

Hampshire White Riders Snowmobile Club Meeting *MINUTES*

February 4, 2026

1. Call to Order **AT 7:32 BY THE PRESIDENT.**
 - a. Introduce any guests or new members. **NONE PRESENT.**
2. Secretary's Report (Kathy) **MOTION TO ACCEPT BY BULLITT AND SECOND BY GENICE.**
3. Treasure's Report (Becky) **SEE THE REPORT. \$150 FROM FREDRICK FUNERAL HOME ARRIVED TOO LATE FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARTY. MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORT BY ED H. AND SECOND BY ED B.**
4. Trail Report (Dan)
 - a. **DAN WASN'T PRESENT. THE TRAILS ARE CLOSED.**
5. SEP Report (Mike, Keith)
 - a. **IT WAS VERIFIED THAT THE STUDENTS WITH FEB. BIRTHDAYS RECEIVED THEIR CARDS.**
 - b. As of Jan IASC meeting 282 students took online classes. In person class numbers are not known yet.
 - c. All SEP paperwork to go digital this season.
6. Web Site Report (Chris)
 - a. **THE SITE IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING UPDATED.**
7. Facebook Page (Mack or Ed)
 - a. **THE PAGE IS UPDATED.**
8. IASC Report (Dwain)
 - a. IASC Conventions 2026 to be held at Chestnut Mountain Resort in Galena again.
 - b. IASC Fund raiser tickets are here, see Chris. **THE TICKETS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED.**
 - c. Out of state trail pass code #490
 - d. IASC is still looking for someone to take over web site.
 - e. December Registrations up 125% and up 51% for the year.
 - f. STEF Grants to be filed 2-15-26 through 3-31-26 this includes O&M **DWAIN AND BECKY WILL GET THE PAPERWORK SUBMITTED.**
 - g. Registration increase discussion has been tabled for now, want to improve renewal process.
Perhaps increase could be avoided if renewal emails could be sent out.
 - h. Next meeting is 2-10-2026 at the Double O Saloon in Monroe Center 7:30pm.
 - i. I do not have a current financial report. **IT HAS BEEN TABLED FOR NOW.**
9. IASC Region #5 Report (Dwain)
 - a. Trail Maps are here.
 - b. Belvidere, DeKane, Hampshire & Marengo had groomed during the last snow and all clubs said their trails were in excellent condition. **GENOA IS IN THE EARLY STAGES OF APPLYING FOR A GROOMER GRANT.**
 - c. This was explained to me that several years ago the IASC and the IDNR had a meeting and came to an agreement that December 10th would be the official opening date for riding, but The I&M Canal and the Hennepin Canal are State Parks and can set their own dates.
 - d. Much heated discussion on trail marking in ditches & IASC Trail marking guide. **IT HAS BEEN TABLED FOR NOW.**
 - e. Region Ride Feb 19-22-2026 Boulder Junction Wisconsin.
 - f. Still looking for someone to fill Alt Director & Treasure positions.
 - g. Balance on all accounts as of January meeting \$9065.58
 - h. Next Region Meeting 2-11-2026 at the Red Ox in Hampshire 7pm.

10. Old Business (Dwain)

- a. Club trip to Mercer Wisconsin Jan 23-26 Update (Jeff) **DAN, STEVE, SKIP, JEFF AND KATHY WERE THE ONLY MEMBERS WHO WENT DUE TO THE VERY COLD WEATHER. THE TRAILS WERE GOOD AND THE TRIP WAS COLD BUT FUN.**
- b. HWR Wear (Jeff) **NO UPDATES.**
- c. Cold Ducks/Region #5 accident update. **THE INSURANCE COMPANY STATES THAT THERE WERE NO ISSUES WITH THE TRAILS.**

11. New Business (Dwain)

- a. Board member Insurance thoughts??? **A MOTION WAS MADE BY KENT TO BUY THE INSURANCE AND SECOND BY ED. THE MOTION PASSED. THE COST WILL BE AROUND \$450 PER YEAR.**
- b. Budget meeting date? **THURSDAY 2/19/2026 AT 7:00 AT RED OX.**
- c. **OPTIONS FOR OTHER HOTELS WERE DISCUSSED FOR THE 2027 CLUB TRIP BECAUSE THE GREAT NORTHERN HASN'T BEEN VERY ACCOMODATING IN RECENT YEARS, BUT IT'S DIFFICULT TO FIND A PLACE THAT HAS EVERTHING ON THE MEMBERS' "WISH LIST". MORE RESEARCH WILL BE DONE.**

12. Announcements

Club Hats \$15.00 & Club Stickers \$2.50
IASC Meeting 2-10-2026 Double O saloon in Monroe Center 7:30pm
Region #5 Meeting 2-11-2026 Red Ox in Hampshire.
Feb 19-22, 2026, Region #5 Trip to Bolder Junction Wisconsin.

Membership 2025-2026 Members/Landowners/Honorary- 71 Families

14. Adjournment: Motion Made By: KEITH Second: BULLITT

The Rules for Snowmobiling in The Village of Hampshire

The Hampshire White Riders Snowmobile Club has had an agreement with The Village since 1980 about snowmobiling in Hampshire. This will address many questions about riding in the village. We need to get the word out ourselves to everyone. We think our website, social media, and all of us members talking to anyone in the Village of Hampshire who will listen is key.

1. You can ride any village street STRICKLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF GETTING TO AND FROM THE TRAIL AT A SPEED OF 15mph OR LESS, NO JOY RIDING IN THE VILLAGE. Stay off sidewalks and grassy surfaces, such as parkways or lawns. STAY OUT OF THE PARKS

2. You may not ride on State Street, Allen Road or Rt #72 you can cross these roads, but you cannot ride on them.

3. You may not cross State Street between Terwilliger and Washington (Downtown Business District) due to the poor visibility.

4. Trails are LEGALLY open from December 10 - March 15 with 4" of snow on frozen ground and 6" of snow on unfrozen ground.