4 SEASONS RECREATIONAL CLUB

Meeting Minutes - November 7, 2026

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10AM by President Al S.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary's Report was presented and accepted.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that fiscal year-end financial results were favorable compared with the budget. The Treasurer's Report was accepted. The next fiscal year budget generated by the budget committee was also reviewed.

Correspondence

A request for support of the Minong Flowage Association's mission to control aquatic invasive species was received from Mike R. A support letter will be sent. The club also agreed to donate $250 to support the MFA's financial needs of their mission. Calendar posters of scheduled winter events for Wascott Tourism & Development Association business members were received and will be displayed at the club as well as at local businesses.

Equipment Manager Report

The Tucker was inspected and may require a minor repair. The club plans to offer the backup trail grooming machine for sale, without the snow drag; the drag may be sold separately if requested. Mike S. will post the listing on Facebook Marketplace and the AWSC website. The original OEM clutches and a new belt for the Ranger were sold through Marketplace.

The club requested a 20-year lease extension from the town for the land where our building reside in the Ball Park. A new 28-by-80-foot storage building is under consideration. Loren will obtain an updated quote that includes insulated overhead doors and ask about materials lead time.

Trail Boss Report

Trail conditions were reported as good. Grading continues approximately once per week, and recent rain has helped. High brushing is nearly complete. Remaining work includes additional high brushing and mowing, work on 41B from Cty Y toward Highway 53, trail 3/41 private landowner areas, and blading down banked corners before freeze up. A test cut is planned on Trail 3 between Chipmunk Campground and Stop-A-Sec using the T7 tractor and plow blade.

For the Trail 3 reroute at Apple Lake Rd, the County Rec supervisor is awaiting the county surveyor to plot the new trail segment. The plan is to align the trail crossing the road more directly, with the county clearing the area and placing logs and brush on the old trail. Brushing cleanup will follow.

A stop sign is needed where those coming from the Chipmunk spur enter Trail 3, and notice will be posted about the new sign. Businesses purchased additional signs, which have been installed to direct trail users to Wascott to their location. Several safety signs were repaired or replaced, and plastic signs are being replaced with aluminum signs.

County Representative / Northwest Trails Report

An additional 3.2 miles was funded for our trail system maintenance. Trail 41B funding is now at $500 per mile for the summer season as a combination ATV trail and truck route. A new publisher is expected to resume printing the AWSC WSN magazine in 2027. Concern was expressed about limited funding available to Governor's Snowmobile Council for trail maintenance and bridge repair/replacements throughout Wisconsin. Al will write to representatives supporting an increase in trail pass and registration fees. The current snowmobile registration fee is $30 for three years, unchanged since 1997; a proposed $45 three-year fee did not pass legislation in 2026.

Membership Report

As of October 29, 2026, the club had 174 paid members, compared with 165 at the prior meeting and 214 at the end of last season. The total includes 25 commercial sponsors, 2 secondary commercial sponsors, 146 family memberships, and 1 secondary membership. New members welcomed were Alex and Katie Roufs and Andrew and Debbie Reiken. Some members have not yet renewed - please do not wait any longer to renew your membership and order your discounted snowmobile trail passes!

Event Coordinator / Fundraising Report

Upcoming meat raffles are November 21 at Crystal Lake Bar and December 5 at Marsh's View Point. Donations have been received for the Helmet Fund. Donors of $25 or more will receive a "I helped save a brain" koozie, and koozies will be brought to meat raffles to encourage contributions. The ladies snowmobile ride is planned for February 5, 2027. Leah will work on the route.

Marketing Report

Cathie proposed featuring the club in the International Snowmobile Manufacturer's Association digital newsletter.

New Business

The club discussed developing an ATV challenge course near Rudy's shelter on Trail 41, supported by a grant. The course would need to be designed before grant application, permitting and approval; the process could take up to two years. The 2027 meeting schedule was presented. Posters and tickets for the 2027 summer raffle are needed by February 2027. The old wooden folding tables have been donated and Maria will purchase fourteen new eight-foot plastic folding tables.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2026.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.