

Tombstone Pickerel Sno-Club, Inc.  
September 8, 2025  
Meeting Minutes – Approved

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. at Ainsworth Town Hall.

Members present: Pete Goepfert, Marg Van Rossum, Kay Bliefernicht, Marty Birschbach, Ron Buchinger, Rick Galle, Jeff Keen, Brian King, Gary Larson, Rodney Robenhorst, Joel Thibideau, Ginny Vick.

Not present: Patti Vogt (excused), Eric Welhouse (unexcused)

Guests: John Durnberger, Steve and Lisa Schultz

April minutes: The laptop Kay uses for club work got a virus over the summer and needed to be wiped clean. Almost everything had been saved to the flash drive except the April minutes. She recreated what she could from written notes from that meeting. Those abbreviated minutes were reviewed. The treasurer's report will be added. Marty moved to approve the minutes, 2nd by Ron. Motion carried.

### Reports

AWSC: Cal Schmidt/Bob Erdman – Pete gave information about the AWSC conference at the end of October. Let him know if you are interested. Brian reported that the summer AWSC meeting will be July 24-26, 2026 at Mole Lake. They need updated pit stop information for the maps. The only one in question is Two Lakes (previously Schuh's). Ginny will investigate and get the info to Brian.

Langlade County: Marty Birschbach – No report

Forest County: Cal Schmidt/Brian King: \$63,000 was submitted to the state after trail clean up, \$30,000 was received. They are looking into grants for bridge repair and maintenance.

President: Pete Goepfert

- Snowmobile safety class will be co-taught by Pete and Patti. Dates are Dec. 5-6, time and place TBD.

- Mackinac Bridge ride is December 12-14. Pete will reserve a block of rooms in St. Ignace
- All Things Snowmobile Rummage Sale - October 18, 8:00 to noon at the groomer barn on DD. People will manage their own sales. They are encouraged to bring their own table, however some can be provided. No cost to sell. There will also be a bake sale. Proceeds from that will go to the club.
- Sign with contributors for new groomer barn: Pete will compile a list with input from others. TJ's Custom Signs was recommended to do the work.
- Caliber Snow Club Program: Caliber offers 50% off products for group orders submitted by the end of November. Orders and payment should be sent to the club so one check/order form can be submitted to the company. The items will be delivered to the club and disbursed from there. There was a question about sales tax. Pete will look into it. Orders should be received from club members by Nov. 15.

Vice President: Patti Vogt

- Website: Patti recommends that we enlist the services of the same person out of Wausau who does the website for Wolf River Riders. Rick moved that we look into this, 2nd by Jeff. Motion carried.

Secretary: Kay Bliefert

- Newsletter was sent in August
- A thank you note was received from the Pickerel Flames for use of the groomer barn for their pizza distribution. Kay will write a note of thanks to the family of Nick Sterr for their generous memorial donation in his name. Nick was a friend of Ginny's son, Mason.
- Bereavement policy: The officers have determined the following for a bereavement policy: Current or past board member, their spouse or child: gift certificate to a landscaping company up to \$100; parent of current or past board member: \$25 memorial.

Treasurer: Marg Van Rossum

Starting Balance – Checking:	\$77,902.76
Total Deposits:	\$ 2,149.03

Total Expenses:	\$ 6,655.14
Ending Balance – Checking	\$73,396.65
Savings Account Balance	\$86,657.10

Membership: Marg Van Rossum – 191 members have renewed, there are 5 new members. 125 primary members and 5 secondary members have not renewed.

Trail Boss/Trail Maintenance: Marty Birschbach

- Brushing was completed this past week. Trails are ready.
- Disappointed with low turn-out for trail clean up.
- More weekend groomers are needed.
- In general, more help is needed with trail maintenance at all times of the year.
- Marty will purchase a mini-chain saw for club use.

Building/Tractor Maintenance: Marty Birschbach

- The current lawn mower will be moved to the new groomer barn.
- The transmission on one of the tractors needed to be reprogrammed (not replaced), so the cost was a lot cheaper.

PPBA: Kay Bliefernicht

- New signs for the trail across the lake were discussed. Members were adamant that any establishment listed on the sign must be a paying TPSC pitstop. This is good for the club, as those pitstops take that role seriously.
- It was strongly requested that the club NOT sell raffle tickets from the parade units as it held up the pace of the parade considerably. The board agreed that we should go back to selling them along the route. Also, for liability/safety considerations, candy should be thrown away from the vehicles. Children should not be encouraged to come toward the vehicles for their candy.

### Old Business

- Open house with county at new barn: It was agreed that it's too late in the season to plan anything for this fall. This will be pursued again in the spring.

### New Business

- Trail Boss as an officer: Because this position is critical to the success of the club, it was felt that it should be considered an officer. Marg so moved, 2nd by Rodney. Motion carried. The trail boss will oversee the work, not necessarily do it all. It's a big job and we need to prevent burn out. This will be made official when the bylaws are reviewed and revised.
- VP assistant: Due to increased responsibilities at work, Patti has asked for help in carrying out some of her duties. Instead of naming one person as "assistant VP", it was decided that the board should step up and help out. This would just be for the 25-26 season.
- Bylaws review: The bylaws have not had a complete review in a number of years. Pete, Kay, Marg, and Ginny will complete the review and bring it back to the board for approval.
- Future of current clubhouse: The current clubhouse needs renovation in order to be comfortable for use. It was decided that the board will use Ainsworth Town Hall for meetings until we can return to the clubhouse. The renovation committee will be: Pete, Rodney, Ron, Joel, and Al Van Rossum. Pete will contact other members outside the board who may be interested.
- New Pit Stop Manager: Marg will email an intro letter to the board and it will be the pit stop reps' responsibility to deliver it. She will get more information on commercial memberships from AWSC and bring that information to the October meeting. She will also order the 2026 tags for the pit stop plaques. Patti will pick them up when complete. No decision was made on a new manager. This will return to the agenda in October.
- Landowner Contract: It was agreed that there is no need at this time for a written contract, but there must be a verbal agreement with documentation. Rodney, Joel, and Ginny volunteered for something, but I can't for the life of me figure out what it is.
- Raffle item for 25-26: After much discussion, Marty moved that the 25-26 club raffle be for cash, in order to attract a wide scope of buyers. 2nd by Rodney, motion carried. Tickets will be \$10 each and the payout is as follows: 1@\$2500, 1@\$1000, 1@\$500, 7@\$100, and 5 gift certificates for pit stops.

- Event for Mason Vick on Sept. 27 (Ginny): The final day of the event is Saturday, September 27, at Northwoods. There will be music, basket raffles, games for the kids, and lots more. Proceeds from the event will go toward memorials for Mason Vick and Bobby Birschbach. Anyone who is willing and able to help with the event would be welcome.
- Board name tags: Marg asked if we should continue spending money for name tags when no one wears them. It was agreed that these are not necessary.
- Groomer caps: Pete will contact a source that he has in Monroe.
- Task list: Board members must be engaged in the month-to-month workings of the club. The task list was updated to reflect this responsibility.
- TPSC promo items. e.g. Koozies, coasters, event cards: Tabled until next meeting.
- Lawn maintenance cost: The job turned out to be larger than the current person anticipated, so he raised his rate to \$80/mow. Marg moved that we look for a new lawn service, 2nd by Jeff. Motion carried.
- Fan in new groomer barn: Tabled until next meeting
- TPSC promo items. e.g. Koozies, coasters, event cards: Tabled until next meeting

#### Around the Table

- It is agreed that member engagement is lacking and should be encouraged. It was suggested that our general meeting in March be moved to a Saturday morning so more members can attend. This will be revisited at a later meeting.
- A resident of W. Rolling Stone asked if we could brush in that area, for a fee. It was decided that this could be a slippery slope with

liability and more requests. It was agreed that the answer to this is “no”.

- The Vintage Committee will meet and report back next month. There is a possible new member not on the board.

Adjourn: Marty moved to adjourn, 2nd by Brian. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m. **The next meeting will be on Monday, October 13, at 5:00 p.m. at Ainsworth Town Hall.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Kay Bliefernicht, TPSC Secretary