

Kellner Knights Club Meeting minutes
October 10, 2019
@ Kellner International
17 members present - Meeting brought to order at 7:10pm

1. Introductions/guests
 - a. Announcements/Guests
 - b. We had a few new guests join us. Welcome Jeff and Amy Grimm and Eli and Kevin who recently moved back to the area and happened to be at KI when meeting started!
2. Secretary's Report – was posted on line. Motion to accept made by Mark Placek and second by Justin Conner. Motion approved.
3. Treasurers Report: All bills have been paid and reconciled. We should be getting the first half of our supplemental soon and the 2nd half by the end of December. We also purchased both A & B Raffle licenses through the state. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Justin Conner and second by Mark Placek.
4. Vice Presidents Report
 - a. Membership renewal details – We stand around 55-60 members. Justin will continue to send them in to the AWSC in batches as they come in. Please renew/join early to avoid delays.
5. Trail & Equipment Report:
 - a. Trail section updates: All the following trail coordinators (along with volunteers) have been working diligently to get all the trails in good order. We should be in good shape for riding season.
 - i. Dennis Moon – has completed some if not all work.
 - ii. Tim Zirnhelt – thanks to many volunteers, this portion is complete.
 - iii. Justin Conner/Matt Alft – fields too wet to get in them to sign yet.
 - iv. Mike & Shirley Stensberg - most if not all of this portion is complete, thanks to them both!
 - v. Scott Dougherty/Steve Kinney – along with Brandon Abbott, Cody Conover and Scott Kranz have been getting this portion cleaned and ready.
 - vi. David Akkerman – working to have the trees along roadways kept trimmed
 - vii. Josh Lassa – cleaned and cleared to Church St. Will continue as time permits.
 - b. Equipment
 - i. New trail maintenance equipment
 1. Chain saw, pole saw, trimmer – A new chain saw and pole saw have been purchased and a trimmer will be purchased soon. These items will be available for all trail coordinators and their volunteers to use on their section of trails. Some of our older equipment such as chain saws are being overhauled by Rapids Rental and will return to our fleet of equipment. Josh recently purchased rims for the Kubota. The New Holland front tracks have been replaced and a stock pin was purchased and replaced. Thanks for all your work on the equipment, Josh!

6. AWSC
 - a. Workshop: Appleton 10/25 – 10/27 Dan will attend.
 - b. No new report on AWSC information. Most will be shared at the workshop coming up soon. There will be more in November shared with us.

7. Portage County:
 - a. Map update – Tim Mancl was at the Portage county meeting during our meeting. They are reviewing map ads and their map should be ready in a month or so
 - b. Dan working with Rex Runke Portage County trail coordinator to confirm our funded miles for the DNR.

8. Wood County:
 - a. Map update; renewal in progress – should be going to print very soon.
 - b. 1st half billing due 1/8/2020
 - c. Calvin Dorshorst new snowmobile patrol representative will report to the Wood County Alliance meetings. He and others will patrol trails this season.
 - d. GPS of trails needs to be done
 - i. Wood County is out of compliance and will not receive any new funded miles until we are. Sandra Green (Wood County Parks Coordinator) is working with DNR representative Jillian Steffes.
 - ii. Groomer GPS unit to be installed. The tracking of GPS info may go through the SNARS program, so they would be working together. Data collected annually would then run straight thru SNARS. If we do get this installed this year, we may be the first ones in Wood and/or Portage County to have it. There is an annual fee of \$250 per year, but that amount can be reimbursed as a non-grooming expense.
 - iii. County Ride; Kellner Knights to host/partner with another club, possibly on our Radar Run date so ride could end at Anchor Bay. Dan is working on finding a club willing to do the front part of the ride.
 - iv. Confirmed our funded miles with Sandra Green (Wood County) and Jillian Steffes (DNR)
 - v. Groomer function is being hosted by Vesper for a get together of groomers for information/sharing/etc. They hope to do this in a central location, possibly in Arpin. They are hoping to spread the word to groomers so they have a good turnout.
 - e. Dan Guck is working with Sandra Green in investigating a new permanent bridge south of Griffith for crossing the Bloody Run Creek.

9. Youth Committee – no new info.

10. Old Business
 - a. Calendar of events; posted on our website
 - i. Donahue's open house – set for Fri/Sat, Oct 25&26 – we are need of someone on Saturday to run a Kellner Knights table there. If interested in helping for a time on Saturday, contact Dan Guck.

- ii. Landowners event – an invitation is being sent out to all our landowners. Members are invited to attend to honor them and an invite will be attached to the newsletter you will receive via email in Nov.
- iii. Christmas Parade – we will decorate a float, hopefully in Mike Edwards shop (need to verify with him) on Tuesday, November 26. We will have something in the newsletter and updates posted on Facebook. The parade will be on Wed., Nov 27.
- b. New Website – David Moon will have this up and running after our membership drive.
- c. Gun Raffle volunteer – we have sponsors who are willing to promote/display a gun for a raffle fundraiser. We also have information regarding guns that we could purchase for this raffle. Much of the beginning leg work has been completed. We are now looking for a few members to take it and run with this fundraiser as the coordinators. This could really do well monetarily; we just need the volunteers to run it. Please contact one of your board members if you are interested in taking this over. We have a number of annual fundraisers that are very successful, however, are coordinated by the same people every year; we are really in need of some other members to step up and consider coordinating this one. This would be particularly helpful since it was recently voted on to purchase another groomer (see below.) We are financially very sound right now, however, with updating and adding to our fleet of equipment, an additional fundraiser would be extremely helpful.
- d. Radar Run signage/posters (also for kiosks) – Dennis Moon will be working on this.

11. New Business

- a. Tucker purchase – The board vision is directing their efforts to having the best equipment we can afford so that we can have the best trails possible. In talking with Josh Lassa on any needs, it was decided that we would entertain the idea of purchasing a new/used Tucker so that we could either: a. replace the New Holland or b. have 2 tracked groomers to get both ends of our trail system groomed during heavy snow years when the Kubota is not able to be used. We gave the go ahead for Josh to watch for any deals that we may consider. One was recently posted and Josh was lucky enough to be the first one to respond and get our name on the top of the purchase list. He put \$500 down to hold it upon our club vote to determine if we wanted to purchase it. Some discussion points are below:
 - i. Model 2000 Tucker (Model year 2000 also) – just shy of 1,700 hours. Low hours for a unit this old.
 - ii. Excellent condition other than just some rusted cab corners due to their spraying down the groomer after every use. This must have gotten water into the cab corners. They are having that fixed. A couple of idler wheels will be replaced also before delivery.
 - iii. This Tucker is a solid rubber track, and tracks have no cracking at all; excellent condition and should last a long time.
 - iv. The Tucker has a greater ground speed than the New Holland, so can cover more trail in less time.
 - v. The club that is selling this unit is to the east and at times like us, have not had much grooming time over the past several years.
 - vi. Discussion was that we would use both the Tucker, New Holland and the Kubota through this winter and decide in the spring if we want to keep all units or sell

the New Holland and pay off the Tucker loan. This will be a trial winter for using all of them.

- vii. The price of this Tucker is \$55,400 (\$400 for delivery)
 - viii. We could put down \$10,000 as down payment. We have been approved by Portage County Bank for a loan in this amount.
 - ix. Our last loan for the New Holland of \$46,000 was paid off in 3.5 years due to our fundraising efforts, volunteers who helped with these events, sponsorship/membership and supplemental income. Our loan payment would be approximately \$800 a month. The board feels that this loan would be manageable for us as our cash flow should allow us to make this monthly commitment. However, we would need to continue our fundraising efforts as we have in the past. Another reason why the gun raffle would be helpful as well.
- b. After much discussion, Justin Conner made a motion to purchase the Tucker, Mark Placek second. Motion carried.

12. Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm