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Next General Meeting: October 30th at the
American Legion Tillman Post in Akron at 7:30PM
Next Board Meeting: October 9th at the
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We are a 100% volunteer, 501(C) 3 not-for-profit organization that relies on member support to make our club a success. Everyone has *something* they can contribute and *any* assistance (no matter how big or small) is greatly appreciated. Please check any area(s) where you can help us say: "The Best Trails in WNY!"

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- Advertising/PR Committee
- Trails/Landowner Committee
- Groomer/Equipment Committee
- Newsletter/Website Committee
- Emergency Response Team
- Safety/Education Committee

- Membership Committee
- Social Committee
- Fund Raising Committee
- Trail Guide Committee
- Legal Advisor
- Club Historian
- Other _____

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Date _____

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President: Eric Glassman 741-4334
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Secretary: Scott Trapp
Treasurer: Rich McNamara 741-4819
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Board Member: Bill Peronne
Board Member: Frank Schroeder
Board Member: Dale Dunkelberger
Board Member: Jeff Glassman
Board Member: Kevin Karuschke
Board Member: Dave Witmer

Committees

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Social Committee:

Chairperson: OPEN

Membership Committee:

Chairperson: OPEN

Groomer/Equipment Committee:

Chairperson: Rich Wood 759-8528

Trails/ Landowners Committee:

Al Wolbert/Mike Oliver

Safety/Education Committee:

Chairperson: OPEN

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: October 30th at 7:30PM at the American Legion Tillman Post at 9 Eckerson Avenue in the Village of Akron. On the Trail – Obey Signs.**
- **October Adopt-A-Highway**
Sunday October 26, 2008 at 9:00am. Meet at Niagara Label Lewis Rd (Rte. 93). Bags, grabbers, vests, gratitude and fun provided for free.
- **LAST PAPER NEWSLETTER**
Check the website for all future newsletters
- **Trail maintenance continues....Lets all chip in and get the trails ready to ride. Call 741-NESS and leave message if you can help!!!**

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Next Board Meeting: November 13th at 7:00PM at the American Legion Tillman Post in Akron, NY.



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**President's Page****Will you ride "home"?**

In August's newsletter, I talked about how fast the summer went. Enough of that because winter will be just as fast. We're looking to continue the growth and depth of the club and are always looking for new people to show their skills to help.

Those of you who renewed your membership may have noticed a new donation line on the application. For those who haven't – we've added a line to donate for a new club house! The board discussed it and thought it was time to throw it out there! As you know, we spent last fall and the summer listing all the things our members would like to grow the club and make it more enjoyable. While there are several projects on that list, I think the clubhouse is probably the biggest one we've ever tackled. Now, we're not saying it'll be built this year or next, but we have to begin the process somewhere and work toward that goal. Here's a brief summary:

- A dedicated account has been opened.
- A small portion of every membership dollar will be deposited in that account
- Deposits can come from many sources. 50/50's, interest savings, donations, fund raisers, raffles, or other revenue will be considered.
- We will establish goals and have periodic reviews. All members will see where we are at any time.
- Assuming we are on track, we will establish a building committee to investigate land, structure, and any other requirements the club may need.

I look forward to achieving this milestone. I believe it will help our club grow and give us a place to call "home". Please join us at future meetings to discuss our plan!

Thanks to all who helped out at the Labor Day Fair. We had a pretty good crowd and renewed about 30 members. As always, we look forward to another season and have some work to do. Together, it can work.

See you at our next meeting.

Eric

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***ADOPT A HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP*****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

A Few Upcoming Events**Christmas Party December 13, 2008 Newstead Fire Hall**

This years Christmas Party will be on December 13, 2008 at the Newstead Fire Hall starting at 5pm. Start looking for prizes for the Chinese auction and drop them off at the monthly meetings. The sooner the better

To all trail captains!!

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

Remember: We need to start clearing brush and repairing bridges as soon as possible. Talk with your landowners and discuss with them when work can begin. Also, don't forget to ask each landowner if there were any problem areas last year that need to be addressed this year.

Thanks!



Attention Members and Landowners

This newsletter will be going electronic starting this month.
NO MORE PAPER COPIES WILL BE PRINTED AND MAILED OUT
This is DO to the rising cost of postage and printing

Members and Landowners will need to make sure the Northern Erie Sno-Seekers have your current email address. Call the Snow Phone at 741-NESS if you need to make changes

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Help Wanted – check out the great benefits!!!

We're looking to fill a few spots to help our club grow and become what it can be. The success depends upon you, not others to help make that possible. Take a look and see what you can do to help

- **Newsletter editor.** Now that we're going "electronic", it'll be even simpler! What a great job for a student or anyone who can do it right from home! I'll bet it'll even count for school credit!
- **Social/safety committee.** Need to coordinate 2 or 3 safety training sessions/yr. We have instructors ready to go – just need a champion to coordinate! Also, how about a club ride or summer picnic??? Even simpler when we can get 2-4 people to arrange it! Think about the benefit to our club...hey!!
- **Trail captains.** Take a small chunk of trail and call it "yours". Get your buddies to join and help you! Let's see....get on your sled and ride the trail to make sure its marked safely and no trees fell or whatever....sounds hard huh? Report on how much snow is in your neighborhood. Where do I sign up?
- **Board member/officer.** This is where we decide on what the club will do! We run the business side of things and all help to get it done. Ask any one of the present or past members and I'll bet nobody will say they regretted it! It is really is fun!

Trail Guides for 2008/2009

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Committees in Need of Volunteers

Administration

Board members/Officers –

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

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

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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Attention Landowners

Let Us Know!!!

Please contact the trail coordinator, any officer, or leave a message at 741-6377 if any area of your property needs attention this year. We greatly appreciate the use of your land for our trails and will do what we can to keep the ATV's and trespassers off.

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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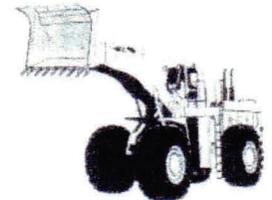
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**Northern Erie County Sno-Seekers, Inc.
General/Board Meeting 7/31/08
Marvin's Restaurant, Clarence NY 7:30 pm**

Officers present

Eric Glassman – President

Scott Trapp - Secretary

Dan Dressel – Vice President

Rich McNamara - Treasurer

Meeting called to order at 7:45pm

Meeting Overview:

- Review Action items from last meeting
- Trails
- Marketing/Membership Items
- Grooming
- Other

Trails:

- General summary. List repairs, maintenance, and 08/09 projects.
- Kinney Rd follow up with land owner issue/Re-route
- Bike path/Newstead – Offered to help with maintenance, damage, ect.
- Dawydko/Wolbert rocks. Bill Perone will schedule, Plaques are completed.
- \$1M sweep. Post summary of resolution in newsletter and on web.

Marketing/Membership Items:

- Trail Report: All signs are down. Need new signs for next year. Need inventory of signs and stakes.
- Newsletter: Club still needs a volunteer. Start the E-mail project.
- Website update for summer.
- Membership: Align with voucher timing 4/1 – 3/31.
Align club vouchers with NYSSA registrations.
Place notification in news letter.
Effective 08-09 season. Need to put on webcite and in newsletter.
- Xmas party: Begin to get gifts and establish budget
- Future meetings. Marvins and Tillman post.
- Volunteerism. Reviewed lists and will follow up.
- Labor Day Fair. Scott Trapp volunteered to organize.

Grooming:

Storage for groomer is complete. Batteries are unhooked



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Other:

- 4-wheeler is fixed. Scott Trapp dropped off and picked up from Jan-cen. \$530.00
- Semi-trailer: Need to pick up from Liabrocks if we want it. Dan and Rich will get it.
- Next year's agenda: Review top 5 priorities and discuss.
- By-Laws: Update. Need to issue and vote to members.
- Budget. Adjustments, reports. Rich McNamara
- Pay Bills, Rich McNamara

Treasury Report: Rich McNamara

Respectfully submitted, Scott Trapp

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!

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Thanks, Matt

Thank You!!!!

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