



# KMR News

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Kettle Moraine Riders, Eagle, WI  
[www.kmrsnowmobileclub.com](http://www.kmrsnowmobileclub.com)

## *Election Notifications*

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Nominations will be taken at our February meeting. Positions will open for Treasurer, Vice President, and 2 Board positions. In addition, in March we will accept nominations for Snowmobiler of the Year. All voting will take place at the March meeting. If you are unable to attend the February meeting and would like to make a nomination or consider running for a position yourself, please email Craig Keys at [KMRCraig@aol.com](mailto:KMRCraig@aol.com). If you are unable to attend the March meeting, absentee votes will be available. Please watch for this information to be in the next newsletter. Anyone interested in a position who would like more information about it, feel free to contact Craig.



## *Trail Master Update:*

Trails are closed until we have rideable snow. Watch for emails from Dan Rydeski for your latest updates. Also, you can check the Trail Hot Lines. They are as follows:

Waukesha County 414-299-0330  
Walworth County 262-742-2664  
Jefferson County 920-699-7669

Important reminder from Dan:

**If temperatures are above 32 degrees, the trails automatically close...**

## Club Trip

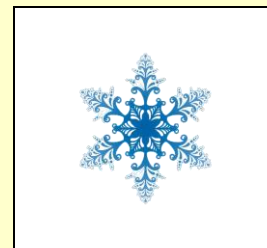
Date: January 25<sup>th</sup> through January 29<sup>th</sup> (Most will arrive on 1/26/17)

Location for Lodging: Gateway Lodge, Hwy B, Land O' Lakes, WI

1-800-848-8058

[www.gateway-lodge.com](http://www.gateway-lodge.com)

To date we have 37 signed up for the club trip. Now the big question is??????? Will there be enough snow. Warmer temperatures are expected over the next several days. Eagle River Derby Days are running now through 1/22/17 stressing the already poor trail conditions even further. Our trip may be cancelled. Everyone pray to the Snow Gods for colder temps and lots of snow... Staying positive for now... Keep in mind the Gateway has a 48 hour cancellation policy.



## **Chili Brat Bash - February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Headlining our event in Green and Gold. The Super Bowl is one week prior to our Chili Bash and I'm banking on a Green Bay Packer win this year. So, tickets need to be sold. Please contact Robin Douglas ([www.rdouglas1@wi.rr.com](mailto:www.rdouglas1@wi.rr.com)) to get yours, or they will be available at our next meeting. This is the best way for our fundraiser to have success. We all enjoy the food and drink, but that isn't where the money is at. We have exciting prizes this year, so get going on selling!!! It would be just awesome to sell out. We have only done this once. Let's try to break this record and make 2017 a year to remember. We are looking for raffle items to auction/raffle on the day of the event. If you have connections for items, again, please contact Robin, she is oversight for the Raffle this year. All prizes need to be given to her at least one week prior to the event. Bring your donations to our February 7<sup>th</sup> club meeting.

The Brat Bash is February 11th this year at Suhmers. Please get this on your calendar, you don't want to miss out! Watch for emails from Karen Johnson to sign up and work a shift. Your participation is greatly appreciated whether you help in sales, donations and attending. Get the word out and invite your family and friends. Always a good time!!

### Event Calendar:

**2017.....Happy New Year!!!!**

Annual Club Trip – January 26<sup>th</sup> through 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017– Gateway, Land O' Lakes, WI

February 7<sup>th</sup>, Club Meeting

Chili Brat Bash – February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017

February 18<sup>th</sup> – Dousman Snowtroopers Chili on the trail fund raiser

March 7<sup>th</sup>, Club Meeting

March 13<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> Amsoil Championship Snow Cross in Lake Geneva

March 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, AWSC Convention – Potowotomi Casino Milwaukee

April 4<sup>th</sup>, Club Meeting

May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Final Club Meeting of the season

October 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, AWSC Workshop – Appleton

## 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.

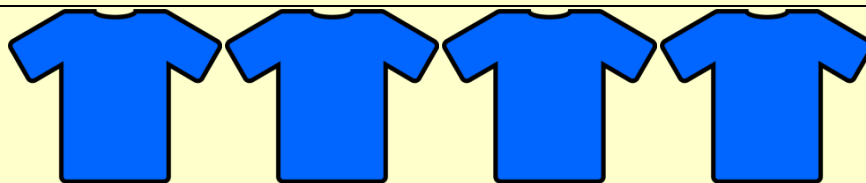




## ***Search and Rescue Team***

***Next meeting date 1/19/17 at Waukesha State Bank in Mukwonago - 6:30***

**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. Training will begin soon.**



## **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.

## **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 stay the same. Prior to the trail pass program, it was easy to update memberships with AWSC quickly. Now with the added steps it takes a bit more to get things processed. In order to avoid any delays, pay your dues early in the year and you will be set. The ideal time to pay dues is at the start of our meeting season (September). But dues are expected for renewing memberships before December 1<sup>st</sup>. All passes can be obtained allowing your club discount at [www.awsc.org](http://www.awsc.org). It's an easy process.

# Communication Updates:

If you have changes to your address, phone, email etc. Please let me know so I can keep your AWSC membership info up to date as well as our club roster and distribution list. Robin Douglas and I (Karen Keys) are working on a new clean roster list. I have also been finding out many members are not receiving the newsletter and other important club communications. Please note, I try dilligently to send out a newsletter every month during our meeting season and one over the summer. If you are not getting this information regularly you need to let me know. It is impossible for me to know who is getting what. Also, please check your spam mail folders. So, with this said, if you have any changes to your contact information, please send it my way so we can get our current list in order.



# Meeting Minutes:

Minutes - Kettle Moraine Riders Snowmobile Club  
Tuesday, January 3, 2017  
Suhmer's Saloon - Eagle, WI

Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m. by President Craig Keys.

Attendance: 24

Welcome to new member in attendance, Steve Farchmin.

Secretary's report: The December Minutes were in the newsletter. A correction needed to be made with respect to the Trailmaster report and the fact it is illegal to ride on the trails when they are closed. Steve Shaffer motioned to accept, Jim Kilpatrick seconded. Dave Dill motioned to correct the Minutes, Tim Arquette seconded. No further discussion.

Treasurer's report:

Checking:	\$2,296.72
PayPal:	<u>\$2,859.92</u>
Total	\$5,156.64

\$139 on account for the 50/50 raffle.

Steve Shaffer motioned to accept, Karen Johnson seconded.

Board Member report: No meeting was held in December.

Old Business:

- The KMR Christmas Party was well attended and was enjoyed by the group.
- Dan and Craig went to the county party and enjoyed themselves.
- Chili Bash: Raffle prizes should be turned into Robin; please continue to sell raffle tickets. Sign-up sheets for working the food sales will go out soon.
- Club Trip: We have about 30 people planning on going on the club trip. Karen will send out an email so we can get an agenda put together. She reminded everyone that she and Craig will host a pizza party that Thursday night. We will

have the Community Room on Friday evening.

Tim Arquette addressed the group about breaking up into three sections. He asked about each group having someone heading up their group, specifically for Friday and Saturday. He brought a map of Vilas County if someone wanted to find a point of interest to form a group. He's hoping to keep the groups at a maximum of 15. Tim stated that anyone can email the board with suggestions that can be passed to him. Steve Shaffer, Dave Douglas, and John Johnson will bring their back-country radios to use.

- Webmaster: Nothing to report.
- Clothing/Decals: A new clothing order was just placed with the hope we have it by the Chili Bash. Decals were ordered and were given out, one per member. Additional decals will be available for \$2.00 each. Steve Piraino suggested ordering shop shirts. Dave will talk to Scott.
- Trailmaster: Trails are closed. They were open December 12-25. They were heavily used in Eagle, Mukwonago, and the forest. Dan was not aware of any problems. Kim indicated sleds were all over the place off the trail through the fields by her. Jim Kilpatrick talked about the groomer units and the time spent on the trails. Waukesha County turned in all of our landowner paperwork to the state. The forest brushing for December 11 was canceled due to the snowstorm. Dan and the Kilpatricks did go out and look for big obstructions. Jim indicated that the entire trail system was able to be groomed. Dan will turn in to the county an invoice for \$1,215.50 for three separate brushings. He reminded everyone to check the hotline for updated trail information. Jim said it was reported that we just had the eighth snowiest December. Dave Douglas stated that he had ridden to Horserider's Park, and it was probably the best it's ever been.

#### New Business:

- Nominations will be taken for board positions next month (Treasurer, Vice President, Trailmaster, plus one more board member, in addition to Snowmobiler of the Year) for election in March. Absentee ballots can go to Craig or Robin. Jon Weinkauff asked about the by-laws in adding an additional board member. Craig explained that the current by-laws and other by-laws we've looked at state the number of board members is determined by the number of members in the club. Karen explained that the Trailmaster position becoming a board member is being worked on with the board currently updating the bylaws.
- Eagle Business Association has asked whether we are interested in placing an ad in their directory. A half-page ad costs \$80. Vickie motioned, Dave Dill seconded. No discussion. All in favor.
- County raffle tickets need to be turned in soon. We are hosting the county meeting at 7:30 next Wednesday, January 11. Two to three club members are

needed to help with snacks and drinks.

- Craig is hoping maps will also be available at the county meeting.
- Suburban Sno-Hawks are having their 47<sup>th</sup> annual Oval Race in New Berlin on January 29.
- Carter passed out information on his 5<sup>th</sup> annual winter shindig on February 4. Everyone in the club is invited.

Dave Douglas reminded members to take raffle tickets to sell if they haven't taken any.

Motion to adjourn by Dave Dill, Dave Douglas seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Douglas  
Recording Secretary