



Golden Triangle Drifters Snowmobile Club

Club Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2026

- Food and beverages were served before the meeting. Amy Brown provided chili and barbeque beef sandwiches, as well as a dessert.
- Meeting at the Windsor Neighborhood Center called to order at 7:09 PM by Cheryl Blaine
- Introduction of Club Officers, Directors and Coordinators – Cheryl
 - Officers: President - Cheryl Blaine, Vice President - Ric Blaine, Treasurer - Amy Brown, Secretary - Rick Potter
 - Directors: Dean Manthe, John Schramer, Kent Elliott, Jay Rauls, Mark Erickson
 - Daryll Manthe - Trail Coordinator and DCCSC Board Member, Randy Manthe - Trail Boss
- Thank you to outgoing GTD Board Members for your years of service to the Club!
 - President – Dick Woodburn
 - Director - Randy Manthe
- Minutes from April 1, 2026 Meeting
 - Shared previously via email by Cheryl Blaine and posted on the GTD website
 - Motion to approve with no changes by Zac Thennes, 2nd by Dean Manthe
 - Motion carried by unanimous vote
- Treasurers Report – Amy Brown
 - Amy provided a detailed report on club deposits and payments, and a current total checking, savings, Venmo, and capital account funds balance as of 9/30/2026. We also have an Edward Jones CD.
- Dane County Council of Snowmobile Clubs (DCCSC) and Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs (AWSC) Report – Ric Blaine
 - Ric reported that Sam Landes, AWSC Director-Dane County is looking for updated lists of club trail landowners.
 - Sam also stated there are about 38,000 AWSC members, but only about 7,000 email addresses are on file. The goal is to get more email addresses to be able to communicate information to members. Also, clubs were reminded to post their events on their website and Facebook pages.
 - The AWSC voted to have their July 24, 2027 Summer Directors Meeting at the DeForest Comfort Inn. The DCCSC approved hosting a hospitality room. We will need to decide how the Club will support and participate in the meeting.

- Membership Renewals and Trail Passes
 - Jean Manthe reported there are 21 paid club memberships thus far for the June 2026-2027 season. Everyone was reminded that the membership info is only submitted to the AWSC twice per month, and the AWSC must have that information for members to be able to acquire discounted Trail Passes. The next submission will be on October 15.
 - Club members were also informed about the *Wisconsin Snowmobile News* magazine no longer being published. They are looking at alternatives to the magazine, such as emailing information or using an electronic PDF version. Otherwise, members are encouraged to actively seek information that is posted on the updated GTD Club Website and Facebook pages. There
- Trail Installation
 - It's still a bit early to start, with lots of corn not yet harvested, but we will need lots of help again to get the trails marked.
 - Daryll reminded everyone not to begin installing trails before they have been cleared and leveled with the groomer. Also be sure to contact him to get confirmation that landowners are ready for that part of the trail system.
- 4th of July and Windsor Fest Recap
 - Amy reported that our net income from our food stand sales at the DeForest 2026 July 4th Celebration was for 2025. A major factor was weather being much better this year than last. There may be some event scheduling/time changes next year, potentially having a 5:00 pm closing on Saturday. It was a beautiful day for the 2026 Windsor Fest event, which was extremely well attended, and our sales were pretty good. Most of the cooked food sold before closing our stand at 5:00 pm when food trucks started serving. Uncooked burger patties were used by Amy to make food for tonight's Club Meeting.
- GTD Club Ride
 - The next Group Club Trail Ride is planned for February 4-7, 2027. There were a block of 14 rooms set up at the Hiawatha Lodge that are parking lot adjacent. Be sure to call to reserve your room. Hotel website and contact information are on the GTD website "[Upcoming Events](#)" page, but the phone number is: (715) 479-4442
- Website Update – Rick Potter
 - Rick confirmed that you can go to the GTD website "[Trail Info/Trail Passes](#)" page to find Trail Pass info, with links to the AWSC online Trail Passes order form.
 - The website has been updated to reflect new Board Members, and the "Club Meetings" page has meeting agendas and minutes posted. There are separate sections for current season 2026/2027 meetings, and past seasons.

- Ric Blaine pointed out that other clubs don't post their club financial information, and that we should keep that private as well. Rick Potter confirmed he will not post that information, including such information shared at our Club Meetings.
- Members are encouraged to submit club photos to add to the website and provide suggestions for additions or improvements. Rick will also coordinate with Morgan Elliott on adding to our GTD Club Facebook site.
- Other Business
 - There was a discussion on the status of our supply of trail marking stakes. Cheryl was able to get all the stakes we have painted, with the hope that we likely won't need to paint any more for 5 years or so. Reflective marker/blazers still need to be attached to both sides of the stakes.
 - Dick Woodburn is planning to purchase a new heavy-duty staple gun on behalf of the Club to use to attach the blazers to the stakes. It's hopeful that works better than using self-tapping screws that we found would work loose.
 - It was noted that we are thankful to Bliffert Lumber for the lumber we get from them for stakes that is returned by customers and is considered no longer sellable.
 - Steve Schuster mentioned that he provided hayrides at the 2026 River Fest event on behalf of the GTD Club.
- Raffle Drawing – Dick Woodburn's name was drawn for both raffle drawings, including one for a flower arrangement provided by Steve Schuster.
- Adjournment
 - Motion to adjourn by Ric Blaine, 2nd by Dean Manthe.
 - Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Submitted by Rick Potter

GTD Club Secretary

10/12/2026