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- Officer/Board member
- Advertising Committee
- Trails/Landowner Committee
- Groomer/Equipment Committee
- Newsletter/Website Committee
- Emergency Response Team
- Safety/Education Committee

- PR/Marketing Committee
- Membership Committee
- Social Committee
- Fund Raising Committee
- Trail Guides
- Legal Advisor
- Club Historian
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## Club Officers

**President:** Eric Glassman 741-4334  
**Vice President:** Rob Vishion  
**Secretary:** Scott Trapp  
**Treasurer:** Rich McNamara 741-4819  
**Trail Coord.:** John & Chantel  
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**Board Member:** Curt Watts  
**Board Member:** Rick Johnson  
**Board Member:** Frank Schroeder  
**Board Member:** Dale Dunkelberger  
**Board Member:** Dan Dressel  
**Board Member:** Kevin Karuschke  
**Board Member:** Dave Witmer

## Committees

### *PR/Marketing & Advertising Committee*

Chairperson: OPEN

### *Social Committee:*

Chairperson: OPEN

### *Membership Committee:*

Chairperson: OPEN

### *Groomer/Equipment Committee:*

Chairperson: Rich Wood 759-8528

### *Trails/ Landowners Committee:*

Chairperson: Chantel Dirschedl  
Vice Chairperson: John Dirschedl

### *Safety/Education Committee:*

Chairperson: Al Osborne

### *Trail Guides Committee:*

Chairperson: Sandy Gaulocher

### *Newsletter/Website Committee:*

Chairperson: Matt Priebe 542-1212  
Looking for replacement

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## Club Headlines

- **Next General Meeting: March 27th at 7:30PM at the American Legion Tillman Post at 9 Eckerson Avenue in the Village of Akron. On the Trail – Obey Signs.**
- **Please remember the Coffta family in your thoughts and prayers as they struggle with the loss of a dear family member.**
- **Please read page 4 written by dear friend of the Coffta family and fellow club member, Ron Dawydko.**
- **Trail maintenance continues....Lets all chip in and get the trails taken down. Call 741-NESS and leave message if you can help!!!**

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A former club member Kevin Coffta, died Wed, April 2nd while he was responding to a disabled vehicle on the 1-90 at the 290 split, near Grand Island. Kevin, a tow truck driver was struck and killed by a drunk driver while he loaded the vehicle onto his flatbed tow truck at 4:50am. Kevin had been living on Grand Island for the last few years with his fiance. Prior to that he had lived with his parents Joe and Darlene on Salt Rd. in Clarence. Kevin and his family, and friends provided a great deal of time and effort to help insure the success of the club in the first few years of the clubs existence. Although to my knowledge Kevin never held an official officers position in the club, he was irreplaceable when it came to keeping our very first groomer (The Bombi) up and running, which spent more time in the repair shop than it did out on the trail. Kevin was also responsible for marking countless miles of trail, and building numerous bridges. It's hard for me to remember just which projects Kevin was a part of, because he was there for almost all of them! In the mid '90's Kevin was in High school, and would track me down around 4:30pm when he was home from school, he'd just show up with his dad's 4-wheeler, and a trailer he towed behind it he made from parts he and his buddies scraped up in junkyards. Rain or shine, daylight or darkness, Kevin would show up day after day, for weeks on end. Sometimes he'd talk one or two of his teenage buddies into coming along, it wasn't long before there was a regular gang of high school kids attending our work sessions, and club meetings. With nick-names such as "Gru", "Fingers" & "Flipper" they always kept us all smiling, and shaking our heads with their antics. Kevin would load up his trailer with stakes, signs and supplies, and head out. He would be gone until way after dark, when he would return he'd be covered from head to toe in mud, but still had a smile on his face. No one involved in the club the first two or three years will argue with me that Kevin, and his buddies were responsible for marking more than half of the clubs trails every year! Kevin was the first "Trail Captain" before the position was even created! If trail work, and bridge building wasn't enough, Kevin could be found most evenings, right along side the rest of us, wrenching on the "broke-down-Bombi" as he'd call it, in his dad's garage. The son of a auto mechanic, Kevin himself had a degree in auto mechanics. As is true for most of us, Kevin's involvement in the snowmobile club came from his love of the sport of snowmobiling. I hold very fond memories of Kevin and his family on snowmobile vacations to Muskoka Canada, where we all spent time riding together on club trips. Although many of the current club members will not have known the contributions, or involvement Kevin had to our club, I wanted to make sure he was recognized for all that he did in the short time he was with us. At 28 years old, he leaves behind a son Dawson, and a fiance Courtney. A trust fund has been set up in Dawson's name at both Bank of Akron & HSBC banks. My thoughts and prayers are with Kevin's family, Joe, Darlene & Melissa; they are all my close friends. As Kevin leaves us, I hope his journey to his new destination is as smooth as the freshly groomed "D" trail between Dorset and North Bay, his favorite trail ride when in Muskoka.

Your Friend & fellow club member,  
Ron Dawydko

## **Thank You!!!!**

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**President's Page****Moving forward**

I hope everyone's heard that our 2008 elections have been completed. We have several new members who've taken the initiative to volunteer and contribute their skills. I want to thank them as well as those who have left us. Regardless of how big or small anyone's contributions are (or were); it's *a/ways* welcomed and appreciated.

Now that spring is here, the club will begin to prepare for next year. Tonight, I will meet for the first time with the new board and will ask them what they think we need to go forward. I would guess we'll get plenty of great ideas – now it's up to everyone to see *how* we'll get it done. I look forward to another year and hope all of our members do to.

This weekend is the NYSSA Forum. It's right in our own backyard this year in Niagara Falls and we're looking forward to attending. You probably heard me ask for volunteers and I thank the several that answered the call. It looks like we'll have a half-dozen or so attending and hope to come back with some great ideas. It really is amazing how many people in New York State share this same passion!

As we enter into yet another year, I will do my best to update everyone with the status of "what's happening". Again, my goal isn't all that much different from yours – I hope to make this the best snowmobile club around and I hope I can count on all the people that help make it work. Thanks again for having faith in me (us) and I promise to do the best I can to make that possible.

See you at the next meeting.

Eric

**To all trail captains!!**

Please schedule your trail takedowns. We need to inventory all signs and stakes and let us know the count. We need to plan for next year and its tough if we don't know what we have!

Remember: All stakes and signs need to be put under cover during the summer – the sun will ruin them in no time! We have plenty of room at the trailers for them and it makes the whole job much easier! (not to mention it beats tripping over them in the garage)

Thanks!



The newsletter you are reading right now is possible through the efforts of our members. For the most part, Matt Priebe has handled it for several years and has done an awesome job. Matt's growing family and other activities prevent him from continuing this. That's where we need your help!

Actually, its not all that hard. All you need to do is gather the material and compile it on the computer; save a send it to the printer; and whamm! its done!

What a great job for a student! I'll bet we could even get you some credits or something for doing it! You'll pretty much have a blank sheet to work with and the sky is the limit! (almost)

You can do it anytime of the day or night – our only requirement is to have it completed by the second week of the month!

Anyway, we really need this and I hoping somebody knows someone or wants to volunteer themselves to help! I know Matt will help you get started and, before you know it, you'll be an expert too!

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Thanks!!

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## ***ADOPT A HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP SCHEDULE FOR 2008***

**SUNDAY: APRIL 27, 2008 JULY 27, 2008 OCTOBER 26, 2008**

**TIME: 9:00 AM**

**WHERE: NIAGARA LABEL, LEWIS ROAD (RT. 93) AKRON, NY**

The NESS Snowmobile Club volunteers to clean up the 2 mile stretch of Rt 93 from Lewis Rd heading North to Swift Mills Rd.

Bags, vests, hard hats, "grabbers", roadside trash & treasures and extreme appreciation provided FREE OF CHARGE. Dress for a date with Mother Nature.

Contact person: Liz Wulf 542-9550

## **Wanted! NESS Newsletter Editor**

After 7 years of writing the NESS Express, I am looking to step down and hand over the editor reigns to a different member. Over the past few years, my sleds have been replaced with other hobbies and family priorities. I will miss sitting at home writing the newsletter and helping to inform our members and landowners of the club, NYS, and snowmobile industry. However, I feel that the job may be performed even better by a member with more dedication and participation in the sport of snowmobiling.

It only takes a couple hours a month. Really!

Most of the officers and board members supply the info you need.

The rest can be found easily by the NYSSA website and other internet sites.

Thanks, Matt

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# Committees in Need of Volunteers

## Administration

### **Board members –**

Attend the board meetings (once a month) and as a group decide on club issues and what is best for the club.

### **Officers –**

Officer positions each require more dedication than a board member. If you're a leader or enjoy overlooking others, an officer position is for you.

### **Legal –**

Help with legal club issues. From our non-profit status to possible legal action against the club.

## Membership/PR

### **Advertising/Trail Guides –**

We all shop there or stop in for a bite to eat.

We need ads from local businesses in our newsletter and trail guide.

### **Newsletter –**

Write the monthly newsletter you're reading right now.

### **Website –**

Help keep it updated and moderate what is on it.

## Social

### **Fund raising –**

Raffles, parties, booth at events. Just a few ideas. We get money from NYS, but sometimes it isn't enough.

### **Events-**

Help let the members know of things happening in the sport and community.

### **Club activities-**

Christmas party, club rides, summer party. Just a few things we need to improve. Lets get together as a club.

## Trails

### **Landowners –**

Answer our landowners questions and help with their problems. Let's keep them happy and always thank them for allowing us to use their property.

### **Trail captains –**

Take care of and pride in a 3 or 4 mile stretch of trail.

Maybe an area near your home. Get your buddies to help.

### **Grooming/Equipment –**

Things break and need maintenance.

From the groomer and drag to a chainsaw. We have a lot of stuff to fix.

Or, Turn on the tunes, up the heat, and head out. Remember, late evening is the best time and we'll train you to drive.

## Training

### **Safety courses –**

Help the young and old ride safe. Set up and organize safety courses and discussions at meetings.

### **Emergency response –**

Help the community or a rider in trouble. Sometimes only a sled can get the job done and you know the area well.



## **Newsletter Information**

### **Message from the editor**

I am looking for information to put in each month's newsletter. As you can see, the newsletter looks very similar month to month. **I need information about our club.** Also, I am looking for events, information, news, anything to do with snowmobiling that may interest you and the rest of our members, landowners, and other readers. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND .pdf FILES.**

Email me at [Priebe.matt@gmail.com](mailto:Priebe.matt@gmail.com)

Also, remember, we do sell ads by the month as well as a full year. So let us know if you want to place an ad. The rates are very reasonable and the money goes to help us keep the best trails in wny up and running.

Matt Priebe, NESS Newsletter Editor

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If you have any concerns or recommendations on how to keep ATV's off your property, let us know. We can address trouble spots while removing the snowmobile trails.

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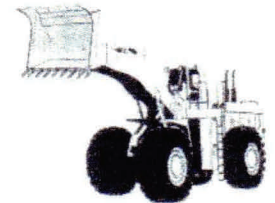
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**General Meeting                      3/27/08**  
**American Legion Hall, Akron NY                      7:30 pm**

**Officers present**

Eric Glassman – President

Scott Trapp - Secretary

Rich McNamara - Treasurer

Meeting called to order at 7:45pm

**Meeting Overview**

Agenda

50/50

Trail Report

Break/Pizza

Election Voting

Treasury Report

**Old/New Business:**

Reviewed the last General meeting minutes. Ron Starkweather motioned to accept, and Scott Trapp seconded, and accepted.

NYSSA meeting April 11 – 13<sup>th</sup>. Niagara Falls NY. Looking for volunteers to attend meeting and work shops. Have sign up sheets.

Membership is 705.

125,783 registered sleds for 2007-08 season(NYSSA)

5.5 million dollar trail fund.

Land owner issues from last meeting have been taken care of.

Route 93 Adopt a highway spring clean up on 4/27 @ Niagara Label 9am.

**Volunteerism:**

Reviewed the new 4 step process, open positions will be in news letter.

1. Website
2. Snow Phone
3. General/Board meetings
4. Membership application

A champion will be assigned to each category, then follow up accordingly.



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## **Next years Focus:**

1. Family Social Events (Scott Trapp has volunteered to take the lead)
2. News letter (Need anew volunteer to take over for Mat Priebe-Thank You Matt.
3. Advertising (Need a new volunteer to bring a new fresh perspective)

## **Trail Capt. Report:**

Rich needs work logs for accounting records.  
Bike Path take down. April 12<sup>th</sup> Barnum rd @ 9am.  
Niagara County trail take down. April 19<sup>th</sup> at Cambels Inn @ 9am.  
April 15<sup>th</sup>. Trails close.  
Need to take signs down before on the 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Trail Capt. Need to keep inventory of signs and stakes.  
All painted stakes, barrels, and signs need to get to the bareks.  
Need to build a new bridge at Strickler rd.  
Kinny Rd. will be re-routed next year.

## **50/50:**

Dan Dressel donated winnings back to club.

## **Break 8:15 to 8:45pm**

## **Nomination / Voting: 8:47pm**

27 Ballots / 1 invalid

### **4 Board member positions were open. (Two year positions)**

Bill Parone  
Jeff Glassman  
Dave Witmer  
Frank Schroeder ( 1 year position with Dan Dressel's resignation)  
Kevin Kruschke

### **Officer positions (one year positions)**

President – Eric Glassman  
Vice President – Dan Dressel  
Treasurer – Rich McNamara  
Secretary – Scott Trapp  
Trail Coordinator – Al Wolbert

## **Treasury Report**

Rich McNamara gave update. Kurt Watts motioned to accept Treasury . report. Dan Dressel seconded.





**Nomination process:**

**4 Board member positions are open. (Two year positions)**

Chantel Dirschedle nominated Bill Smith – Declined  
Eric Glassman nominated Rick Schroder – accepted  
Sandy Gaulocher nominated Kevin Karuschke – accepted  
John Gaulocher nominated Ale Osborne – absent  
Dan Dressel nominated Jeff Glassman – accepted  
Rob Vision nominated Ron Emsinger – declined  
Rich McNamara nominated Ale Wolbert – accepted  
Eric Glassman nominated Bill Perone – absent  
Eric Glassman nominated Rick Johnson – declined

**Officer positions (one year positions)**

President – Rob Vision nominated Eric Glassman – accepted  
Vice President – Jeff Glassman nominated Dan Dressel – accepted  
Rich McNamara nominated Dave Witmer- absent  
Treasurer – Scott Trapp nominated Rich McNamara – accepted  
Secretary – Rich McNamara nominated Scott Trapp – accepted  
Trail Coordinator – Chantel Dirschedl nominated Mike Oliver – accepted  
Eric Glassman nominated Dan Dressel – accepted  
Scott Trapp nominated Chantel Dirschedl – declined

Sandy Gaulocher motioned to close nominations, Josh Dunkelberger seconded.

**Break 8:15 to 8:45pm**

**Trail Capt. Report:**

Rich needs work logs for accounting records.  
Please pick up down signs when needed.  
Please stay off trails when no snow/closed.  
April 15<sup>th</sup>. Trails close.  
Need to take signs down before on the 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Trail Capt. Need to keep inventory of signs and stakes.  
Groomer has been out. Trails are as good as they can be.

**Treasury Report**

Rich McNamara gave update.

**Future Meetings:**

Board of Directors	American Legion	3/6/08	7:00pm
General Meeting	American Legion	3/27/08	7:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Trapp



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