



December 2018

President's Corner

The first few snowflakes have fallen and we're getting closer to the riding season ahead. As you go over sleds, prep gear and start planning some rides, remember to put your trail pass on the list of things to accomplish ahead of time to avoid delays when the time comes to hit the trails.

The groomer is back home and ready to hit the trails as well. Thank you to everyone who assisted with transportation of the beast for much needed repairs and also to the club members who consistently work to keep this machine out there during the riding season.

We had a successful trail marking day last month. I want to give a big shout out to our seasoned club members that are always working on this process. Many spend an incredible amount of time working with landowners and local municipalities to keep our local trails on the map. Without their dedication, none of us would have trails to ride. Thank you! I'd also like to thank several club members who decided this was their year to become more involved and came out to lend a hand with trail marking. Thank you!

The annual Sno-Blazers Christmas party is set for December 15 at 6PM. Plan to eat about 6:30. I hope to see you there. This year the club voted to include community support as part of the event. Instead of a usual gift exchange, club members are encouraged to bring nonperishable items that will be donated to our local food pantry. Bob and Charlie are on deck for the ever popular main course. The club will provide tableware and beverages. Club members bring a dish to pass. There will be a short meeting at the event.

During this season of giving, I'd also like to highlight our club's charitable donations that were discussed and voted on at the November meeting. Oregon Sno-Blazers continue to invest time, talent and dollars to the communities they ride in. Snowmobilers tend to be a very hearty group of individuals, but once again our club demonstrated their hearts are bigger than the snowfalls they seek. Feel free to refer to meeting minutes if you are interested in more details about our club charitable contributions.

Looking forward to seeing you on the trails!

Thank a Landowner – Think Snow!

Lori Clark

President, Oregon Sno-Blazers

Upcoming Club Events:

- Christmas Party: December 15, 2018 @ 6PM– Location: Barry's Shed – 1757 S. Fish Hatchery Rd.
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing: December

2018-2019 Season Reminders:

- Easter Seals: February 2, 2019
- Get your Trail Pass for the 2018-2019 Season
- Scavenger Hunt begins December 15, 2018 – Get your book at the Christmas Party!

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Oregon Sno-Blazers Meeting Minutes at Mulligans 11/15/2018 at 7:30 pm

Number of Club Members in Attendance: 20

Secretary's Report (Deb Clark): Beginning in November and going forward meeting minutes will be sent along with the monthly newsletter. Please read/review before the meeting as they will no longer be read during the meeting. Ok'd and accepted.

Treasurer's report (Steve Clark) was read and approved.

Dane County Council Report (Brad Clark):

- Blue Mounds State Park – An open House is coming up and we NEED 1000+ comments from Dane during the next survey. – Watch for an email with the link.
- AWSC is looking to increase member dues by \$2.00 which is due to increased office staff load due to the Trail Pass institution.
- Next year will be the AWCS's 50th year anniversary.
- The AWSC has been talking about scholarship donations at the Fall Workshop. The Dane County Council took a vote and passed to donate \$750.00.
- Thus far 53,100 club member Trail Passes were sold, 63,000 (\$30) non-member passes were sold and 21,634 out of state (\$50) passes were sold.
- Maps for Dane County will be out in January.
- Hospitality Room is being planned for the 2020 Convention in Middleton at the Marriott.
- Belleville is looking to purchase a snow-ambulance – we might want to consider donating.
- Next year's Fall Workshop will include a Snowmobile Safety Trainer course. New Trainers are welcome!

Trail Report (Brad Clark):

- The majority of our trails are looking good. Eric's section still needs to get started.

Old Business:

- Truck & Tractor Pull
 - Each club made \$4,000.00 after expenses.
 - Looking to donate dirt to the village rather than donating money.
 - Unable to confirm if extra efforts like the Oregon & Evansville parades helped increase attendance due to rain delays and cancellations.
 - The club voted to do the Labor Day Truck & Tractor pull again next year (majority wins with 13-yes votes to 4-no votes)
- Groomer
 - Groomer crew got together on Sunday, November 11th to work on a few things at Arlen Christensen's to get the groomer ready for the season.
 - Total paid to Track Inc. was \$8,502.71 to fix the groomer & \$250 for a starter.
 - We also had additional cost for gas and a trailer tire from transporting the groomer to and from Rhinelander. More to come on cost.
- Scavenger Hunt
 - Will be starting on December 16th and available for purchase at the Club's Christmas Party.

- 600 books printed.
- Holiday Donations from the Sno-Blazers – up to \$1,000.00 in donations was approved.
 - Host a Family \$50.00/person
 - Oregon Fire Department \$250.00
 - Oregon EMS \$250.00
 - Oregon Food Pantry (amount TBD after all other donations are completed)
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing
 - Link to the sign-up sheet is on November's newsletter
 - Bell ringing locations in Oregon are at Bill's and Walgreens
 - 1 hour time slots are available.
 - If you sign-up, please take pictures of your bell ringing in action and send them to Steve Clark or Deb Clark to add to the club's Facebook page.
- Easter Seals:
 - Sponsorship - club voted no to doing a sponsorship
 - There will be a live auction, bucket raffles, pull tabs & paddle raffles.
 - Clubs in the quadrant are being asked to bring desserts for the dinner.
 - The club approved a \$100.00 donation.
- Christmas Party
 - December 15, 2018 at Barry's shed. Party starts at 6:00 pm and eating at 6:30 pm
 - Club members should bring a dish to pass.
 - The club decided that we would not have a gift exchange this year and in its place, everyone is encouraged to bring a nonperishable food item to donate to the Oregon Food Pantry.

New Business:

- A thank you note was sent to Jeff Bermann for his donation of \$100.00 to the club.
- Thank you to Arlen Christensen for donating last year's fuel for the groomer and also for the use of his shop to work on the groomer.

Other New Business:

- Dollar Drawing Winner: Dan Clark for a total of \$19.00

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Deb Clark