

# Near North Trail Riders News

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**Next meeting: May 12th 9:00 AM Athelstane  
Town Hall County Road A & C  
Open House at the club shed on Eagle River  
Road on June 2, 2018 from 10:00-5:00**



## **Closing of the trails**

As of Monday March 19<sup>th</sup> the county has closed all the trails for ATV's, UTV's and any other motor vehicles until further notice. The county does this each year for the spring break up period. The county will once again open them when all of the frost is out of the ground and the trails have dried up. Even though we got the big snow storm on April 15<sup>th</sup> the trails remain closed.

## **Open House June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

At the May meeting the committee for the open house will be asking for any kind of donation from club members for baked items to be sold and also any other type of donation for the raffles. Also people will be needed to get the shed and grounds all ready for this club event. A work day will be scheduled and I will inform members of that date in the May newsletter. The committee wants to make this a successful event for the club.

## **Member Attendance Drawing**

Our President picked just one number and the lucky winner at the meeting received a check in the amount of \$13.00.

## **Equipment and Trail Report**

The tracks will be removed today and the tires replaced for summer grading of the trails. Anyone who would like to help with that was asked to go to the clubs shed on Eagle River road after the meeting. Thanks to all the club members who helped to get the job done.

## **Alliance Meeting & Annual Meeting of the Marinette parks and recreation**

Our Vice President attended that meeting on March 26<sup>th</sup>. The general discussion was mostly for projects that the area clubs would want to do. They can hire anyone they would like to complete the work. If the project is between five and twenty-five thousand, two quotes will be required. If the project is greater than twenty-five thousand then the project must go out on

bids.

One of our club reps attended the alliance meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup> and reported on the spring convention when all the officers for the AWSC were re-elected. Four scholarships were awarded. It was also reported that there were 14 snowmobile related fatalities this past winter season. Law enforcement logged 207 hours for traffic on the trails with 25 citations being handed out. The AWSC is getting ready to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary to be celebrated in Green Bay at the Radisson.

### **Election of 2 officers and 2 board members**

Ballots were sent in from club members and since no one was running against the 2 officers and the 2 board members at Saturdays meeting our President asked for a unanimous vote from the members in attendance. These positions are for a two year term.

### **Spring Banquet**

The banquet was held on the evening of April 14<sup>th</sup> at the Nimrod Inn in Athelstane. Due to the April snowstorm only 4 landowners and one honorary member with 15 club members attended. A sit down family style dinner of chicken and all the fixings was served and a delicious dessert too. The clubs honorary member stated that the club will have its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary coming up in December of 2019. The club was established in December of 1969. At that time there really were no trails like we have today, the trails that the club did have were groomed with an old snowmobile and a bed spring. A far cry from what the club owns and uses to groom the trails today. At the banquet it was also acknowledged that our current Groomer Boss is retiring after 18 or 19 years as the groomer boss. Before that he also was the trail boss. He received a jacket with his name on the front and the clubs logo on the front and back of the jacket.

Well that's it once again for this month and I don't know about you but I think Old Man Winter and Mother Nature forgot to turn the pages of their calendars to spring. Here in the Athelstane area since Easter Sunday we have had two big snowfalls with at least 8 to 10 inches each and now this historical April snow fall. At least that is what the weather guys are calling it. Of course this is the kind of snow storms that came when I was a kid. Of course I'm not going to tell you how old I am!! There is more snow on the ground now than we had in January and February. My poor tulips and daffodils are under the snow once again. And the poor robins are all huddled up wondering what the heck is going on and should we maybe head back south? My dad always used to say the robin had to get 3 snowfalls on its tail before spring was here, but this much?? Can spring be far behind?? As for me I can't wait to complain about the hot summer days.











