

Minutes of November 3, 2025, Langlade County Snowmobile Council Meeting

President Tim Grall called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll call was taken. There were 9/9 clubs in attendance. Also attending were Cody Brauner/Forester, Keri Beck/Langlade County Economic Development Corp., and Steve Maier/Langlade County Forestry/Rec Comm. Chair.

A **motion** was made by Tom Bauknecht and seconded by Marty Birschbach to accept the minutes of the October 6, 2025, meeting.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Randy Siewert. In Savings we have \$10.36, checking \$6,047.25, money market \$7,848.58 for a total of \$13,906.19. The total dividend for the year is \$22.89. We had the following expenditures: Dave Visser(map refund) \$180.00 and IRS (federal tax 2024) \$60.00 for total expenditures of \$240.00. We had the following deposits: \$ Map Ads (ck) \$375.00 and Map Ads (ck) \$360.00 for a total in deposits of \$735.00. A total of \$10,355.00 was collected from the map ads and the cost from Color Vision for 10,000 maps was \$3,295.56. A **motion** was made by Dan Mishler and seconded by Steve Noskowiak to accept the treasurer's report.

AWSC Report – Steve Noskowiak reported that he and Tim and their families attended the October AWSC workshop/Director's & Reps Meeting. Steve passed out the new DOT rates to each club and new information is on SNARS. If you have questions when entering data into SNARS and if you can't get a hold of Nathan Matter from Groomer Tracking Systems, you may call Gary Hilgendorf 715-453-2629. Dues increased from \$12.00 to \$17.00. Increases to trail passes/registration is still in the works. At the end of January and into the beginning of February 2026 the DNR deputies will be having a group enforcement while out patrolling for the snowmobile trails.

Discuss/Approve By-Laws Changes - Randy Siewert brought up that in our Langlade County Snowmobile Council By-Laws under Article X, Section 1, regarding our Fiscal Year, it currently states that the fiscal year of the Corporation shall end on December 31st. This needs to be amended to read, The fiscal year of the Corporation shall end on April 30th. This needs to be voted on twice before the council can change the current language. A **motion** was made by Randy Siewert and seconded by Steve Noskowiak that the date under Article X, Section 1 of the Langlade County Snowmobile Council By-Laws for the fiscal year be amended to April 30th. This was the second vote taken and it was approved unanimously to make the change to the By-Law. Our club secretary will make the amendment to the By-Laws and will include the Certificate of Secretary page to reflect those changes.

Discuss New Snowmobile Maps - Drew Grall reported information about the new 2025-2028 snowmobile trail maps. There was a scaling issue with the map portion of the new snowmobile maps. Color Vision was going to give us 30% off to reprint the maps for a cost of \$2,540.00. After a lengthy discussion with our council, a **motion** was made by Steve Noskowiak and seconded by George Palen that it was not necessary to reprint the snowmobile maps and to use the maps as printed which was unanimously agreed on.

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Discuss Map Signs and Funding – Cody Brauner reported that the Forestry Department will use Grant Funding to pay \$2,500.00 towards the 80 new metal 18X24 maps that will have the snowmobile maps on them. Steve reported that metal signs were \$31.50, but he was going to call Rent A Flash to see if he could get a better deal since we were ordering 80 signs. Cody will send out an email with the map to the clubs to look at and will then send PDF to Rent A Flash.

Economic Development Report – Keri Beck provided the information for the Langlade County websites including: www.countyoftrails.org and www.langladecounty.org. You can find information on our snowmobile trail conditions/trail reports as well as information on upcoming events. You can find downloadable guides and snowmobile maps on these sites as well. Literature from On Wisconsin Outdoors and Up North Action Magazine has information as well and can be found in area businesses. The Langlade County Welcome Center also provides our snowmobile maps.

Forestry/Recreation Report - Cody Brauner had a Forestry report. He reported that Al Murray has been strongly urged to open all gated roads to vehicular traffic in Langlade County all year round. These gated roads are closed for various reasons including some being wetland areas which are preserved for fish and wildlife and many are preserved for silent sport and snowmobile recreation. It would be very expensive to have to maintain these roads if they would become damaged and there would be safety issues for all sport enthusiasts. **Therefore, after a lengthy discussion, the council made a motion** by Randy Siewert and seconded by Dan Mishler that the Langlade County Snowmobile Council unanimously voted to keep all gated roads in Langlade County closed due to an increase in maintenance costs and for safety reasons. Cody invited council members to attend a meeting on Monday, November 10, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Clover Room regarding this issue. Cody also let us know that he spoke with Jordan Sorano/Langlade County Sheriff's Department and Jordan wanted to remind our clubs that if you have any question or concerns in regard to snowmobiler issues, please contact him. Cody has his contact information.

Other matters: Steve Maier brought up that our Langlade County Snowmobile Council is very organized and works together well and he is hoping to have other various Langlade County silent sports/ATV-UTV clubs be able to do what our council has been able to achieve. Steve also congratulated the Antigo Sno-Drifters for the nice article in the Antigo Times regarding their recent award for AWSC 2025 Snowmobile Club of the Year. Tim Grall encouraged other clubs to apply for the various AWSC awards. Applications are all found on the AWSC website.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Grall/Langlade County Snowmobile Council Secretary