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NEAR NORTH TRAIL RIDERS

ATHELSTANE, WI

Meetings are held at Athelstane Town Hall County Rd AC, Athelstane, WI
Meeting: March 14, 2020 9:00 Athelstane Town Hall
April 18th 2020 9:00 Athelstane Town Hall
Spring Banquet: April 18th @ Woods Dinning & Spirits
Cocktails @ 5:00 Dinner @ 6:00

TRAIL CLOSURE

THE TRAIL THROUGH THE ATHELSTANE SWAMP IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
WARNING

NO OFF TRAIL RIDING ALLOWED AS THIS COULD COUSE LANDOWNERS TO CLOSE THE TRAILS ON THEIR PROPERTY. IF YOU SOULD SEE SOMEONE DOING THIS PLEASE REMIND THEM TO STAY ON THE TRAILS OR JUST STAY HOME.

Member Attendance Drawing

There was one number drawn at Saturdays meeting for a lucky winner who was Janice DuChateau being the 17th person to attend January's meeting. She received a check in the amount of \$21.00 the number of people who attended the January meeting.

Trails, Shed & Equipment Report

At Saturdays meeting Groomer Boss Justin Hirschmann reported that the tractor is in the shop for an oil leak in the rear main seal. The sur-trac groomer will need to have the air cooler replaced and most of these repairs are covered under the warranty. He also reported new blades were ordered and received and now those will be installed on the drag for the sur-trac groomer. The snowmobile trails are still being groomed on a weekly schedule.

Marinette County Alliance Report

Vice President and club rep Kelly Barnes attended the Alliance meeting on February 3rd. He reported that TMS a snowmobile & ATV parts company did a study nationwide on the top 25

places to ride and Marinette County made the list. It was also stressed that people should check the weekly trails reports for trail conditions that the area clubs submit each Tuesday morning as trail conditions can change. Clubs all over the state are having similar problems with wet areas and standing water. It has been noted that The Iron Snowshoe club has been posting on their web site that when temperatures are above 32 degrees ATV's & UTV's are not allowed on their trails. This is just a suggestion as it is completely unenforceable as this is not a state wide or county ordinance. A report from the recreational officer who was there noted that there has been a decrease of sleds from Monday to Thursday on the trails this year.

Over-Night Club Ride on January 24rd to the 26th

Nine sled participated on the ride to Land-O-Lakes. It was reported that a good time was had by all and I would bet another ride will be planned next year.

Annual Meat Raffle

I want to thank club business owner Dennis Tomko who hosted the annual clubs meat raffle at his place of business on January 11th. Also to the clubs members who donated items & buckets for the many bucket raffles. It was reported at Saturday's meeting that once again there was a very nice profit gained from this event. All money from this club event and others goes to maintain the trails in the winter and summer month for everyone's enjoyment. Also on that day Team Winnebago Land presented the club with a \$500.00 check to thank the club for all its work in maintaining the trails for everyone's riding enjoyment. This business did this for our club as well as the other area clubs.

March Meeting

At the March meeting President Lonnie Swaney will be taking nominations for two officers and two board members. Those positions coming up are President, Secretary, Trail Boss and one Director. If you would like to nominate someone for those position be sure to attend the meeting.

Well that is about it from me for this month. Its February and that old sun is getting higher in the sky and trail conditions can change but today as I write your letter Mother Nature is being kind to us and today we are to get 3 to 6 inches of snow however be sure to check out those trail reports as conditions can change rapidly at this time of year. But then again February and March have been known to produce big snow storms. Nominations coming up at the March meeting and April will bring the election results as well as the Spring Banquet that is held for the clubs landowners. Lots of information to watch for in your March newsletter. And please take note of the two items in bold print at the beginning of your newsletter this month.

One last thing

The only thing wrong with doing nothing is that you never know when you're finished.

And

An apple a day keeps the doctor away. Assuming you have a good enough arm!!!

