

Tombstone Pickerel Sno-Club, Inc.  
November 10, 2025 Minutes-DRAFT

Call to Order: 5:00

Pledge of Allegiance/Recognition of veterans

Roll Call

- Present: Pete Goepfert, Patti Vogt (phone), Marg Van Rossum, Kay Bliefenicht, Marty Birschbach, Ron Buchinger, Rick Galle, Jeff Keen, Brian King, Rodney Robenhorst, Joel Thibideau, Ginny Vick, Eric Welhouse (phone).
- Absent: Gary Larson (excused)
- Guests: Linda Keen, Dennis Giles, Jeff Petermann, Cal and Sue Schmidt

Review Agenda

Review of October 13 minutes: Joel moved to accept the minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick, motion carried.

Reports

- AWSC: Cal Schmidt/Bob Erdman -- Report from fall workshop: There is currently legislation in process for fee increases. They are also working on better enforcement of trespassing laws. If an owner doesn't press charges, there's nothing a club can do. This could be addressed through easements. Miss Snowflake was elected. Patti has contacted her about being at our events.
- Langlade County: Marty Birschbach – Trail maps are going to stay the way they are printed, as no other club in the county has a problem with them. Intersection map is correct, but it doesn't include pitstops. The pitstops on the big map are correct. TPSC still does not agree with this outcome, but the only choice would be to reprint them at our expense, which is out of our capability at this time. An informal vote was taken and it was decided use them until they run out. Ideas: Place a sticker on maps/map boxes that says maps are off scale, or put signs at main areas stating this. Anything further is out of our hands. There was no further discussion about any corrective action.

- Forest County: Cal Schmidt/Brian King: Cal is working on Snowmobile Friendly Community paperwork. Forest County is looking at eliminating their visitor info booklet due to budget constraints. A couple bridges will be fixed in December. They will be looking at map updates. AWSC raffle calendars are available.
- President: Pete Goepfert
  - ❖ Rummage Sale: It was deemed a success. There was a nice number of vendors, sales were good. The club made \$168 on the bake sale, so many thanks to those who contributed. It would be nice to make it an annual event so people can plan on it.
  - ❖ AWSC Convention: They are pushing for increases in fees for membership, trail passes, and AWSC. Trail maintenance reporting in general has not been accurate. They are trying to get a handle on that to hopefully control fees. Clubs need to be better educated on how to report accurately.
  - ❖ Caliber Snow Club Program: Pete could not get a response from the company regarding questions, so it's a no go for now. We'll try again next year.
- Vice President: Patti Vogt
  - ❖ Website update: Scott from Wausau is willing to help with the website for \$550/year. Kay moved to contract with Scott to redesign/maintain our website at \$50/hr or \$550/year, 2nd by Rick. Conversion from old to new needs to be set up so that access for membership renewal is instantaneous. We will take stock next year to see how it went and if we should continue. Motion carried.
  - ❖ 2026 plaque stickers are on the workbench by the map boxes in the groomer barn.
  - ❖ Board member shirts update: \$12/short sleeve shirt with new logo. The vendor is also mocking up 2 different hats for \$15 with loop, \$16 no loop with "Groomer" on it. Both items will have the club logo. No decision was made on going forward with these items.

- ❖ Landowner mailings: 3000 raffle tickets are being printed, gift certificates are being proofed. Patti will have them up here the weekend of December 20<sup>th</sup>. Steve Schulz has questions about landowner contracts. Marty will contact.
- Secretary: Kay Bliefertnicht
  - ❖ Trunk or Treat update: 95 treats were handed out. The kids had fun getting their picture taken on the sled/cutter provided by Jeff and Linda Keen. It was a nice goodwill gesture to the community from the club, so this activity will be continued in the future.
  - ❖ Antigo/Langlade County Visitor's Guide: Paperwork has been dropped off for our ad.

- Treasurer: Marg Van Rossum

Starting balance—checking	\$68,614.82
Total deposits	\$ 9,097.69
Total expenses	\$ 1,907.02
Ending balance—checking	\$75,805.49
Savings account balance	\$86,739.51

Brian moved to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ron, motion carried

- Membership: Marg Van Rossum -- 249 AWSC, 12 secondary, 77 primary not renewed, 5 secondary not renewed, 8 new members.
- Trail Boss/Trail Maintenance: Marty Birschbach – Marty has been signing and cleaning trails. Eric, Al, and Pete will help finish up. New helpers need to be trained because a lot of people want to help, but don't know what to do. Marty announced that he will be done as Trail Boss after this season.
- Building/Tractor Maintenance: Marty Birschbach -- Marty will relinquish this responsibility to others. Has taken care of the auto fill for gas. The doors to office and bathrooms need to be closed due to heat loss.
- PPBA: Kay Bliefertnicht
  - ❖ Pit stop signs for the trail across the lake will be purchased and placed by the PPBA.

- ❖ Our membership dues for next year have been paid.

### Committee Reports

- Building: Have not met yet. An on-site meeting has been scheduled to make a list of priorities.
- Audit: Met and went through random transactions. Everything is good.
- Bylaws: Have started the process.

### Old Business

Nothing

### New Business

- Committees: List needs to be reviewed.
- We need a 5 year plan at some point to budgets for projects.
- Should access groomer show in St. Germain.

Around the Table Brian: Wondered where the map box is for Pickerel Point. Jeff: vintage show update - Trophies will be ordered, the cost for them will be under \$150. Ride the Mack update: 3 couples are going up (so far). Rooms are still available in TPSC block until Dec. 1. Marty: Concerned that certain trails get marked. Pete/Al/Rodney/Joel will take care of it. Jeff and Ray will do Post Lake signage. Workers are reminded to fill out work forms and get them to Dennis. Joel: Clarified details of events for advertising purposes. Patti: Safety class update - 8 students have registered for the event, which will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church in Pickerel on Dec 5/6. Pine Grove Pub will donate pizzas. Cal: Donated signs that can be used for safety class as well as his mom's vintage snowmobile suit with patches from original club. Eric: There are lots of 18-25 year olds coming up that should be accessed and encouraged to become involved in club activities. Will put on the next agenda. There will be a work day on Dec. 6, 9 a.m. clubhouse.

Adjourn Joel moved to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ginny. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:37.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kay Bliefert, TPSC Secretary