

Forest Riders

Snowmobile Club

Membership Update

August 2020

Membership Renewal Notice

Your 2020-2021 Membership Application is Due Now!

There are two ways to renew your membership for the upcoming snowmobile season:

- Visit our Website: <https://minocquaforestriders.org> and click on the “Join Our Club” link at the top the any page, fill out the form and make your payment using a credit card.
- Fill out a paper form found on a most recent trail map or print the form found on the website and mail it to us along with a check.

All memberships will expire on April 30th, 2021 regardless of the month the membership starts.

*** LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ***

Equipment and Maintenance Manager

The responsibilities of this position include:

- Prep equipment for seasonal work and keep a record of regularly scheduled maintenance
- Work with the Trail Supervisor to set-up equipment for fall and winter use and be on call for equipment rescue during the fall maintenance season. Assist the Trail Supervisor for equipment rescue during the grooming season
- Coordinate a weekly work night and provide leadership for members to do regular maintenance on the equipment during the season
- Maintain an inventory of commonly used parts and fluids for the equipment
- Organizing shop supplies and tools

Map Committee Chairperson

The responsibilities of this position include:

- Coordinate the sales of our map ads with committee members
- Update the map each year and coordinate the printing of new maps
- Coordinate the distribution of the maps to sponsor locations and collect money from map boxes at those locations

Contact Curt Christensen if you're interested in volunteering for either position:

Cell Phone: (608) 632-2492

Email Address: curtolaf@me.com

Snowmobile Raffle

In the near future many of you will be receiving raffle tickets to either sell to relatives, neighbors & friends or to purchase. If you receive tickets and do not want to buy or sell them, please return them to the club so we can find another way of selling them. Your cooperation is much appreciated!



Club Membership Meetings

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services recommends the following for dealing with the Corona Virus Pandemic:

Stay at least 6 feet away from people when possible. Avoid gatherings of ten or more people. Stay at home as much as possible. Cancel events and avoid groups and gatherings.

Based on this recommendation the board, at their last meeting, decided not to schedule these types of club events.

This means there will not be General Membership Meetings scheduled during October through December and the Kickoff to Snowmobiling Party has been cancelled this year.

In December, the BOD will review Wisconsin's DHS policy and determine if meetings and events can be held beginning in January.

President's Report

Spring Elections: During the membership meeting that was cancelled last March, the election of Officers and Board Directors was suppose to take place.

Susie Shanks was running unopposed for the position of Secretary, Steve Shanks was running unopposed for the position of Vice President and Tom Teichmiller & Steve Margitan were running unopposed for Board positions.

Since that meeting, Steve Margitan resigned from the board and the Executive Committee appointed Don Cupp to replace him.

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors held in June, the following action was taken to address the issue of not formally electing the other members to their positions:

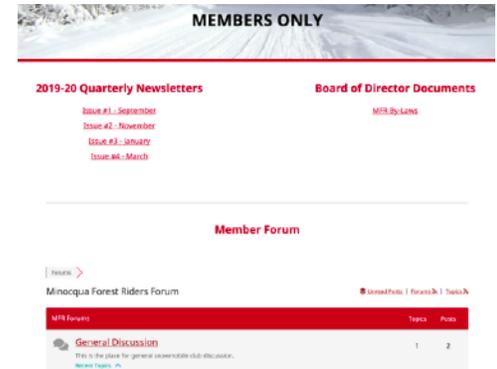
The final motion was made by Curt Christensen for the board to appoint Steve Shanks as Vice-President, Susie Shanks as Secretary and Tom Teichmiller as Board of Director (since they ran unopposed) and to fulfill their terms due to not being able to hold a vote at a Membership Meeting. All Ayes. Motion carried.

WRSC & MFR Merger: Two years ago, the Willow Region Sportsman's Club contracted with our club to maintain and groom their trails. During the past couple of months, both clubs have been working to void the contract and have the Willow Region Trails become part of our trail system. The goal is to have this finalized by the end of September.

Members Only Portal

Some of the benefits of being a club member is receiving club news via email blasts, a Quarterly Newsletter and now because of the pandemic, a Monthly News Update.

A new benefit for joining or club is to have access to a Members Only Page on our website. The link is found at the top of the any page.



After you join our club or renew your membership, you'll be mailed a membership packet that includes the password to this portal. Once logged in, you'll have access to the most recent Newsletters, the club's current By-Laws, Board of Director Agendas & Approved Minutes and club financial documents.

In addition, you can participate in the Member's Open Forum where you can communicate with fellow members on a variety of topics.



Of course, the biggest benefit of them all, in joining the club, is that you're supporting the maintenance of one of the finest snowmobile trail systems in the NorthWoods!