



# Chili Brat Bash – February 2018

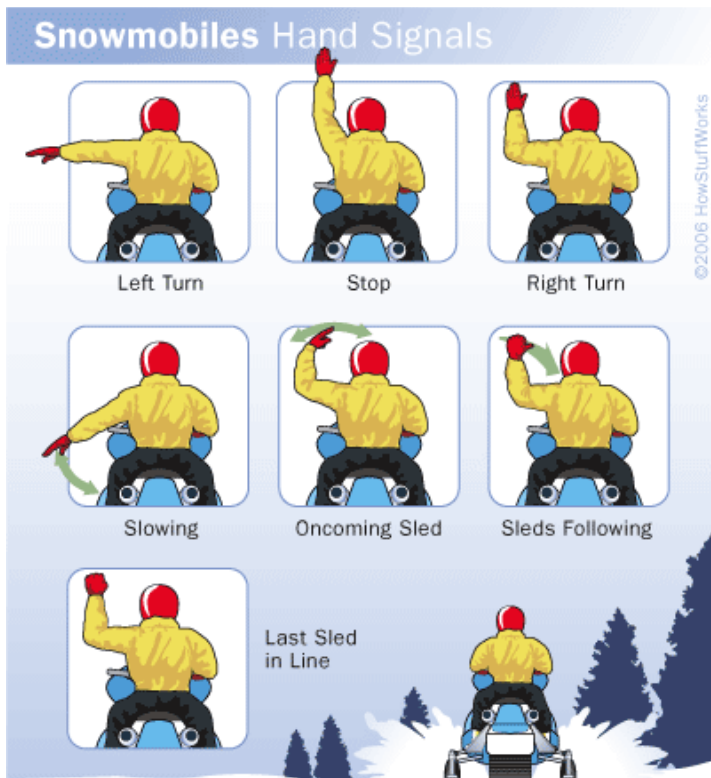
We are looking for volunteers for our Chili Bash committee. So far Robin Douglas, Vickie Kusch, Karen Keys, Karen Johnson, and Chris Kalusche have volunteered to be on the committee. If you are interested in volunteering please show up at 6:00 (an hour before the regular meeting) each first Tuesday of each month.

## **Trail Passes and your AWSC Member Number:**

Please keep your member number handy from year to year. As long as you do not join another club your member number will always remain the same. In order to avoid any delays, pay your dues early preferably at the start of our meeting season (September). To avoid an increase in your cost, renewing memberships are expected by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Note: Passes can also be obtained on your own at [www.awsc.org](http://www.awsc.org).

## **Communication:**

If you have changes to your address, phone, email etc., please let Vickie Kusch know to keep your AWSC membership info, club roster and distribution list up-to-date. Robin Douglas and Vickie Kusch are working on a new clean roster list. A newsletter is sent out every month during the meeting season and one over the summer. If you have not been getting this information or you have any changes to your contact information please let Vickie know at: [vickster0910@gmail.com](mailto:vickster0910@gmail.com)



## Ride Safe, Ride Smart

One way to include safety in your riding is to take a safety course. Although typically thought these programs are just for kids, this is not true. There is a lot of good information to be gained from these programs. They are supported by the Department of Natural Resources and can be found all over the state. Our club has two safety instructors, Craig Keys and Steve Shaffer. If you have any interest in becoming a safety instructor, ask either of these guys how to go about it.

Another good piece of advice is to stay on marked trails. Not only does this provide the best element of safety, it also is respectful to the land owners who allow us to cross their property. When venturing off you may find yourself in an unsafe situation such as ponds, creeks, tree stumps etc. We work hard at marking our system for everyone's use and safety.

Familiarize yourself with Snowmobile Laws. Each state publishes their own. For example, any rider in Wisconsin who is at least 12 years of age are required to take the above safety course and obtain their certificate to ride on public land. Riders under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult on the same snowmobile when riding in public areas.

For a complete list of snowmobile laws visit [www.dnr.state.wi.us](http://www.dnr.state.wi.us). Another great online opportunity is [www.snowmobile-ed.com](http://www.snowmobile-ed.com). This is an online course for those who ride in Wisconsin. There are 5 units covering preparing to ride through observing Wisconsin Snowmobile Laws in Wisconsin.

Safety hand signals are also another way to help communicate to other riders. It's not often we see riders using all these signals, and many times it's just not safe to have your hands off your grip that much. But, it is helpful for oncoming riders to know you are the last sled in line. The typical signal is for the last 5 riders in a group to signal down 5 – 4 – 3 – 2 – 1 and then a closed fist to identify the final rider.



**In need of KMR Gear?**

We have surplus of T-Shirts, Sweatshirts and hats. Please contact Dave Douglas to place your order ([douglas2@wi.rr.com](mailto:douglas2@wi.rr.com)). Other items are available and can be found on the website.

## *Search and Rescue Team*

**Anyone wishing to be a part of the Waukesha County Search and Rescue Team, please contact me (Karen Keys at [kksledder@aol.com](mailto:kksledder@aol.com)) for more information.**

# Meeting Minutes:

Minutes - Kettle Moraine Riders Snowmobile Club  
Tuesday, September 5, 2017  
Suhmer's Saloon – Eagle, WI

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Craig Keys.

Attendance: 16

Secretary's report: The April Minutes were in the newsletter.

Treasurer's report:

Checking:	\$ 9,670.97
PayPal:	\$ 1,917.58
Total	\$11,588.55

#### Old Business:

- Budgets: The Board is requesting budgets be set for our fundraising events, as well as contributions.
- Financial audit: Steve Piraino and Carter Shelton performed an audit for last season. All balanced and no corrections were made.
- 50/50 Raffle: Karen Keys explained how the 50/50 raffle works. Each month will have one winner, with the big winner being drawn in March. The only rule to participating in the final drawing is that you have purchased tickets in at least two other drawings.

#### New Business:

- County meeting: The labor rates for brushing are going up from \$7.50 to \$8.00 per hour. One thousand members joined since last year, probably due to the trail pass requirement. The fine for not having a trail pass has increased from \$205 to \$250. A MN pass costs \$105 for three years. An annual MI pass is \$48. When we turn in the memberships to the AWSC, there is \$1.50 fee per transaction for debit or credit card.
- Membership letter: Craig will be sending out a letter explaining the dues, the trail pass process, our events, and the value of being a club member. This is primarily being sent to those that don't normally attend the meetings.
- Charities: Craig went over the list of charitable contributions we did last year. The Board met and discussed contributions to be made for this year. ACSA is one Craig feels is a good cause. Robin talked to Mike Rice at the Village Hall. They are looking for donations regarding the replacement of playground equipment at Eagle Village Park. We will wait until later in the year to make a decision on that. Steve Piraino suggested not donating to the boy scouts and donating to the playground equipment instead. He also asked about donating to the hurricane victims. Karen said that the Mukwonago firefighters are sending a crew down to help. Craig will check with Jan on the Halloween party donation. Steve Piraino's opinion is that all of the charities are worthy, but maybe skip the boy scouts this year. He motioned to donate \$100 to Blue Ribbon, Tim Arquette seconded. Karen Keys motioned to donate \$100 to the scholarship fund, Kim Zipprich seconded. Dave Douglas motioned to donate \$1,000 to the groomer corp., Tim Arquette seconded. Karen Keys motioned to donate \$100 to the UW-Platteville Clean Initiative, Karen Johnson seconded. Karen Keys motioned to donate \$200 to the Mukwonago Food Pantry, Karen Johnson seconded. Steve Piraino motioned to donate \$50 to the WCSA Youth Ride at Monches Park, Tim Arquette seconded. Steve Piraino motioned to donate \$100 to ACSA (American Council of Snowmobile Associations), Tim Arquette seconded. Dave Douglas motioned to donate \$50 to the Eagle Business Association for their annual Halloween event, Vickie Kusch seconded. We'll wait

to see whether we receive requests from the Lions Club, boy scouts, and for Village Park playground equipment.

- Workshop: This year it will be at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton October 27-29. Craig made a motion to send two members with details to follow; Dave Douglas seconded.
- Snow Show: October 13-15 at State Fair Park. Craig has county raffle tickets available. As we haven't been selling many county raffle tickets and earning a percentage of sales, plus the cost of reimbursing members to help out at the booth, we won't have members volunteer this year.
- KM Days: Robin thanked everyone who helped make our annual event successful. This year we profited \$1,445.00.
- Fall Outing: This will be hosted by Craig and Karen Keys on October 21. Details to follow.
- Club Trip: Craig asked for input as to our destination on the club trip. It will be January 25-28. Tim Arquette motioned we stick with Land O'Lakes, John Johnson seconded. Craig is going up next weekend, and he'll reserve 20 rooms for our trip. He'll also ask about a donation for our Chili Bash.
- Chili Bash: We are looking for volunteers for our Chili Bash committee. Scott Gillette will donate a Grizzly 40-quart cooler with a \$230 retail value as one of our raffle prizes. Vickie Kusch, Karen Keys, Karen Johnson, and Chris Kalusche volunteered to be on the committee.
- Webmaster: The site is fairly up-to-date.
- Trailmaster: Highway clean up was done on April 15, and nine people showed up. Unusual items found - car deck radio, a drone, and a tablet. We will do the fall cleanup on the October 8, with a rain date of October 15. It usually only takes an hour. Meet at 9:00 a.m. on Sprague off of NN. Dan will send an email out with info. We received a brushing check for \$1,215.50. The check took nearly nine months to get to us. All trail paperwork has been sent to the State of WI for us to be funded for every mile of our trail system. Trail set up for November 5 with November 12 as a rain date. Meet at the storage shed at 9:00 a.m. Last year 22 people showed up. Dan will get out to talk to landowners soon. Steve Piraino asked about the section of land for sale on Sprague. Dan said he will try to get in touch with someone about it. Craig asked Steve if he was still interested in being an assistant trailmaster; Steve said that he has a number of things going on right now that would prevent him from committing to it at this time.

#### Announcements:

- The Suburban SnoHawk Snowmobile Races this year will be at Big Bend Village Park on February 3.

- Craig confirmed with Vickie that she's going to send out a newsletter each month.
- Steve suggested next year we raise our membership fee by \$5 to help cover the added fees by PayPal and AWSC.
- There was a brief discussion regarding the snowmobile safety course. Craig indicated we're still in the process of getting certified to teach the course.

Motion to adjourn by Karen Johnson, seconded by Tim Arquette. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Douglas