

# ***SNOBLAZERS NEWSLETTER***

## ***Club Meeting Date:***

***Tuesday, November 1, 2011***

### ***Club Officers***

- President – John Pooler
- Vice President – Doug Johnson
- Treasurer – Jack Schuster
- Secretary – Mona Schuster

### ***Board Members***

- Andy Anderson
- Tom Biehl
- Marie Jorland
- Chris McGraw
- Paul Ommen
- Kim Osmonson
- Steve Shoop

**Club meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month (October - April) at Lord Fletcher's at 7:00pm**



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- *Introductions: (Hello to new members, and welcome back current members). We had 51 attendees at the meeting.*

### **Old Business**

- Adopt a Highway; Poor results, 7 people attended (Food bill was cheap). If we do not promote and attend this, we will have to give up our sponsorship.
- BRP \$1 million to clubs (Sept 1<sup>st</sup> through November 15<sup>th</sup>). BRP Open House was held on October 29<sup>th</sup> (another one will be held on November 19 for Yamaha). Good showing by Eden Prairie Club. Chris McGraw signed up one new member. The Club will receive its check for \$280.
- Business Cards have been ordered and received.
- Recap of our first meeting at Fletcher's (details provided by Mona):
  1. We had 51 attendees.
  2. Food/beverage sales were around \$900 – great job members!
  3. I confirmed the room should be open and ready at 6pm for members to eat/drink prior to the meeting.
  4. They will have two wait staff for a portion of the time to help with beverage/food requests
  5. I confirmed again...the room should be setup for 50-55 people prior to 6pm.
  6. The 'Pub' menu and 'Main Dining Room' menus will both be available at the next meeting. Ask for them if you don't see them.
  7. Because the 'Pub' is closed for renovation through mid-December (possibly through the beginning of January) they will not have a food 'special' available during this timeframe.

### **Treasurer Report**

- See attached results.

## **New Business**

- Brochure holders: Thanks to Tracy Biehl for the new brochures. If you need brochures for your brochure holders, please contact Tracy on her cell: 952.994.0082. We need to make sure brochures are delivered to the various locations...they are:
  - St. Boni Motor Sports, JetBoyz, and Minnetonka Motor Sports (Chris McGraw)
  - Tri-K Sports (Kim Osmonson)
  - Ox Yoke (Steve Shoop)
  - All Power Sports in Victoria (John Pooler)
  - Fletcher's (Jeff Cordes)
  - Lund's and Jubilee (Doug Johnson)
  - Region 8 update:
    - General membership meeting: New officers were elected. Mark Steinmueller is the new MnUSA president, Gayle Quistgard - VP, Mark Kananaugh - Treasurer, Janet Widness - Secretary.
    - Trail marking seminar: I learned about new ideas for signage and the need for sign plans for trails.
    - Grooming seminar: The important take away from this was to think about making the trail as a road for the groomer to pass through. Not so much a trail for snowmobiles but a road for the groomer.
    - Club membership growth and retention seminar: The two key things I learned was that to grow and keep members a club needs to communicate through effective means, and that a food offering is a great way to get people to events and meetings.
    - The Banquet [Sat.](#) night was very good and full of nice door prizes.
    - Board of Directors meeting: Many legislative action items were voted on and passed. This included the future combined registration & trail pass. The cost will remain the same for residents and the non-resident will increase from \$15 to \$35.
- SW trails update - Kurt Silton: No meeting in October – next meeting is November.
- Wearable Update: Updated logo and new wearables are now available. Please see Chris McGraw if you're interested in purchasing an item.
- Survey results—More snowmobile talk (Your club, your meeting)
- Guest Speakers: Need volunteers to find and/or suggest a speaker. No offered to take on this responsibility – as a result, we will have no guest speakers.
- Workshops: It was suggested at the Board Meeting to organize various workshops for club members to attend – any relevant subject can be addressed. Jack Schuster offered his manufacturing facilities warehouse in Minnetonka but members indicated it was too far. Jeff Cordes offered his place in Mound. Overall, club members were not interested in having workshops.
- Tom Biehl mentioned, at the November meeting, he is participating in a Prostate Cancer awareness fundraiser during the month of November. Tom will be spreading the word to raise awareness in men about the importance to get annual check-ups to prevent prostate cancer. This started by Tom shaving his mustache (his mo) as a billboard, which he'll grow back in [November](#). If you'd like to help Tom with a donation, please follow the link <http://mobro.co/TomBiehl>. The tax deductible contributions will be going to the November Prostate Cancer Foundation and Livestrong.

## **Club Rides**

- Club Rides: Our recent survey indicated we need more organization on the Club Rides. Those responsible for organizing each ride should designate leaders for fast, medium, and slow groups. This information should be communicated to all members so they know who to look for prior to the start of each ride. Club Ride meeting dates and times (breakfast, lunch, dinner, happy hour, etc.) should be communicated to all members prior to the ride so members know where and when

to meet for the various events. If one person is organizing a Club Ride, they can ask for assistance with communicating the exact details.

- Jack Schuster: Pink Ribbon Ride is set for January 6 and 7, 2012 in Grand Rapids. Please refer to the flyer handed out at the November meeting. If you're interested in participating, please contact Jack. The Club voted and passed motions for donating \$25/participant, a Snoblazer Mock-T and a Vest. The requested \$500 table sponsorship was not approved.
- Jeff Cordes: Will organize a trip to the Morton, MN area. Details will be presented at the December meeting.
- Mark Locken: Will organize the 'annual' club trip for the weekend of February 10/11/12, 2012. Mark your calendars now. Details will be presented at the December meeting.
- It was suggested we plan a couple Club Rides around the Martin Luther King Day (January 14/15/16, 2012) and President's Day (February 18/19/20, 2012) for long weekend rides. Any club member can setup/organize a ride – communicate this to John Pooler.

### **Upcoming Events**

- **Trail Marking (November 19, 2011):** Kelly Winger and Jeff Cordes. A sign-up sheet was passed around (unfortunately it can't be located), so please email Mona Schuster at [ramonaschuster@mchsi.com](mailto:ramonaschuster@mchsi.com) if you signed up. Mona will forward the list to Kelly and Jeff.
- **Holiday Party (December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm).** The Holiday Party for, paid members, is set for Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the Yacht Club. The room charge is \$200 again this year. **If you have the holiday paper supplies from the party last year, please contact Marie or Tracy at the email below.** A sign-up sheet was passed around for the 'potluck' portion of this event. If you did not sign-up, please contact Marie Jorland at [mjorland@frontiernet.net](mailto:mjorland@frontiernet.net) or Tracy Biehl at [tbiehl@usfamily.net](mailto:tbiehl@usfamily.net). JetBoyz has donated a jacket to the Club (John Pooler held the jacket up at the November meeting). This jacket will be raffled at the Holiday Party. Please remember to bring your 'potluck' item, Foodshelf Donation, White Elephant Gift, Toys for Tots and BYOB. Committee members are: Tracy Biehl, Marie Jorland, Sharon Holden, and Pat Scherber.
- **Waconia Vintage Show (January 27, 28 and 29, 2012).** Mike Schulz is the contact person. This is our largest fundraiser of the year. Friday, January 27 at 8am is the tougher day and a large number of people are required to setup. Saturday will have split shifts starting at 6:30am (18 volunteers are needed). Volunteers are fed the day of volunteering. A sign-up sheet was passed around at the November meeting. If you were absent, please contact Mike Schulz at [mschulz@unitedhardware.com](mailto:mschulz@unitedhardware.com)
- **MnUSA Winter Rendezvous: February 9-12, 2012** in Fairmont, MN
- **Adopt a Highway: April 3, 2012**
- **Al and Alma's Cruise: Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-10:00pm.** A deposit check has been provided to Al and Alma's. Steve Shoop is the coordinator and will forward details as the date approaches.

### **Items to Note:**

- Board Meeting: November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Mound Legion.
- Safety training needed if born after 1976

Remember to stay within your personal riding experience and alcohol consumption limits