the health concerns.

The activities that were agreed upon for the January 30th 2021 Snow Fun Day are as follows:

\$10 Raffle Ticket - 5 Cash Prizes (This is the traditional raffle ticket).

\$100 Raffle Ticket - (New) 18 Cash Prizes; Only 125 tickets printed; 14% chance of winning).

Meat Raffle - \$2 tickets, 50 spins, 4 prizes per spin (This will greatly reduce the handling of the money and tickets).

Basket Raffles - Booze or whatever we get donated.

50-50 Raffles – Cash (As many as we can fit in). We use the spin wheel to determine the winner.

Poker Run – 4 Cash Prizes (Already in progress at 32 locations)

Fish A Ree - \$5 entry fee. Biggest fish (by weight) wins. Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20

Trail report: Brushing Days were a success. Thanks to all the members who came out to volunteer for trail maintenance. The club's new 20-inch chain saw was said to perform very well so far.

Diane Fitzpatrick motioned to accept the trail report. Toby Warden seconded.

-----End of Board Minutes-----

It should be noted that related to the traditional raffle ticket, we are attempting to fund the 5 cash prizes with corporate donations from dealers or suppliers. The money was usually provided from the club itself. We are hoping for a few more donations from sponsors, both locally and in the Fox Valley area, before finalizing the tickets.

Unfortunately, it appears that even with our best attempts our Snow Fun Day profits could take a hit this year due to Covid. This is where we need our members to step up and help the club. Please consider...

- Do you have another great fundraiser idea for these unique times that we might have missed?
- Provide donations of single or basket raffle prizes, bottles of booze, cash, gift cards...etc.
- Volunteer to help keep track of the donated items and coordinate how to present them.
- Volunteer for helping out on Snow Fun Day for both Indoor and Outdoor activities.
- Provide creative ways to promote the Snow Fun Day using both print and social media.

We welcome everyone to feel free to contact us with ideas, to provide donations, or if you would like to volunteer. You can reach us in the following ways. **Email:** paulbunyanriders@gmail.com.

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The new and improved Paul Bunyan website is live and running. Everyone is encouraged to check it out at <https://www.paulbunyanriders.com>. You can renew your membership, join the club, order PBR clothing, and order your trail pass from the website using PayPal or a credit card.

Although we always ask our members to support our Boosters (listed below), it is ESPECIALLY important due to all the Covid restrictions. Many of them are hurting financially, and a few have even closed. We need to support the businesses that support us year after year. This would also be a good way to collect your stamps for the Poker Run books.

-----Boosters-----

Anderson's Super Club - Animal's Bear Trail - Binder Lake Lodge - Birch Hills Resort/My Bar - Everbreeze Resort
Firelite Lounge - Hidden Bear Trail ATV Club – Lakewood Hardware & Lumber - Lakewood Motorsports, Inc.
Lakewood Supervalu - Laona State Bank - Legends Trailside Bar -Lotter's Lakewood Shell - Lotter's Townsend
Shell - Maiden Lake Supper Club – Marshall Excavating & Septic – Mike's Supermarket - Mountain Springs
Motel & Campground -Mulligan's Sports Bar & Grill – Nicolet Pharmacy/Amy's - O'Neil's Halfway Bar –
Old Town Hall - Phil's Philling Station - Pintsch's Hardware - Pour Haus Bar & Grill - R Place Bar & Grill
Sunset Resort - Tebo Lakewood Realty & Cellular –Thunder Mt. Valley Inn - The Schoolhouse Bar - Trails Motel
Water's Edge at Anderson Lake - Waubee Lake Lodge