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**NEXT GENERAL MEETING  
IS ON August 26th at 7:30 PM at American Legion Tillman  
Post, 9 Eckerson Avenue in the Village of Akron.**

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## Club Headlines

- **Next General Meeting: August 26th at 7:30 PM at American Legion Tillman Post, 9 Eckerson Avenue in the Village of Akron.**
- **Other Meetings:**
- **Board Meeting: September 9th at 7:00 PM at Marvin's Bar and Grill (Corner of Goodrich Rd. and Delaware Rd.) in Clarence Center.**
- **General Meeting: September 30th at 7:30 PM at American Legion Tillman Post, 9 Eckerson Avenue in the Village of Akron.**

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## President's Page

### Here we are

I want to thank everyone who contacted our elected officials about the proposed sweep of our trail fund money. Our voices were heard and there will be no pilfering of our funds this year! Now we have to change the verbiage that allows such a foolish thing to begin with so it will never be a threat again. Our quest continues...your letters and calls to Albany are always welcome.

As we prepare for another season, I asked the board to come up with a list of projects we would like to do this year forward. We did not include the "daily" activities of running the club but other, non-standard activities or projects that make our club one of the best in WNY. From a large list we combined items, categorized them, and came up with a pretty decent "to do" list. If any of this sounds familiar, it is. Several years ago we did just the same thing. I'm also happy to report that ALL of those have been completed! The new \$170,000 groomer was probably the biggest project on that list!

Here's a brief summary of what we have for this round:

- More club rides and functions. Dice runs, family rides, cookouts, etc. These are always good things and we'll be looking for volunteers to help arrange them and make them successful.
- Establish better committees with clearer responsibilities. Hats off to the people we have now who have done a wonderful job in the past but we think it time to support them even more by defining it better.
- Consider a 2<sup>nd</sup> UTV for trail maintenance. Isn't it awesome that we blanket WNY with over 125 mile of trails? I do too but having just 1 machine to mark and maintain it can be a bit challenging. Now that we have a newer side-by-side, we found the perfect machine to look for!
- Reward volunteers. We have to still come up with a system that's fair to all but our goal is to recognize and reward those who make ALL this happen and allow us to ride our sleds on a beautiful trail system right in our backyard. There is so much more to say but that would take a book!
- Grow and further improve our grooming functions. We spent nearly 16 hours of every "groomable" day last year grooming our trails – even though that's about a 1000% increase over 10 years ago, we want to make sure its spread out evenly and with the best possible results. The music plays for only about 8 weeks and we want to be dancing when it does!

Of course, all of this takes people. The more the better. I've lost track of how many times I've said that but the tasks above are not really that hard when you have a group of dedicated people who all share the load. I believe getting them is the biggest task we have.

Don't forget to come and help out at the annual Labor Day fair! Please call 741-NESS to sign up! We need volunteers for an hour or two – we have some huge events planned!

See you on the 26<sup>th</sup>!

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Well before you know it the season will be here. I think we all have a few goals that the club could achieve, such as making more trails into Niagara County. This season we would like to get to Becker Farms and possibly the south side of Middleport. I been looking at the member list I think we have more than enough members to make this happen. Any one that currently has a section of trail that needs materials such as signs, posts, or other please let me know. We would like to get this done before it's time so we ALL can RIDE ! Current job lists include: belting on Bowen Rd bridge - trim brush back on C4H - list of all current land owners or changes for this season - also looking for someone to finalize all markings for GPS. Any info and or help we would appreciate.

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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.

*Thanks again for all of your support, without your generosity, we wouldn't have these wonderful trails.*

### **A Few Upcoming Events**

**Adopt-A-Highway:** Adopt-A-Highway date for 2010 is scheduled for September 26th. Meet at Niagara Label (corner of Hake Road and Rt. 93 in Akron) at 9am.

**Labor Day Fair:** September 4th to 6th at the Clarence Center Volunteer Fire Company Grounds. Volunteers needed for both the Pizza Booth and the NESS Club booth. Stop in to both locations and support the club!

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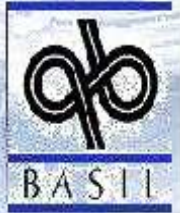
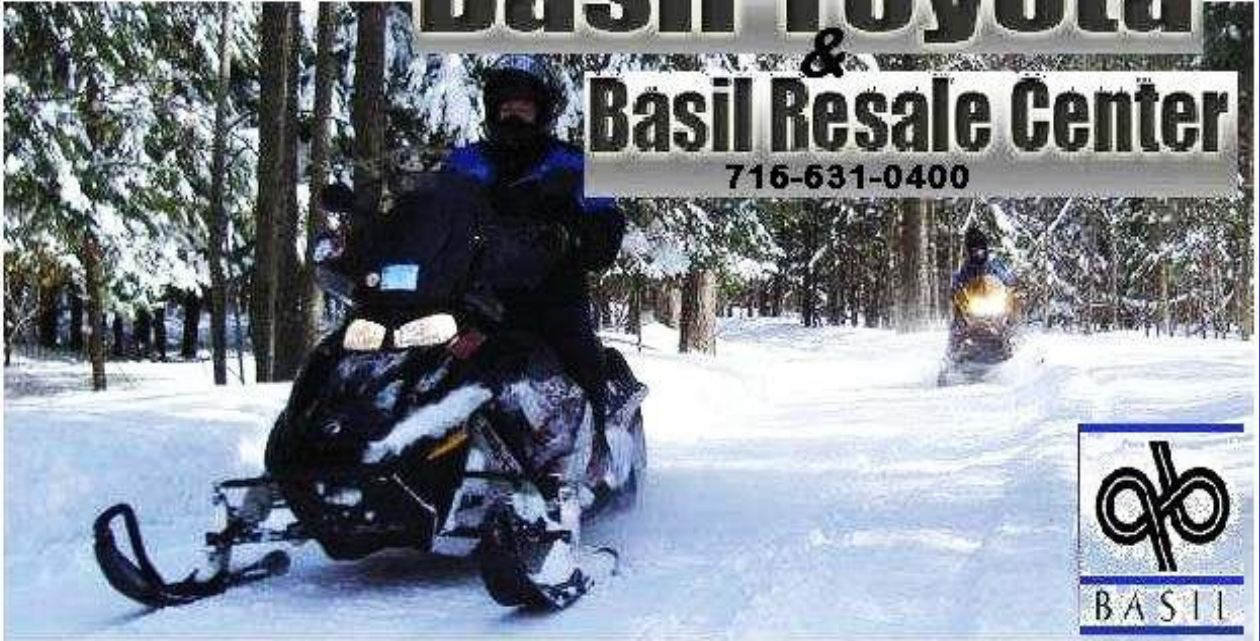


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**Northern Erie County Sno-Seekers, Inc.  
Board/General Meeting July 29, 2010 Summary  
Tillman Post, Akron, NY 7:00 PM**

Officers present:

President – Eric Glassman  
Vice President – Dan Dressel  
Secretary – Mary Beth Kiesel  
Treasurer – Rich McNamara

Meeting called to order at 7:36 pm – 14 people present.

Meeting ended at 10:10 pm

**Open items from last meeting:**

- 1) Ad money for newsletters. Steve Wdowka says we are all set.
- 2) Trail heads. McDonald's is still up until next year.
- 3) Groomer policy. Rich Wood has a copy.
- 4) Meeting times. We have decided to move our Board Meeting location from Marvin's to the Clarence Bowling lanes as of our December meeting and future Board Meetings. General Meetings will still be held at the Tillman Post in Akron.

**Trails:**

- 1) There were discussions about some of the trails. Randy Wdowka was mentioning the Marvin's trail near Lapp Road. There was talk about rerouting the trail.
- 2) Bulk order of trail signs. Eric Glassman will place order. We changed the amount to 150 instead 250 signs. Eric will order from the Niagara Federation meeting thru NYSSA.

**Marketing/Membership items:**

- 1) Newsletters. Eric Glassman wanted to finalize the months that we voted on at our last meeting. We had agreed on Aug – Oct – Nov – Jan - Mar –May. After much discussion, we changed the months to: Aug - Oct – Nov – Dec – Jan – Feb – Mar. Steve Wdowka motions for the rest of the months on the website. Then there is a lot of discussion.... If anyone knows who wants to advertise – please see Steve. Our newsletter needs to go out to Print on the Monday after the Board Meetings. The August Newsletter will include the July Combo Meeting and the August Board Meeting. Then the September Newsletter will include the August General Meeting and the September Board Meeting.
- 2) There was a discussion about purchasing the stakes. Beachy's Lumber in Lyndonville, NY 585-765-2215 carries wooden stakes.
- 3) We need to purchase some wood from Gui's lumber for the Kelkenberg bridge – 24 foot area. We will need 50 pieces of 2\*6\*10.
- 4) Logo redesign. Scott Trapp is still working with her...

**Groomer/Maintenance:**

- 1) UTV Trailer purchase. Buck's still needs to get us the price quote on paper. Eric will follow up on it.



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- 2) Ranger. The ranger needs servicing. Dan Dressel with talk with John about getting an oil change – checking the brake, etc. Dan will get a cost.
- 3) Eric Glassman has the trailer plate and the ATV plate. Is the plate is transferrable? Rich McNamara will take care of it.

### Other:

- 1) Priorities. The priorities have been tallied. Eric mentioned a few of the items that our members would like: Safety courses, paying down on groomer, more rides, redesign web and logo and newsletters, memberships and By-laws. Eric will summarize and put in newsletter.
- 2) Swap meet. We will be giving a Triumph bike away and a \$100 gift certificate to give away. We need volunteers – 12 people to work half days. We need to sell spots. We need to figure out how many spots there will be. Eric Glassman sent Vinny the measurements.
- 3) Labor Day Fair. Dan Dressel has taken care of the tent and tables. We will be selling pizza also. We will need a permit that costs \$50.00. Rich McNamara is running the pizza tent – volunteers will sign up at the Aug meeting for both events. We will be in the parade with our groomer. We do this every year.
- 4) We made another payment on our groomer. The Eric County grant money came in.
- 5) Treasury report. See attached.
- 6) Someone noticed that the old Membership Application is still on our web site. Rich McNamara will take care of it.
- 7) Safety course. When should we have them? Nov/Dec or Jan/Feb or Oct? We will discuss at next meeting.

Our next Board Meeting will be on August 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Marvin's in Clarence Center.  
Our next General Meeting will be on August 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at the Tillman Post in Akron.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth Kiesel  
Secretary

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## **Northern Erie County Sno-Seekers Club, Inc. Board Meeting August 12, 2010      Summary Marvin's Clarence, NY 7:00 pm**

Officers present:

President – Eric Glassman

Vice President – Dan Dressel

Secretary – Mary Beth Kiesel

Treasurer – Rich McNamara

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm – 11 people present

Meeting ended at 9:01 pm

### **Reviewable actions from last meeting:**

- 1) Meeting times – Confirmed start times for meetings. Board meetings will start at 7:00 pm. General and Combo meetings will start at 7:30 pm. Mary Beth Kiesel has posted the next few month's dates and times on website.

### **Trails:**

- 1) Trail grant paperwork is in. Thanks Rich McNamara. Rich says that almost all permits are set.
- 2) Lumber list - We still need a few things. Steve Wdowka says we need a few 35' poles. We need to decide how much money to budget for wood this year. We think there are just a few bridges that need to get done.
- 3) GPS – Eric would like a colored map from the GPS system. Rich McNamara had ones printed to hand out. There was some discussion about the accuracy of the trail guide that the State puts out. Could we use our map because it is accurate?

### **Marketing/Membership items:**

- 1) Priorities for year. We summarized the items that the members turned in. Here is the official list:
  - 1) Purchase a 2<sup>nd</sup> ATV with trailer.
  - 2) Have more club functions – maybe a dice run added to bonfire event.
  - 3) Set up a program to reward volunteers for their time and effort.
  - 4) Continue establishing committees for volunteers to participate in club.
  - 5) Improve the coverage of grooming paths.
- 2) Newsletters - We are getting ready to mail August Newsletters. Rich McNamara will handle the first month with our printer.
- 3) Adopt-A-Highway – We are set for September 26<sup>TH</sup>. Let's make sure it's on our website.
- 4) Logo - We will discuss later.

### **Grooming/Maintenance:**

- 1) UTV trailer – Eric Glassman received a quote from Buck's for 2 trailers. We decided on a 6 by 14 foot. Eric will take care of purchasing it. It will have a single axle and 2" ball. We would like to have it by October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 2) UTV repair. Dan Dressel will take a look at it soon. Eric Glassman says that if it only needs an oil change, than we can do it ourselves. Dan will let us know...
- 3) Groomer Policy – We will need before groomer season. We set a deadline date of October 1<sup>st</sup>



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## Other:

- 1) Steve Wdowka mentioned there is an Extreme Power Sports Show in October. It will have a swap meet too. NYSSA is a lead sponsor. All clubs get a free 10 by 10 booth. We have committed to a booth. The event runs October 23-24 indoors at the Hamburg fair grounds. The swap meet will be outdoors.
- 2) Bucks – We are still waiting to hear if the date has changed. We found out last meeting that the date was set for Columbus Day weekend. We requested any weekend but that. We will have too many people unavailable to work the event. Eric Glassman will let us know. We will need at least 12 people to run event.
- 3) Labor Day fair – We have sign up sheets for volunteers. The pizza stand will need at least 4 people for 3-4 hour shifts until 11:00 pm. The tent will also need people until 8:00 pm. Dan Dressel has tents and other items confirmed. Will our groomer be there? Yes. The new one. We will need to get a vinyl sign made for the pizza stand. Eric will be getting the Salvatore's gift certificate. Rich Wood will look into having the groomer in the parade. We would like our volunteers to wear a NESS shirt. For the pizza people, Mary Beth Kiesel will get 10 embroidered logo aprons for our volunteers to wear.
- 4) By-laws – We will have an update next meeting.
- 5) Stakes – Steve Wdowka will have a list of vendors that we can purchase plastic stakes from. If we go with wood – we need to get soon so we can paint them. We will make a decision at our September Board Meeting.
- 6) NYS sweep – Thanks to all who sent letters. It worked. It was reversed. It didn't happen this year.
- 7) Let's get a few local events on the newsletter. Boat shows, Big East, Grass drags, Bison games, etc.
- 8) Christmas Party – December 11<sup>th</sup> looks like the date for our annual party. Saturday 5:00 pm – 11:00 pm at the Newstead Fire Hall. Do we have it reserved? Curt Watts has 2 welding machines for donation. We can use one for the NYSSA Forum next year and one for our Christmas party. Thank you Curt for your donations.

Our next meeting will be a General Meeting on August 26<sup>th</sup> pm at the Tillman Post in Akron.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth Kiesel  
Secretary

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## NORTHERN ERIE SNO-SEEKERS, INC.®

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

### 2010/2011



NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_  
(First Name, Spouse's First Name, Children's First Name, Last Name)

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/TOWN \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
(We do not share personal information)

[www.snoseekers.com](http://www.snoseekers.com)

**\*NAME AND ADDRESS MUST MATCH SNOWMOBILE REGISTRATION FOR DISCOUNT. See below.**

**(716) 741-NESS (6377)**

All memberships are from April 1 to March 31 to coincide with NYSSA Voucher's \$5 of this fee is for membership to NYSSA who will donate .25¢ to the NYS Snowmobile PAC. **NOTE:** If you do not wish to donate the .25¢, please check here \_\_\_\_\_. If you are already a member of NYSSA (through another club) you may deduct the \$5.00 if you wish from amount below and write the club name club name and voucher ID# here \_\_\_\_\_

- NEW MEMBER**
- RENEWAL**
- LANDOWNER** (Please check all that apply)
- SINGLE \$ 25.00**
- FAMILY \$ 30.00** (Includes spouse and all children age 17 and under residing at the same address above)
- NEW 2<sup>ND</sup> GROOMER DONATION \$ \_\_\_\_\_**
- CLUB/GROOMER HOUSE DONATION \$ \_\_\_\_\_**
- ADDITIONAL DONATION \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

REMEMBER, WE ARE A 501(c) 3 ORGANIZATION AND ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE!!

**\*Membership in this club entitles you to NYS Snowmobile Registration fee of \$45 on each snowmobile registered to the names and address above. A voucher will be issued upon club membership payment. You may register on-line at [www.nyssnowmobassoc.org](http://www.nyssnowmobassoc.org) (be sure to choose NESS as your club) or bring this application to the monthly meeting or mail it to:**

**Northern Erie Sno-Seekers, Inc.®**  
**PO Box 167**  
**Akron, NY 14001-0167**

Please remember, 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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| <input type="checkbox"/> Officer/Board member         | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Committee   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising/PR Committee     | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Committee       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trails/Landowner Committee   | <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Groomer/Equipment Committee  | <input type="checkbox"/> Trail Guide Committee  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter/Website Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Advisor          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Response Team      | <input type="checkbox"/> Club Historian         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Safety/Education Committee   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____            |

**If you are interested in promoting your business we offer many forms of advertising. You may choose from spots in our newsletter, trail guides, along the trail or on our website. Please call us or visit our website for more information.**

**ASSUMPTION OF RISKS, RELEASE OF LIABILITY, AND WAIVER OF CLAIM:** I am aware that snowmobiling involves many risks, dangers and hazards including, but not limited to: other snowmobiles, changing weather conditions; natural or un-natural objects: trees, stumps, the condition of snow or ice; changes in the terrain; blind spots or areas of reduced visibility, snow grooming equipment, or other vehicles, or negligence of other drivers or on the part of NESS or its members to safeguard or protect me from these hazards. I am aware of, freely accept, and fully assume such risks and the potential loss resulting there from and release NESS and its officers, members, or sponsors from all liability and waive any and all claims for such loss.

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

**"SNOWMOBILERS RESPECT LANDOWNERS - STAY ON THE TRAIL"**



**Northern Erie Sno-Seekers, Inc. ®** (NESS) was established in 1973 and has been promoting the safe and responsible use of snowmobiles ever since. We are a 100% volunteer, 501 (c) 3 not-for-profit organization serving 3 counties and the communities of: **Clarence, Newstead, Amherst, Akron, Alden, Lancaster, Pembroke, Lockport, Gasport, Royalton and Hartland.**

- Our general **meetings** are held at 7:30 PM on the last Thursday of each month. Please check our website for location but during the season, they're at **American Legion Tillman Post 9** Eckerson Road Akron, New York. It's located right on **C4C trail** (the bike path at Cedar Street) so you can come join us by sled! All ages are welcome! Bring a friend, too!
- We spend over 4000 hours/year conducting the activities needed for

**"The Best Trails in WNY®"**

- We have over **720 members** of all ages who share the same passion and enjoy making snowmobiling such a wonderful sport!
- We have two groomers; one we purchased in 2005 costing over \$130,000, and another in 2009 costing over \$170,000. These help us maintain over **125 miles of trail** right in your neighborhood!
- Our trail system is possibly only through the generous support of over 200 **private landowners**. We respect them by staying on the marked trails! Follow the signs - not always the tracks!
- We provide **Safety Courses** for both kids and adults.
- Come join us and visit our website at: [www.snoseekers.com](http://www.snoseekers.com)

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