

Tombstone Pickerel Sno-Club, Inc.
December 8, 2025 Minutes - Draft

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

Roll Call

Members present: Pete Goepfert, Patti Vogt, Marg Van Rossum, Kay Bliefert, Marty Birschbach, Ron Buchinger, Rick Galle, Jeff Keen, Brian King, Rodney Robenhorst, Eric Welhouse (phone)

Members absent: Gary Larsoin (unex.), Joel Thibideau (ex), Ginny Vick (ex)

Guests present: Al Van Rossum, Jeff Petermann, Amy King, Dennis Giles

Review Agenda – Items were added from board members.

Review of November 10, 2025 minutes – New business items were struck as they were not on the original agenda Marg moved to approve as amended, 2nd by Ron, motion carried.

Reports

- AWSC: Cal Schmidt/Bob Erdman – Registration and trail passes will be increasing substantially once the legislature approves it. AWSC is funded only by trail passes and membership.
- Langlade County: Marty Birschbach -- TPSC needs to donate a basket for the county ride on January 31. Should we be looking into combining insurance with other groups?
- Forest County: Cal Schmidt/Brian King – ATV vs. snowmobile clubs working out their issues with the help of DNR and law enforcement. Maps should be out on 12/15. Some bridges are being repaired and may not be done until January.
- President: Pete Goepfert
 - ❖ Safety Class Recap: 14 students attended, all passed the test. Engagement from the kids was good. St. John's was a perfect location to have it. Thanks to Eric and Pine Grove Pub for the donation of pizzas.
 - ❖ Board members should be checking with their pitstops for gift certificates that have been turned in and raffle tickets that have been sold. Give to

any that are collected to Marg. Be sure to count the stubs and the money at the pitstops so you can be sure they match.

- ❖ Board members are reminded to put out map boxes. There are still some in the groomer barn. Some are waiting for Langlade County's to come out. The new maps are still problematic. We are not getting any response to our concerns.
- ❖ Groomer show Feb. 4/5: St. Germain. Pete would like to get a group together to attend the groomer show on Feb. 4/5 in St. Germain. It would be good to what's out there and see what's new.
- Vice President: Patti Vogt
 - ❖ Website update: The new one (tombstonepickerel.com) is live, and it looks great. Patti will look into a members-only section for minutes and agendas. Pictures can be submitted to Scott, the webmaster in Rhinelander
 - ❖ Volunteer vests: Fleece vests are available at 4 Imprint for \$28 each. This seems a bit expensive, so we will keep thinking about this.
 - ❖ Raffle tickets are in groomer barn on DD, sign out what you take, including the numbers on them.
 - ❖ Thanks to Marg for helping with landowner gift certs.
- Secretary: Kay Bliefernicht
 - ❖ The winter newsletter will be going out shortly after the new year. Get any items you want included to Kay.
- Treasurer: Marg Van Rossum

Starting Balance – Checking	\$75,615.49
Total Deposits	1,697.44
Total Expenses	4,433.28
Ending Balance – Checking	74,234.33
Savings Account Balance	86,774.80

 - ❖ Marg would like to have a system for dealing with income and expenses in the off season. She will look into options for a meeting later in the season to discuss this.

- Membership: Marg Van Rossum
 - ❖ Current numbers: 266 with AWSC membership, 6 new members for a total of 14 this year. 63 with AWSC membership have not renewed, as well as 3 secondary members.
 - ❖ Renewal reminder emails went out at the end of June and in October.
- Trail Boss/Trail Maintenance: Marty Birschbach
 - ❖ Quite a few people are expected to help at Saturday's trail clean up.
 - ❖ Marty would like to work with the new trail boss for a smooth transition. We need to start looking for a new one now. This person needs to have mechanical skills as some maintenance is required.
 - ❖ There is a speed limit sign on the trail by a property on DD to make a goodwill effort for the resident.
 - ❖ A new landowner on Lost Lake Rd. is offering his property for the trail.
- Building/Tractor Maintenance: Marty Birschbach
 - ❖ All maintenance is done.
 - ❖ AI will look for weather stripping for entry door on DD barn.
 - ❖ Adapters have been purchased for the saws that go in the cigarette lighters
- PPBA: No Report

Committees

- Building: The group did a walk-around of both buildings on DD. The groomer shed will be the focus. There is an extensive list of things that should be done. The next steps are to make a priority list and develop a budget.
- Bylaws: The group met once since the last meeting, and good progress was made. They will be meeting again before the next monthly meeting. They are rewriting the bylaws using the current document as a guide. Once adopted, the new document will supersede the old one.

Old Business

- Corrective action on trail maps: Repeated attempts at remediation of the issues have been futile. Pete has the name of someone at AWSC who may have some influence. Pete will make contact. Other clubs in the county are not happy, either. An alert to stay on marked trails will be put on the website.
- Review Committee List: Jeff questioned the trail funding role. Dennis Giles already deals with this, so his name will replace Jeff's. The tribe at Mole Lake has a grant program we need to access. A 501c-3 tax status would give us access to more grant opportunities.
- Vintage Show/Ride Update: (Jeff)
 - ❖ Beer, White Claw and Carbliss have been ordered. The liquor license will be applied for after Jan. 1.
 - ❖ The barn will need to be cleaned at the time of set up.
 - ❖ The event will run basically the same as it has in the past. Food this year will be for donations instead of a set price.
 - ❖ Donations of desserts are needed.
 - ❖ Volunteers will be needed before, during, and after the event. Board members are expected to help.
- Chili Ride-In
 - ❖ Food/beverages: Patti will check on chili donations, Pete will check with Alan Quig on soda and meat. Check with Dawn on buns.
 - ❖ Raffle baskets/donations: The basket raffle list and donation letter were handed out;
 - ❖ Apparel to sell: Patti will order additional items.
 - ❖ Slide show: We would like to have a slide show and/or DVD's playing for entertainment. Send pictures to Patti. Rodney will check the TV that has been sitting in the shed to make sure it still works. If it doesn't, there are other options.
 - ❖ Donations of desserts are needed.
 - ❖ Help is needed before, during, and after. All board members are expected to help.

New Business

- Who will take over building/tractor maintenance? Looking for suggestions
- TPSC 5 year plan: Should consist of the building committee plus others.
- New building/maintenance helper training
- Strategic plan for the next generation of club members: Family events?
- March general membership meeting: Marg moved to change the March meeting to Saturday, March 7, so more members can make it. 2nd by Kay. Motion carried. The time and place are yet to be determined.

Adjourn Rodney moved to adjourn, 2nd by Ron. The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on January 12 at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Bliefert, TPSC Secretary