

# Rome Sno-Bandits Club Newsletter



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## Upcoming Events

### **December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

Adams County Snowmobile  
Association Meeting  
7:00 pm – Cedar Shack

### **December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022**

Christmas in Rome  
1:30 pm – 5:00 pm  
Rome Town Hall

### **December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Club Meeting followed by  
Informal Safety Class  
9:00 am - Rome Town Hall

### **January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Adams County Snowmobile  
Association Meeting  
7:00 pm – Cedar Shack

### **January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Club Meeting  
9:00 am – Rome Town Hall

### **January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Petenwell Palooza  
Ice Fisheree & Raffle  
Lure Bar & Grill

### **January 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Club Trip  
Rustic Manor in St. Germain

### **February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Club Meeting  
9:00 am – Rome Town Hall

## **OFFICIAL TRAIL CONDITIONS/CLOSINGS**

**Adams County Parks  
(608) 339-4230**

[www.travelwisconsin.com  
/snowreport/snowmobile](http://www.travelwisconsin.com/snowreport/snowmobile)

**Always Check To Make  
Sure Trails Are Open  
Before Riding!**

## Message From President, Tom Warner

Happy December everyone! We are getting closer to my favorite time of year!!

I need to ask everyone to be very respectful of all landowners whether we are on our snowmobiles or if you have an ATV/UTV. Losing trails has been a huge issue the last few years all over the state and the UP. We all must be ambassadors of the sport to show people, especially landowners, that we appreciate their permission to use their land and will respect where they have given us permission to cross their land!! Please stay between the blazers!

Make sure your membership is up to date and that you have your sled registered and trail passes on your sled!

Christmas in Rome is December 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you have a chance, stop by and see Santa!

Make sure you come to the Sno-Bandit Fisheree at the Lure on Saturday January 14<sup>th</sup>. Even if you don't fish, there is a ton of raffles and a big meat raffle!! It was awesome last year, and I can't wait to see what this year will be!!

Hope to see you all at our December meeting on Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. Following the meeting Gary Gevers will be hosting an adult safety class similar to ones we have had in the past. It's always very informative.

As always,  
THINK SNOW!



Tom Warner  
President

## **Informal Safety Class**

Gary Gevers will lead an informal safety class after our December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. We will have law enforcement and fire and rescue there to speak and answer questions. We will cover regulations surrounding snowmobiling and what to do in an emergency. This is always a popular event. Please plan to join us!

## Message From Trail Boss, Jerry Wiessinger

The trails are ready for snow, let it begin. Gary Gevers was out several times prior to our brushing/signing day using our brush cutter on the trails with a lot of overhanging branches. It worked great but takes time as you need to go slow. This saved a lot of the manual brushing. John Steinke was out with the New Holland to mow all the trails. When he followed up with the mower, it mulched up most of the branches that had been cut off. Gary was out with the McCormick and the scraper blade that we recently purchased to level the banks on several corners and to level some rutted trails. Even though this was his first experience with this equipment, he did a great job. This is work that we previously jobbed out.

Thank you to everyone that turned out for our annual trail brushing/signing day. As usual, we had over fifty volunteers show up and it made short work of a major project on a nice day. Most of the trails were completed that day. Gary has been working with some volunteers to finish up some odds and ends.

Gary and Jim Fisher put up the four "Larry Halverson Memorial Trail" signs on the trail south of Badger Ave. They really look great! Thank you, Dawn Kalata, for creating these and Gary and Fish for installing them.

Gary and John have been getting the equipment ready for the hayrides for the Christmas in Rome event on Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Let's pray for nice weather.

Over the years, we have accumulated a lot of signs that are no longer used because of trail changes. We are planning to have a workday at the groomer shed to go through what is there and sort out what is usable to be stored in barrels marked as "Extras" that can be used when needed rather than making up new signs. Those that are no longer usable will be taken apart and recycled. **Think Snow!**

Jerry Wiessinger  
Trail Boss

## Message From Vice President, Bryan Meyer

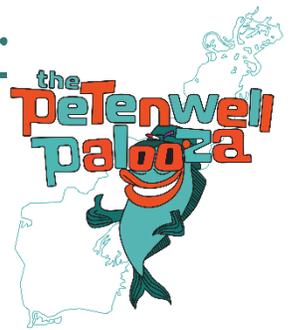
Hi all! Signs are in and we eagerly await the snowmobile season! It was great to see everyone at the November meeting! Thank you for your support of the Sno-Bandits!! We can't do it without you!

Everything is coming together nicely with the Fisheree. We are getting details worked out. There will be better heat and lights in the Fish Registration trailer. We have a good start on the new snowmobile race game. Hopefully a sneak peak in next month's newsletter. The rest is up to you folks! We would love to see you Jan 14 at the Lure! Sell those RAFFLE tickets, it so important to the success of the Fisheree! Let us know if you have any donations! We can use a few more volunteers on the day of the event and will have a sign up sheet at the next meeting.

Check out Gunnar Thanksgiving weekend! Looks like he has it figured out how to bring those fish to the top of the ice! Lucky for the other fisherman he will be inside with us keeping the day exciting!

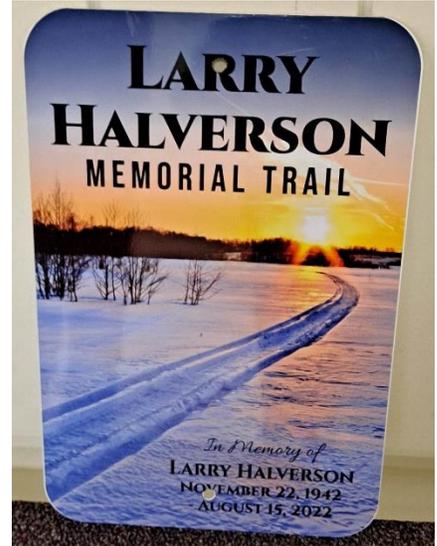
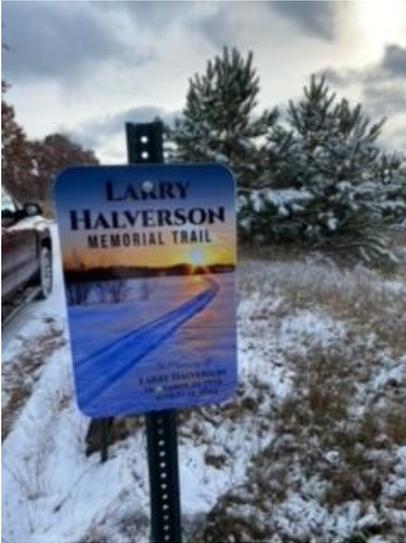
Jan 14<sup>th</sup> at the Lure! Get it on your calendar if you don't already! Fun for all! Remind your friends! BRAP!

Bryan Meyer  
Vice President



## Larry Halverson Memorial Trail

A section of trail between Badger and Beaver was dedicated to Larry Halverson. Signs have been placed along the trail in Larry's memory. Jack Pine Savage and the Adams County Snowmobile Association kindly donated money to pay for the signs. Dawn Kalata from Here's Ur Sign designed the signs.



Rome Sno-Bandits,

Thank you so much for your generous donation and continued sponsorship of Fletcher for his 2023 race season. The money will help us with class cost and travel. Very much appreciated. We look forward to Sno-Bandit events, meeting all of you and helping out whenever we can. You all are an outstanding group!

Fletcher is looking forward to his next race season. We hope to see some of you out there cheering him on!

Thank you again for supporting Fletcher!

Jerry Dawn

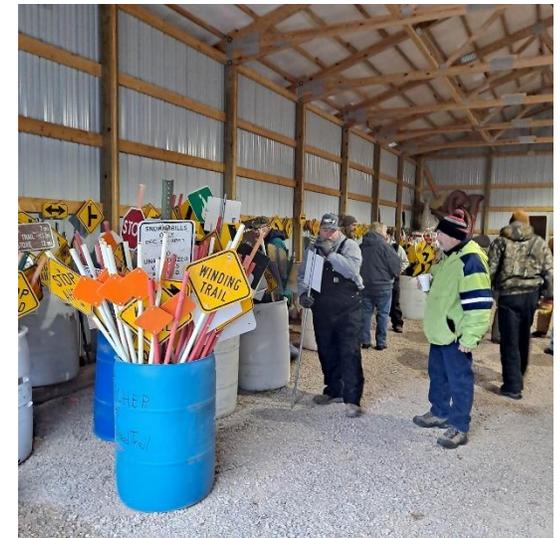
Thank you Rome Sno-Bandits for your sponsorship for me. I really appreciate it.

Fletcher Dawn

**Fletcher & Gunnar speaking about WKSRA racing and thanking the Rome Sno-Bandits for the donation.**



# Trail Brushing & Chili Dump



**Thank you to our members that helped set up Christmas trees and decorations in front of the Rome Town Hall. The lights will be turned on December 3<sup>rd</sup> during Christmas in Rome with the help of Santa Claus.**



# CHRISTMAS IN ROME



Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

Rome Town Hall

**HAYRIDES 1:30 – 4:00**

*Enjoy a ride through Rome Town Center Park!*



**Entertainment & Food 1:30 – 4:00**

*Christmas Movies • Popcorn • Christmas Crafts • Face Painting*

*Hot Chocolate • Hot Cider • Hot Dogs*

*Enjoy homemade cookies made by the Romemakers HCE!*

**Santa 2:00 – 4:00**

*Visit with Santa, Mrs. Claus, and their Elf.*

*Visit Rome will take family photos in our Christmas scene.*

*You are welcome to bring your camera.*

**Caroling 4:00 – 4:30**

*Christmas songs lead by Pastor Margo of Woodland Church!*



**Lighting of Trees 4:30**

*Children help Santa light the Christmas trees  
decorated by local individuals & businesses!*



Hosted by Romemakers HCE & Rome Sno-Bandits  
with the help of Visit Rome, Rome Fire Department & Woodland Church!



**2nd Annual**

# Rome Sno-Bandits Ice Fisheree & Raffle



**Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Lure Bar & Grill**

**Lake Petenwell ~ Town of Rome**

**Ice Fisheree  
7am - 3pm**

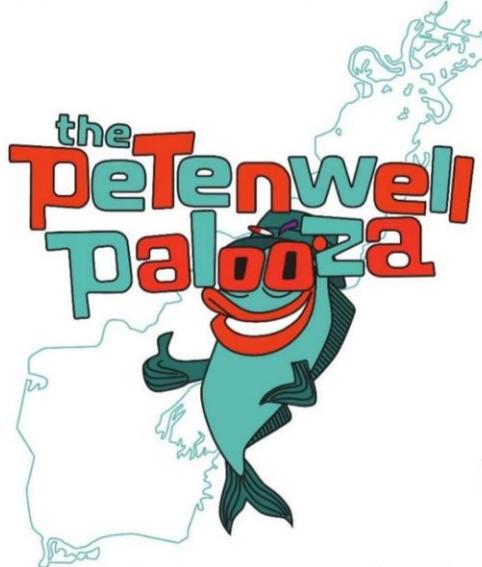
**Adults \$10**

**Top Cash Prize \$800**

Five Cash Prizes of \$300-\$100  
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**Kids 12 & Under \$5**

1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Prizes



**Meat Raffle  
1:00 pm**

**Door Prizes**

**50/50 Raffles**

**Basket Raffles**

For More Information See Our Website [www.romesnobandits.com](http://www.romesnobandits.com) or Facebook Page

## RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize: 7 Nights Lodging with Fishing Boat at  
Indiaonta Resort, Calm Lake, Atikokan, Ontario Canada**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$500 Gift Card to More Freakin Power**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: 18" Husqvarna Chainsaw • 4<sup>th</sup> Prize: Frabill Fortress Ice Shelter**

**5<sup>th</sup> Prize: Pontoon Rental on Lake Petenwell with 1<sup>st</sup> Tank of Gas**

**6<sup>th</sup> Prize: Sundolphin 8' SS Fiji Kayak • 7<sup>th</sup> Prize: Bose Sound Bar w/Bluetooth**

**Tickets \$5/each 3 Tickets/\$10 7 Tickets/\$20**

# ***Rome Sno-Bandits Club Trip***

**January 26<sup>th</sup> – January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Rustic Manor Motor Lodge  
6343 State Highway 70 East  
St. Germain, WI 54558**

**<https://www.rusticmanor.com>**

**RESERVATIONS:**

**Toll Free: 1-800-272-9776**

**We have 25 rooms blocked. Rooms will be released eight weeks prior to our trip. There is a 72-hour cancellation policy.**

**Check in is 3:00 pm. The lodge is very busy this time of year. Early check in is unlikely. You will need to reserve your room for the night prior to your arrival if you want an early check in.**

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## Safety Tips Ice Safety

Snowmobiling on ice can be dangerous because of changing conditions and inconsistencies in ice thickness. A snowmobile can also be extremely hard to control on ice, making turning and stopping difficult or impossible without additional traction devices.

The safest snowmobiling rule is to avoid crossing lakes or rivers since sufficient ice thickness to support a snowmobile can never be guaranteed.

RIDING ON ICE CAN BE DANGEROUS.



**IF YOU DON'T KNOW,  
DON'T GO!**

Visit [snowmobileinfo.org](http://snowmobileinfo.org) for safe riding information.

## ICE RIDING SAFETY TIPS

Drowning is one of the leading causes of snowmobile fatalities. Wherever possible, avoid riding on frozen lakes and rivers because ice conditions are never guaranteed. Ice conditions can change in a period of several hours. If you must cross ice, stay on the packed or marked trail. Don't stop until you reach shore. If you hit slush, don't let off the throttle. If you are following someone who hits slush, veer off to make your own path. If you must travel over lakes and rivers, then consider using a buoyant snowmobile suit which will help you reach the closest ice surface. Also consider carrying a set of picks that will help you grip the edge of the ice more easily. As a rule of thumb, "If you don't know, don't go."

If you do break through the ice, don't panic. Follow these self-rescue tips:

- Kick vigorously into a horizontal position and swim to the nearest ice edge.
- Place hands/arms on unbroken ice while kicking hard to propel your body onto the ice, like a seal.
- Once clear, stay flat and roll away to stronger ice.
- Stand, keep moving and find shelter fast.

<http://snowtracks.com/snowmobile-safety/>



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## Annual Membership Renewal

**Rome Sno-Bandit & AWSC memberships both expire on June 30<sup>th</sup> annually.**

We process membership with the AWSC monthly in the summer and weekly in winter to minimize processing fees. We encourage you to renew your membership in July or August to avoid delays in receiving your trail pass. Membership applications can be found on our website along with trail pass information.

### Ways to renew your membership:

**ON-LINE:** Through our website: [www.RomeSnoBandits.com](http://www.RomeSnoBandits.com). Click on [Membership Application](#) under the Membership Page and pay with SECURE on-line payment with credit/debit card or PayPal.

**MAIL:** Send completed membership application with check to:  
**Rome Sno-Bandits, 302 13<sup>th</sup> Ave, Nekoosa, WI 54457**

**CLUB MEETINGS:** Bring your membership application to a meeting with your check or cash payment. Applications are available at all meetings.

### Your Club Membership Includes:

- You automatically become a member of the Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs. (AWSC)
- You will receive seven issues each year of the Wisconsin Snowmobile News (WSN) magazine. It includes articles of interest to snowmobilers, activities of clubs across the state, reports of legislative events and snowmobile product information.
- You will be eligible for a discount Wisconsin Trail Pass through the AWSC.
- Monthly club newsletter.
- Membership to the Adams County Snowmobile Association.
- Great way to meet and socialize with other snowmobilers.

## Trail Passes

**Discount Wisconsin Trail Passes for the 2022-2023 season will be available to order from the AWSC beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.**

Go to: <https://awsc.org/Trail-Pass-Registration> to order your trail pass.

**Trail passes** are purchased through the AWSC and are available after your membership has been processed. If you provide your email address with your membership application, you will receive an email from the AWSC confirming your membership has been processed. This email will include your membership number and directions for ordering your trail pass.

You can also find your AWSC Membership number on the mailing label of your WSN Magazine or at <https://www.awsc.org/About-Us/Member-Lookup>. Your membership number never changes.

Membership Contact: Suzanne Kostreva  
[RSBMembership@gmail.com](mailto:RSBMembership@gmail.com)

## Minutes from the Rome Sno-Bandits Meeting November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 12:50 pm with President, Tom Warner, as the chair and 7 officers present. There were 67 members in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

### Secretary's Report

There were no changes to the Secretary's report. A motion was made by Wayne Mikrut to accept the report as it was presented in the newsletter. Bob Sweet seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### Treasurer's Report

Cathy Steinke reported on the checking & savings account balances. Bob Sweet made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Brian Baker seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### Trails Boss Report

We had 51 people for trail brushing today. Thank you to all that helped out.

Rental income from Sand Valley for the tractor is over \$16,000. The rental is working out well.

Thank you to Gary, Jerry & John for stepping up and handling all the trail related tasks. Mowing & brushing was done prior to trail brushing. Gary has been organizing the groomer shed. There is now a sign out sheet at the groomer shed. If you take anything out of the shed, please sign it out and mark it off when you return it. A volunteer is needed to build a beam to hold the tarp up for the extra drag that is being stored at Hoffman Trucking.

All easements are done but one. Jerry did a great job working with the Solar Plant and Sand Valley getting easements.

A scraper blade was purchased for the tractor for \$575.00. It works great.

The memorial sign for Larry Halverson was on display at the meeting and will be placed on a section of trail near Badger & Beaver. Jack Pine Savages donated \$150.00 towards the memorial sign and Adams County Snowmobile Association will pick up the remaining balance.

### Social Committee Report

A get-well card was sent to Jean Mikrut. A sympathy card was sent to Chris Gevers for the passing of her mother. A sympathy card was sent to Chris Johnson.

The balance in the fund is \$188.80.

### Activities Report

**Adopt-A-Highway Road Pickup:** Took place after our last meeting. Thank you to all that participated.

**Club ATV/UTV Rides:** Thank you to Casey Schilling and Dan Lyman for hosting the club ATV/UTV fun ride. Those that attended had a great time. The club would like to do this again next year.

**Fisheree:** Raffle prizes are being purchased. We can always use more donations. If you have any connections for prizes or seeing any great sales please let Melissa, Bryan or Gunnar know. We will have a snowmobile racing game added to the event this year. We will make the meat raffle larger. Please help sell raffle tickets. A signup sheet is available for anyone wanting to help on the day of the event. We had a lot of fun last year and it isn't a lot of work. Please plan to attend the event whether volunteering or not.

**Christmas in Rome:** The event will be held on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are looking for volunteers to help on the day of the event and help get things ready prior to the event. Please contact Melissa if you are interested in helping. A volunteer signup sheet was passed around. Trees will be put up on Saturday November 19<sup>th</sup>. Christmas decorations will be put up on Wednesday November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Club Trip:** Our club trip will be January 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022. We will be staying at the Rustic Manor Motor Lodge in St Germain. Get your rooms booked soon! Three Lakes Snowmobile will host a ride on Friday January 27<sup>th</sup>. We will split up into a few groups according to how long you want to ride. We will host that club at a meal on Saturday night at the hotel.

## **Adams County Snowmobile Association Report**

The map is being worked on and should be available by the December meeting.

## **AWSC Report**

Fall Workshop was held in Schofield. The KAOS group raised over \$6000 for scholarships. There is \$10,000 in scholarships available. If you know someone that is going to be attending college, have them apply for a scholarship.

Canada has a video on trespassing that all riders wishing to purchase a trail pass must watch before they can complete the purchase. The AWSC is looking into doing this.

There are a lot of new legislators. Make sure you get to know them and where they stand on issues.

## **The Lori Report**

The AWSC was asked to host the International Snowmobile Congress in 2024. It will be held June 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in Green Bay. This is a great opportunity to attend. Sponsors are needed and help will also be needed.

## **Old Business**

Membership is processed on Mondays at this time. It takes time to get your trail pass so don't wait until the last minute.

CMN Radiothon: Jim Fishers needs the names and phone numbers of those that are volunteering on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. The club will work the Noon – 3 pm slot. Melissa Rhodes made a motion to match other club donations up to \$1,000 maximum donation. Linda Randall seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## **New Business**

Melissa Rhodes made a motion to sponsor Fletcher Daun again this year with a \$500 donation. Jeff Parmeter seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. Fletcher is in the WKSRA. Fletcher helps sell raffle tickets for the fisherie, participates in trail brushing and has helped in the past with concession stands and Christmas in Rome.

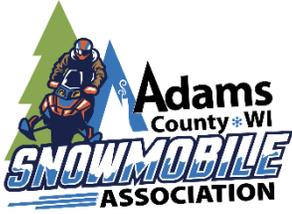
Cathy Halverson made a motion to donate \$100 to the Angel Tree. Jerry Wiessinger seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

ISHOF is looking for donations from clubs and Association. Tom Warner made a motion to donate \$100 to ISHOF. Linda Randall seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn at 1:45 pm was made by Willy Sandfox and seconded by Ted Sorenson. All were in favor. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

50/50 winner was Wendy Hoffman. \$193 for the club and \$192 for the winner.

Respectfully Submitted  
Melissa Rhodes  
Secretary



## Adams County Snowmobile Association Minutes November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 - Cedar Shack

The November 3, 2022 meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by President Gordy Carlson. There were 22 members present. All clubs were represented except Coloma and New Haven.

The **Secretary** read the minutes from the October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. There was one change, Coloma was at the October meeting. A motion to accept was made by Gary Gevers, seconded by Nancy Carlson. All in favor, motion carries.

The **Treasurer** reported that no checks or deposits were made so the balance is still \$17,046.58. A motion to accept was made by Nancy Carlson, seconded by Bryan Meyer. All in favor, motion carries.

**Darren:** reminded everyone to notify landowners when you are out working on your trails that groups will be out there.

**Gary** handed out the report from the fall workshop and directors meeting. He told about placing signs on State owned land. A reminder about the elections coming up. Remember to check with the candidates who are snowmobile friendly. He reminded clubs to apply for the snowmobile friendly award. He talked about scholarships available through the AWSC. A reminder for clubs to write an article in the WSN magazine. Try to increase your membership by 10% to enter a cash drawing. Canada makes it mandatory to watch a video before people can get their trail pass. AWSC is looking to do that too. New rates for grooming. Keep back up records. If you have a Facebook page, a web page, let AWSC know. KAOS had a food drive at the workshop.

**Old business:** Steve maps are ready to go to the printer. Maps would probably be at the December meeting. Bryan has a meeting with the Adams Chamber this week.

**New business:** Melissa showed everyone the new ACSA logo that we will now use. Jerry Wiessinger showed everyone the sign for the Sno-Bandits memorial trail for Larry Halverson that runs from south of Beaver Ave north to Badger Ave. He asked if the association would like to share the expense with us for these signs. The total cost is \$340, Jack Pine Savages donated \$150 towards the sign. Gordy made a motion that the association pay the balance of the bill, seconded by Stacie Wilson. All in favor. Dennis Kulwicki said that some county clubs do not have their own logo and asked if those clubs could use our new logo and add their club name under it. It was agreed that clubs can use it. Steve asked if a sticker could be made of this logo so clubs can put it on the club groomer machines. Melissa will look into pricing for that and clothing.

A motion to adjourn at 7:30pm was made by Nancy Carlson, seconded by Robert Schmidt. All in favor.

The next meeting will be December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm at Cedar Shack.

Kathy Halverson,  
Secretary

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