

**Cody Country Snowmobile Association
February Newsletter**

President Bert Miller called the meeting to order at 6:45pm at the Holiday Inn. We had 16 people in attendance.

Secretary's report: Brenda Miller gave a summary of our last meeting minutes. Tim Erz motioned to accept the report, Lynn Lamb second, the motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Michelle Young gave the treasurer's report, Eric Alexander motioned to accept the report, Bill Holder second, the motion carried.

We paid our club insurance this month which covers our club liability, trail exposure, liability coverage on the snowmobile we use for trail work as well as premise insurance for our Safety Shelter. The cost was the same as it has been the last few years.

Recap of our Avalanche training. Attendance was great, we had 72 people attend on Friday night (this included 4 trainers) and around 75 attendees on the mountain in Saturday including the trainers. We went through 5 gallons of chili (thank you Michelle Young for making the chili). We had someone from both the Cody Enterprise and the Powell Tribune for media coverage. With the complimentary 1st year membership forms that we handed out we got two new single members and one new family membership. The board believes it is a good idea to have the training again next year. Members at the meeting that also attended the training thought that the quality of the instructors was a plus. They had new material which also helped. While it is advantageous to practice in your back yard with your beacon, having the field training on the mountain makes it more realistic. It is also a good idea to check your gear frequently. The members also agreed with the board that it would be a good idea to have the training again next year.

In the past week President Bert has had phone call discussions with both Rowdy Yates (Upper Yellowstone Snowmobile Club President) and Terri Briggs of the Big Moose Resort in regards to a petition that has been going around in Cooke City about plowing the road into Cooke City. Rowdy is in agreeance that we need to protect snowmobiling and our trail systems. While Terri is interested in the possibilities of plowing the road in the future she doesn't want to harm snowmobiling. Snowmobilers are her "best customers". She agrees that it is good to have two trail systems that join each other and is unsure what the consequences would be. They also had discussions about how it could also affect the Pilot Creek parking area should plowing happen. We had new members at our meeting this month as well so Bert gave a summary to them as to the background of this discussion. Should this move forward again there will need to be a NEPA study as well as the need to make sure that all of the governmental entities are involved, not just our two communities. Shoshone Forest also has a no net gain for trails so should we lose these trail miles it does not mean that we will get those miles back in our area but likely somewhere else on the Shoshone Forest.

We had our awards party on January 31st, the winners of the awards are as follows:

- Male Snowmobiler – Lucas Lamb
- Female Snowmobiler – Jenni Rosencranse
- Family of the Year – Eric Alexander Family
- Youth Snowmobiler – Aspen Alexander
- Business of the year – G & L Water Services
- Groomer of the year – Jason Streeter

Our State Trails nominees for their awards are as follows:

- State Snowmobiler of the Year – Jenni Rosencranse
- Pioneer Award – Bill Holder

And, the winner of the "Seatbelt" award went to Bert Miller. He believes that he was framed.

We received our bill from the Holiday Inn for the party. Jenya Lamb motioned to pay the bill, Brenda Miller second, the motion carried.

The State Trails Council meeting went well in January, it was the first meeting for Forrest Kamminga as the Motorized Trails Manager.

It was then discussed whether or not the club should think about having a feed on the mountain in February some time. Or do we get together, pack our own lunches and just enjoy riding? Brenda Miller stated that she thought since we just fed everyone for the Avalanche training we should just get some riding done. Other club members agrees.

WSSA Raffle ticket sales, we have less until Fun Days (the State Convention) to get them sold. We need help if we want to do as well as we have in the past with our sales. Bert would like to have everyone turn in their tickets at our club meeting on March 4th so that we can make sure we have everything in order prior to the convention the following weekend.

We have more American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA) raffle calendars are available. They are \$20 each. There are 366 chances to win any of the following, \$20, \$40, \$200, \$300, \$3000, or a KLIM Jacket. So, if you have not purchased a calendar yet and would like to please let us know and we will get one to you.

The Western Chapter meeting (consists of Western Snowbelt States & Canadian provinces), and the ACSA Mountain Riding Area Region meeting will be February 21st & 22nd in West Yellowstone.

The club was notified that other snowmobilers have noticed open water on Sawtooth Lake as well as some of the other lakes having slush on them. Be careful out there.

There was no additional business.

We then held our drawing for a door prize. Rob Marshall was the winner.

Our next meeting will be March 4th at the Holiday Inn at 6:30pm. Please join us.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,
Brenda Miller, CCSA Secretary