

# Lakes & Pines Sno-Trails

May 2011 Newsletter



## General Membership Meeting Recap

**Date:** May 21st, 2011  
**Time:** 9:00 AM  
**Location:** Lipsie Pines

**Attendees:** George Kuechle, Ben Keup, Emily Gall, Paul Kipping, Brian O'Toole, Ron Johnson, Gordon Johnson, Jim Barshack, John LeMay

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report reviewed. Checking account balance is \$15,973.22, minus current bills to be paid.

Mark Spease researched options for the club's CD - all banks came in at roughly the same rate, so CD will most likely remain with Bremer Bank.

### Trail Maintenance Report

Voyager Village trail was cleaned up, and some hills were removed, Gordon Johnson suggested putting in grass seed so the ground doesn't deteriorate by next season. Ben Keup will follow up.

George Kuechle will follow up on a potential issue on the trail through the cranberry marsh, just off of CR A. George is also looking into ways to reroute the trail at A&E.

### Equipment Report

The new tractor will be in by September 15th, at which point Baribou Implement will change-over all equipment from old tractor.

### New Business

Issues with the trail map for Burnett County were presented by John LeMay - the names of the major highways and roads are too small and difficult to see - President Gail Keup will be able to bring this issue up at the county meeting.

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### Board Members:

<b>Gail Keup</b>	<i>President</i>
<b>George Kuechle</b>	<i>Vice President</i>
<b>Paul Kipping</b>	<i>Treasurer</i>
<b>Emily Gall</b>	<i>Secretary</i>
<b>Brian O'Toole</b>	<i>Membership</i>
<b>Ben Keup</b>	<i>Equipment</i>
<b>Larry Main</b>	<i>Trails</i>
<b>Tina Childers</b>	<i>Fundraising / Events</i>

**NEXT MEETING:**  
**July 23rd**  
**9:00AM**  
**West Point**  
**Lodge**

\*\*There will be no General Membership Meeting or newsletter for the month of June\*\*

# Snowmobile Trails

courtesy of snowmobile.org & gosnowmobiling.org

## TRAIL DESIGN

The ideal snowmobile trail system is designed to meet multiple criteria:

- Safety - It is designed, signed and maintained to specifications which will eliminate or identify hazards.
- Environment - It is designed to avoid environmentally sensitive areas and built to strict environmental standards.
- Destination - It is designed to go somewhere (to a point of scenic interest or recreation site, to connect nearby towns, etc.)
- Integrated Network - It is designed to be part of a formal, long-distance, integrated network which links towns, counties, states and provinces. A number of jurisdictions are now working to develop international, interstate and inter-provincial systems. It is now possible to ride 70% of North America's snowmobile trails through the continuous interconnections that exist.

## TRAIL FUNDING

Snowmobilers have historically "paid their own way" for the development and maintenance of snowmobile trail systems. Funding for public snowmobile trail systems, paid for by the snowmobile user, include:

- Snowmobile registration fees;
- Snowmobile gas tax;
- Trail Permits
- Volunteer trail construction and maintenance;
- Snowmobile user permits.

## OTHER FUNDING PROGRAMS

Many snowmobile trail systems have been developed through programs, known in some jurisdictions as "grant-in-aid" programs. They allow a province or state to use snowmobile funds to develop and maintain trails not only on provincial or state-owned lands but also on private lands and lands owned by local governments - thus making possible the development of a comprehensive, interconnecting system.

Under these grant-in-aid programs, snowmobile funds can be distributed to local governments or recognized snowmobile clubs. Funds may be provided on a cost-sharing basis or they may allow for 100% funding up to a maximum limit.

In many jurisdictions, donated labor and materials are applied toward the "costs" incurred by local governments or clubs. Local governments and recognized clubs must meet certain criteria and comply with trail requirements to receive these funds.

Many areas have been very effective in developing a shared financial responsibility for trails with other user groups, benefiting business partners and tourism organizations.

## Independence Day Celebration



Chicken BBQ 2PM - 5PM  
DJ / Karaoke 3PM - Close  
Fireworks @ Dusk

### Sunday, July 3rd

## A&H Country Market

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**A SPECIAL THANK YOU** to those who helped plant trees on trail #140:  
**Mark Spease, Elra Johnson, Scott Fell, & John LeMay**  
Your hard work will benefit all those who wish to use this trail next season.

• • • **upcoming events** • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •

**July 15 - 17**  
**WATERCROSS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
*Grantsburg, WI. - Memory Lake Park*

**July 23**  
**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
*West Point Lodge / 9AM*

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**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**  
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 taking place this July

**POSITIONS UP FOR RE-ELECTION:**

**Vice President**  
**Treasurer**  
**Fundraising/Social Events**  
**Trail Maintenance/Equipment**

Elections take place on July 23rd, at the General Membership Meeting.

We are looking for volunteers for the Watercross World Championships in Grantsburg. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Gail if you're interested in donating some of your time.  
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**Snowmobile Education Courses Now Available Online**

Operators of snowmobiles now have a convenient online method to receive Snowmobile Safety Certification through an Internet web course recently introduced by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. The internet course is available at

[www.snowmobile-ed.com/wi](http://www.snowmobile-ed.com/wi).

Wisconsin law allows only those 16 years of age or older to take this online course. Those 12 to 15 years of age must take a classroom course

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