

4 Seasons Recreational Club Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by President Chuck Youngquist.

Absent were Secretary Jenn Pritchard and Treasurer Leah Jones

Secretary's minutes were read by Doris. There were a few corrections. The brush guard discussed is for the tractor not the UTV. Brian Tedford donated 20 hours (not 200) of time and his personal equipment and Norm Heiden (spelling) donated personal time and use of his personal equipment. Jon discussed the Youth Turkey Hunt that will be held on March 31-April 1. A Bill/Jake motion passed to approve minutes with the corrections.

Treasurer's report was presented by Loren Jones. The paperwork for the 501c3 has been completed and submitted. We are waiting for approval. Treasurer's report was approved on a Jake/Betti motion.

VP/Equipment Manager– Mike contacted Lulich Equipment and was given a target date of May 1 for delivery of the brusher. Mike suggested we purchase a manure fork attachment for the tractor to move brush. He will be getting a quote to present at the next meeting. The Tucker front drive shaft u-joint and yoke broke. Driveline Specialists Inc was able to rebuild it within a couple of hours. We appreciate their quick service so there was little to no interruption in grooming our trails.

Trail Boss – Al reported that trails are in the great shape and we still have a good base. The town plowed Carp's Creek Road, so this section of the trail may be exposed soon with the sun getting stronger. Chuck will contact the town to see if they can knock the banks down so there is still a snow covered area to ride. We received a contract from the DNR for the reroute and new bridge. Steve Balczak will start excavating the reroute in the spring. Current grooming schedule will continue. Bob I. groomed the barons in Burnett County this month. Their club will reimburse us for the cost.

County Rep/NW Trails – NW Trails has not had a meeting since our last meeting. The NW Trails President Eric Shaffer recently passed away following a snowmobile accident. AWSC started a scholarship in his name. An Al/Loren motion passed to donate \$500 to the scholarship fund in his honor.

Membership Report – Welcome to new members Brent and Angie Youngberg, John and Jody Shimek, and Mike and Dawn Larrive. Betti reported we currently have a total of 204 paid members.

Event Coordinator – Doris reported that the winter raffle tickets for the ATV are nearly sold out. The raffle drawing will be during Business Appreciation on March 25. The schedule will be finalized and posted this week. Doris is working with another clothing vendor to create an online store so members can purchase club gear direct. Meat raffles are March 4 and 18. Doris asked for a volunteer to run the meat raffle on March 18 in her absence. If no one volunteers, we may have to cancel it.

Safety Training Class – The first safety training class is scheduled for March 11 to be held at Heartwood Resort in Trego. There are currently 27 people enrolled, in addition to the instructors. Leah, Loren and Kirk will be doing the training. FXR will be there fitting kids for helmets. Heartwood will be providing lunch for the participants and offering discounted rooms for attendees.

The Youth Turkey Hunt will be March 31-April 1. They will be using our clubhouse as their basecamp. Chuck has asked that the shop area be cleaned before then and he will arrange the space they need.

Other business – At the last meeting, there was discussion that Douglas County may close trails in late fall for 4-6 weeks to allow clubs time to prep trails for winter. Jake had concerns about the trails closing and explained the impact it would have on local businesses. Al said that it had been voted on and approved at the NW Trails meeting, but needs to be approved by the county.

Next meeting is April 1.

Meeting was adjourned on a Loren/Jake motion.

Respectfully submitted by Doris Youngquist for Jenn Pritchard