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# NEAR NORTH TRAIL RIDERS

## ATHELSTANE, WI

Meetings are held at Athelstane Town Hall County Rd A&C  
2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month except July the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday  
Meetings: December 11, 2021 9:00 AM  
Work Day: December 11<sup>th</sup> right after meeting @ club shed. Install  
tracks on tractor for winter trail grooming

### Work Day

Groomer Boss Justin Hirschmann and Trail Boss Dennis Hermes has scheduled a work day on December 11<sup>th</sup> right after the December meeting to get the tracks installed on the tractor for trail grooming for the winter months. If anyone is available to help please go to the shed on Eagle River Road. The club will provide lunch.

### Member Attendance Drawing

President Lonnie Swaney picked two numbers for a winner at this month's meeting. The first number 14, Karl Allen he was not in attendance for Saturday's meeting. The second number that Lonnie picked was 20 that number belonged to the Groomer Boss Justin Hirschmann. Justin donated the money back to the club although he would have won \$22.00 Thank you Justin.

### 50 Years

The AWSC has presented the club a certificate of resignation of its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. AWSC rep Andy Malecki presented the club with the certificate and he also said he has received the president's award for his many years of service to the AWSC.

### Equipment and Trail & Shed Report

Trail Boss Dennis reported that he has still been getting out at least once a week grading trails but that will soon end with the tracks being installed on the tractor. Then trail grooming will start when there is enough snow on the trails and of course we are all crossing our fingers and hoping for a snowy winter. At the meeting Justin reported that there is a problem occurring

within the shed with moister and mold. Most likely from no moister barrier put down before the cement floor was poured when the shed was built. Justin has gotten information that if a two foot trench could be dug all around the foundation and insulated with Styrofoam this would help with moister within the building. Members at Saturday's meeting unanimously voted to have this done. Justin also reported that there is a backlog on the overhead doors being replaced and this may not be done until spring. A thank you letter will be sent out to Travis Stibbs who has donated and installed two new service doors. And also to Jim Eland who has donated a large propane tank which will enable the club to order more propane to heat the shed. And to Glenn Joski. Glen loaned the club the use of the backhoe from his business Advance Construction in Green for the trail work and improvements done last month.

### **Marinette County Alliance & Map Report also rescue squad concerns**

Club rep Vice President Kelly Barnes reported that the final proof has been done on the 2021-2022 snowmobile and ATV trail map with planned distribution in December. Kelly also sits on the board of directors for the Silver Cliff Rescue Squad. At Saturdays meeting Kelly stressed the importance of volunteers needed for the squad that services the Silver Cliff and Athelstane areas. The board of directors has put out a call of action for volunteers to maintain the squad. For more information please can Anna Wender @ 715-757-2575 or Joanne Sisler @ 715-927-6231 and also Kelly @715-927-6030. Kelly also added that the squad will pay expenses for those taking the class.

### **Gift Cards**

As in past years the club will once again be sending gift cards out to the clubs landowners. A Christmas Gift thanking them for allowing the club to access their property for the trail system. And every spring the club has a banquet to invite the landowners to attend so the club can recognize and thank them once again.

Well that's it again from me for another month and a busy month coming up. Deer hunting starts this coming Saturday and hunters are hoping for a tracking snow to find that big buck. The first snowfall of the season came to Athestane this past Saturday night into Sunday morning. Not much to brag about but the ground was white and the trees were pretty. And of course Thanksgiving will be in two weeks when family and friends get together to stuff themselves with all that good food and diets are forgotten for a day. We can always go back to diets the next day!!! And with all the black Friday sales coming up Christmas shopping starts if you have not started already. And I am sure your Christmas list will include a winter of lots of snow to get that snowmobile out of storage for the winter and to get out there and enjoy winter. As for me I will just stay in the house and count snowflakes as they past my window LOL. Now as I end your letter for this month the Officers and the Board are wishing all the landowners and their families, all members and their families this Thanksgiving Wish.

*May your heart be filled with gladness and your home be filled with joy. Wishing you and those dear to you. A Thanksgiving Day filled with peace love and happiness.*

