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# NEAR NORTH TRAIL RIDERS

## ATHELSTANE, WI

Meetings are held at Athelstane Town Hall County Rd AC, Athelstane, WI  
1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of New Fiscal Year: July 18, 2020 9:00 AM  
Meetings: August 8, 2020 - 9:00 AM September 12, 2020-9:00 AM  
ATV Trail Fund Event: August 1<sup>st</sup> 11:00 – 4:00 Northwood's Bar  
Corner of Northway Drive & Benson Lake Road

**Note:** Those of you who normally receive your newsletter by e-mail are receiving a letter this month with your new membership form to be sent back for the new fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. Next month you will again receive your letter by e-mail. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **New Scheduled Meeting**

A change will be made to the protocols to reflect this new meeting. In the past we have not held a meeting in July due to the Athelstane Fire Departments parade and picnic on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of July. From now on and each year a meeting will now be held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in July. The first event for the new fiscal year is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in August being the ATV Trail Fund raiser event to benefit the trail system. With no meeting in July members were not able to get information and to volunteer their help for this event.

### **Open House June 6<sup>th</sup>**

The open house was a huge success this year. Lot of people attended to purchase those good brats and hamburgers. And buy tickets for the many bucket raffles. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make this a successful event for the club and also to benefit the trails.

### **Member Attendance Drawing**

This month only one number was drawn from the coffee can for a winner. President Lonnie Swaney picked the number 5 and that number belonged to Dave Polzin. He would have received a check in the amount of \$20.00 but he declined and said the club should just keep the money. Thank you Dave.

### **Marinette Alliance Report**

Vice President Kelly Barnes who is the club rep for the alliance asked for a moment of silence in memory of Hilbert (slug) Radke president of the Alliance who recently passed away. He then

reported that no meetings were held this early spring due to the Covid-19 pandemic. However he did say that the first map meeting will be held on July 29<sup>th</sup> for the new 2020-2021 trail map.

### **Trail, Equipment and Shed Report**

All equipment in good working order and the trails are being groomed on a regular schedule. The fuel pump on the fuel tank will have to be replaced in the near future. President Lonnie Swaney reported that the supplemental for maintaining the trails will be paid out at 100% this year. Also from May 1<sup>st</sup> to December 14<sup>th</sup> all motorized vehicles that are licensed are allowed on the trails this also includes motorcycles.

### **Election Results**

President, Lonnie Swaney received 40 votes. Secretary, Sandy DuChateau received 40 votes, Trail Boss, Dennis Hermes received 30 votes, and Todd Saddler received 10 votes, Director, Melissa Opicka received 35 votes and write-in Kathy Collins received 5 votes.

### **Trail Boss**

At Saturdays meeting the former Trail Boss Gary DuChateau who has now retired was given a jacket with his name and the new clubs logo on it in appreciation for all the many years and hours he put in working out on the trails. He worked hand in hand with his brother Marlin who retired after many years as the clubs groomer boss a few years ago. Congratulations and enjoy your retirement.

### **Membership Form for 2020-2021**

Enclosed in this letter you will find your new membership form for the new fiscal year beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 –June 30<sup>th</sup> 2021. Please return your membership form and dues as soon as you are able that way Treasurer Tina Barnes can get your information to the AWSC and the AWATV or both. For those members who also join the club as snowmobile members and also members of the AWSC you will get your new membership card in the mail and you will be able to get your new trail pass for the coming snowmobile season. **Note: There is one thing I need from all of you. On the form there is a place for your phone number. Will you please include that on this year's membership form? Reason being when the Spring Banquet had to be canceled and I had to call everyone and without a phone number on your membership form you could not be reach and I was just hoping people would know that the banquet was canceled due to the Covid-19 pandemic so thank you for your cooperation in including your phone number on your membership form.**

### **Clubs Landowners**

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the Spring Banquet that could not be held to invite the clubs landowners. The club will be sending each landowner a gift certificate to be redeemed at one of the clubs business owners. Hopefully our world will be back to normal and we can once again hold the spring banquet next year.

Well that's it from me this month. No room for anything more from me except to thank everyone for your vote for me to continue as your secretary guess you like what I do or you like all the nonsense I usually end with your letter each month. And don't forget that now we are going to add a meeting each year on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in July. Until next month that's it for now.

