



April 2011 Newsletter

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

April 28th at 7:30 pm at American Legion Tillman Post



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President: Eric Glassman
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Board Member: Scott Trapp

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Chairperson: Scott Trapp

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Chairperson: Rick Johnson

Groomer/Equipment Committee:

Chairperson: Rich Wood 759-8528

Trails/Landowners Committee: Al Wolbert

Safety/Education Committee:

Chairperson: OPEN

Trail Guides Committee:

Chairperson: OPEN

Newsletter Committee:

Chairperson: Mary Beth Kiesel
(temporary)

Website Committee:

Chairperson: Mary Beth Kiesel
(temporary)

Adopt-A-Hwy Committee:

Chairperson: Rick Weitz 713-9018

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Club Headlines

- **Next General Meeting:** April 28th at 7:30 PM at American Legion Tillman Post, 9 Eckerson Ave in the Village of Akron.
- **Other Meetings:** May, June and July will be combined meetings. Come on out and have some fun!
- **Board/General Combo Meeting:** May 26th at 7:30 PM at American Legion Tillman Post, 9 Eckerson Ave in the Village of Akron.

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President's Page

Thank you beyond words

As you may know, our elections last month brought some new faces into our club. While change is sometimes unpredictable and always present, we must not forget what we are today because of the hard work and dedication of the people who got us here. As I've said a hundred times before, it's more than just pounding in some stakes and grooming some trails.

This month, I want to thank our past Treasurer; Rich McNamara (alias Mac) for the 9+ years of unbelievable dedication and hard work that he has provided to this club. I've worked with many people in my professional and volunteer "careers" and Rich is one of those people that anyone would love to have on their team. I often think of the growth that we've achieved over the past 10+ years and the fact that we wouldn't be where we are today if it wasn't for Rich's expertise with not only the Treasurer's position, but with *almost everything* in this club. In the beginning, he was handed a shoebox of receipts and was told to figure it out. Shortly after, he had us up and running on QuickBooks like a small business. A while later, no one believed (or even knew about) a thing called 501c3 when Rich proposed we should look at it. Months of hard work and *hundreds* of hours later we were the first club in NYS to achieve it. Many more clubs have now followed our lead. When it came time to upgrade our groomer, it was Rich who took on the challenge and worked with the banks drafting a plan to make it happen. It didn't stop there. The paint was hardly dry when he proposed a way to "pre-pay" our loan resulting in thousands of dollars in savings *and* the stellar credit rating we needed to do it all over again a few years later! Rich was also our "go-to" person when it came to the trail grant paperwork. He would joke about the typical 40-60 hours it took to do it 3 times a year, yet it was *never* late or rejected. We *always* got paid and we *always* knew where every penny was with his detailed monthly reports. All this of course was accomplished when he wasn't volunteering even more of his time picking up our mail, paying our bills, coordinating fundraisers, attending Federation meetings, or grooming our trails. He often took the "graveyard" shift and went out while the rest of us were sleeping. His dedication was endless and his professionalism was priceless.

I could go on and on but I hope you get the point. Our club has grown beyond a bunch of trails and is the envy of many WNY clubs. Rich was a huge part of that and I hope he continues to be part of us while he enjoys his "retirement".

There are times that you just can't thank someone enough no matter what you say. This is one of those times.

Eric

WANTED! NESS NEWSLETTER CHAIRPERSON

This is a perfect opportunity to volunteer without doing the grunt work on the trails! No experience necessary. All it takes is a few hours a month. Most of the information you need is supplied by the Board members or information can be easily found through the NYSSA website. If you can use Microsoft Word then Microsoft Publisher will not be a problem.

WANTED! NESS WEBSITE CHAIRPERSON

We are looking for someone to help our website. It could use a few changes. Are you up for the challenge?



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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following Officers who were elected for the 2011-2012 season:



President: Eric Glassman

Vice President: Dan Dressel

Secretary: Mary Beth Kiesel

Treasurer: Rick Johnson

Sergeant of Arms: Ray Somers

Trail Coordinator: Curt Watts

Congratulations to the following Board Members who were elected to two year terms:

Dave Faron

Frank Schroeder

Randy Wdowka



2011-2012 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Membership applications are now available for the 2011-2012 season. Memberships run from April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012. Applications are available on Pages 24 & 25 of the newsletter or drop by a meeting to sign up.

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Here are our committees!

How do you want to join in on the fun?

Objective of committee formation: Our club is setting up specific committees to help utilize our membership and to make the process easy for you to get involved. We have tried to simplify and specify the responsibilities of our hard working volunteers.

- Legal Committee:** Responsibilities include handling our by-laws, insurance, legal actions and correspondence.
Sub-committees: To be determined by chairperson
- Emergency Response Committee:** Help our communities in their time of need. Responsibilities would include coordinating, on our club side, a disaster response team including groomers, equipment and sleds.
Sub-committees: Groomer, sleds
- PR/Marketing & Advertising Committee:** Responsibilities include signs, selling ads for newsletters and trail head advertising.
Sub-committees: Signs, selling advertising
- Fundraising Committee:** Coordinate fundraising items from list below.
Sub-committees: Coupon Books, Nyssa Raffle, Groomer boxes, 50/50
- Apparel Committee:** Responsibilities include ordering and distributing our NESS apparel.
Sub-committees: Apparel, Logo
- Social Committee:** Responsibilities include organization of all activities listed below.
Sub-committees: Buck's open house, Don George's open house, Labor Day Fair booth, Labor Day Fair Pizza, Bon Fire, Christmas Party, Club rides, Summer Events
- Membership Committee:** Responsibilities include receiving applications and processing memberships. Producing vouchers for sled registrations and decals with the temporary NESS membership cards. Responsibilities would also include distributing applications to various locations around town.
Sub-committees: To be determined.



8. **Groomer/UTV Equipment Committee:** Responsibilities would include keeping the groomers and drags in working order, organizing the grooming schedules for the winter and organizing groomer education/safety courses. Keeping UTV in working order and organizing UTV usage for trail work.
Sub-committees: Groomer maintenance & Groomer scheduling, UTV/Trailer, Groomer education/safety courses
9. **Trail/Landowner Committee:** Responsibilities would include coordination the county trail captains to see that their 3 or 4 mile stretch of trail is being taken care of and handling all landowner issues and requests. All trail openings and closings are determined by this committee. Erie County - Niagara County
Sub-committees: Trail Captains
10. **Trail Guides Committee:** Responsibilities include distribute maps to establishments and collecting money.
Sub-committees: To be determined by chairperson
11. **Newsletter Committee:** Responsibilities would include creating each month and coordinate input from others and have ready to print our newsletter for either print or website.
Sub-committees: To be determined.
12. **Website Committee:** Responsibilities would include moderating and update with activities and club news. Keeping the website functional and register users for site.
Sub-committees: To be determined.
13. **Safety/Education Committee:** Responsibilities would include Setting up, organizing and running our courses and discussions at meetings.
Sub-committees: To be determined by chairperson
14. **Adopt-A-Highway Committee:** Coordinate Fall & Spring clean-ups on Rt. 93 in Akron.
Sub-committees: Spring Clean-up, Fall Clean-up

How do you want to join in on the fun?

“Thank You” landowners for a great season!

Landowner raffle is here.... We drew a name from our landowner list.

The following landowner Has won a gift card:

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Congratulations!! We will have a give-a-way each month!

So please check out our newsletter to see if you are a winner!

Some months are mailed and all are on our website:

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Thank You!!!!

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Safety Corner

As we transition out of one season into the next—it warrants a reminder to watch out for motorcyclists and bicyclists. We have had several months off from having to share the roads with our two-wheeled friends—take that extra moment to look twice before changing lanes, going through an intersection or making that turn.





Feelin' lucky?

Did you know....

We have 50/50 draws at our general meetings. The proceeds will be used to support our club and trail system. You now have 1 more reason to come join us every last Thursday of the month! Hope to see you there!!



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Greetings from the Phantom Snowmobiler

Looks like winter is done. Today was 60 degrees with thunderstorms. Oh well...it was a pretty good season for sleds locally. Your trailer may not have gotten a lot of use. Now is a good time to look at your trailer. The phantom has held many jobs over the years including being in the trailer sales and repair business. Your trailer has three weak areas that are the main source of trouble. A few hours spent on a warm sunny Saturday afternoon doing trailer maintenance beats the heck out of trying to fix it on the side of a slushy interstate in mid winter.

Weak areas:

1) Tires. They seem pretty straight forward. Put air in them and they are good to go-right? Well, maybe not. Besides having good tread, check to see if they are dry rotted. This may involve taking the tire off the trailer or at least climbing under the trailer to take a good hard look at the inside as well as the outside of the tires. Any cracking is the result of dry rotting and the tire should be replaced. It's not going to get any better. Don't forget to look in the tread area either. Tires start to split there as well. Any tire that needs air on a regular basis should also be suspect. A dry rotted tire can leak air right thru the rotted sidewall-the phantom has seen this. The phantom keeps harping on tires rotting-why? Snowmobile tires are susceptible to this as they sit around all summer long, bake in the sun or sink in the mud. Both seem to suck the life right out of rubber.

2) Wheel bearings. Those 8 inch tires spin at a bazillion rpm going down the highway. Now is the time to grease them after an inspection. The theory is to displace any moisture with fresh grease instead of letting your bearings rust up over the summer. A simple inspection can save some real problems down the road-literally. Jack up one side of your axle and grasp the tire. Does the wheel assy seem to flop around side to side or up and down? In most cases a tiny bit is acceptable-any more and it may be time for your wheel bearings to be serviced. Spin the wheel-It should rotate very quietly. If you hear it rumble, wheel bearing replacement may be in your future. Not sure of what you're looking at? Now is the time during the down season to take your trailer in for repair, not the day before a big trip

3) The under side of your trailer, you know-the area you never look at. The phantom likes to wash the under side with a garden hose after each winter season. You would be surprised at how much longer your trailer will last if this is done. Climbing under your trailer and just looking at it can and will avoid unexpected failures while traveling. You might be surprised at what you see. A trailer that looks good on top may be completely un-road worthy underneath. Common sense also goes along way with trailers. Why load \$10-20,000 worth of snowmobiles on a \$150.00 trailer? Some other food for thought-is your trailer insured? Check with your insurance agent. Trailer insurance is super cheap-worth inquiring about. Again I go on and on. I'm sure I used more than my fair share of space. Enjoy the warmer weather that's coming!!

Until next time

The Phantom Snowmobiler (HE SEES ALL)



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Please contact the trail coordinator, any officer, or leave a message on our website 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.

Thanks again for all of your support, without your generosity, we wouldn't have these wonderful trails. requests must be applied for by May 5th.

QUICK FACTS

– Approximately 80% of snowmobilers use their snowmobile for trail riding and touring on marked and groomed trails.

20% of snowmobilers use their snowmobile for work, ice fishing or transportation.

– Approximately 88% of all active snowmobilers are male; 12% female.

– The average snowmobiler rides their snowmobile 1402 miles per year in North America.





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Northern Erie Sno-Seekers, Inc. Board Meeting March 10, 2011 Summary Marvin's Restaurant Clarence Center, 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 7:05 PM – 11 people present

Meeting ended at 9:45 PM

Review actions from last meeting:

- 1) Committees. If you haven't turned in your folder, please give to Dan D. with any changes.
- 2) Eric G. will follow up with McDonalds for advertising purposes.

Trails:

- 1) We are probably done snowmobiling for the season so we will need to start scheduling take down. Let's inventory any broken stakes and missing stakes. Any notes for improvements for next year would be good to have. Curt W. has 40 new stakes.
- 2) Insurance certificates. Curt has what he needs for his landowner. The certificates need the name and address of landowner. Eric sends to NYSSA and we then get the certificate.
- 3) Bike Path. This can be a joint effort - some barrels are done. West of Barnum Road almost to Davidson - the barrels are in the ditch. Ray S. and a group of guys will pick up barrels from the cross streets. Al W. says we should pick them up soon. Dan D. will check with Ray and crew. Maybe April 2nd? Eric G. may want to take the signs off the barrels first. Frank S. has the trailer for our ranger. He has guys that want to use it Wed/ Thurs so we will figure out a schedule. Dan has our ranger so Eric can use it to remove the signs from our barrels. There are 3 trailheads too that need to come down.
- 4) Please stay off the fields - it causes a lot of damage when it is so wet. We would like to get the power line done and Rte. 93 back to Buck's. Let's see how the weather will be.

Marketing/Membership Items:

- 1) Landowner cards. We need to reprint and get them ready for next season.
- 2) Vouchers/apps/guides. Rick J. will collect all right before next meeting. Eric G. will pick up at Log Cabin. We buy back any of the guides that were not sold.
- 3) Groomer boxes. We need to pick up all boxes and get a report for meeting.
- 4) Newsletters. Due date for articles is 3/11/11. This is our last newsletter for the season that will be mailed.
- 5) Website. There is nothing new to report.
- 6) Maps. Rich M. spoke to Robert Duva' at the Erie County Federation meeting this month. Robert mentioned that we may need to do our own advertising for the trail guides next year. What if we did our own map with our GPS information? Let's think about it.

Groomer/Maintenance:

- 1) Final report. Do we need to make any changes for next year? No. Where are we going to store the groomers this off season? Let's budget it.
- 2) UTV trailer. We need a new trailer for the ranger that we can use for the fall work. Maybe we should buy a 14' * 7' trailer? LOE has an open house this week. Randy W. says we should spend a few more dollars and check out LOE's trailers. They have a different type of gate that we may like.
- 3) Fuel. We need to write a thank you note to King's Oil. Mary Beth needs to get the details from Randy W.
- 4) Storage plans. Should we do the same as last year? Dan D. said he would store the Piston Bully for free. The 2 drags will go to Downey. We need to protect the tires and hoses. Frank will store the Bombi at his place. Frank will get measurements for a tarp for coverage. Thank you Dan and Frank for storing the groomers!!



Other:

- 1) NYSSA forum. April 15-17. Who wants to go? Kevin K., Eric G. and Rich M. would like to attend the forum this year. Rich will register everyone. There are rewards and scholarships available on the NYSSA website.
- 2) Nominations. We have a trail coordinator position still open. All officers and 3 board positions are open too. Al W. and Jeff G. declined the trail coordinator position since the last meeting. Rich M. motions to reopen the Trail coordinator and other positions. No one second it. Bill P. motions to reopen the trail coordinator position only until election night. Dan D. seconds it. There is a discussion about the number of votes allowed for a family membership. The By-Laws states 2 votes per family membership. The trail coordinator is mentioned in the By-laws. If we don't have one for 2 months, we need to close up shop. 11 in favor - 1 opposed. It's carried. Everyone that votes needs to be a current member. Anyone voted in also needs to stay a current member throughout the year.
- 3) Committee discussion. Please hand in folders to Dan D. Someone suggested we separate out the P/R events from the social events. With the new organization of our committees - we will be changing the format of our meetings.
- 4) Insurance. We should look into the error of omissions insurance policy. We need insurance for our officers and board members. Who should we talk to? Floss Agency - maybe. Let's ask Sandy G. Accidental liability, in-land, we need to look into these. Rich M. needs to give Joe Floss numbers from our current policy. What about insurance for a non-sledding event?
- 5) Landowner permission. If a trail is staked and marked, then it is considered a "club maintained trail". We do not need a landowner signature for permission to use property. A verbal with a witness is enough.
- 6) Priorities for next year. Think about it....
- 7) Genesee County meeting. Dan D. attended the last meeting. They mentioned that Jim Wolf is the new trail coordinator for NYSSA.
- 8) Audit. The county had an audit. It went well for the clubs. There are some non-grooming clubs that may not get money next year. The county wasn't paying money to all the clubs and some clubs were duplicating vouchers and not sending money in to the state. Some groomers were not doing the job. Maybe they should have GPS with the groomers.
- 9) Double staking. Genesee County sent a letter to NYSSA about double staking. NYSSA said that it is not necessary and the decision should be left up to the clubs.
- 10) Niagara County Federation meetings. We are looking for a member to represent our clubs at their monthly meetings. Call the sno phone if interested.
- 13) By-laws. After elections - By-laws is next. Any changes to the By-laws need to be done by the next meeting. All changes by March 31st. Rich M. will get the final copy for everyone for May 12th meeting. We will then have a motion to finalize with anyone that is a member by May 26th. We will mail 1st class by May 26th. We will do a member vote on July 28th.
- 15) Treasury Report. See attached. Rich M. discussed bills to pay. Mary Beth motions to accept report. Rich W. seconds it. No discussion. 10 in favor - 0 opposed. It's carried.
- 16) Curt W. motions to give a \$50 gift card - once a month for 6 months to a random landowner. We would draw a name at each general meeting. Rich W. seconds it. 10 in favor - 0 opposed. It's carried. But let's raffle off 6 coupon books first. We will post in newsletter this month.

Our next General meeting is March 31st at 7:30 pm at Tillman post in Akron.

Our next Board meeting is April 14th at 7:00 pm at Marvin's Restaurant in Clarence Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth
Secretary

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FROM THE NIAGARA COUNTY SIDE

As of April 14th— All trails are down! Thank you again for all who have been helping out. Please keep in mind during the summer that there still are some jobs to be done to improve what we already have and the new places that we could go to if there was a trail there. Please contact me with any ideas or help that you can offer.

Thanks again.

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Adopt-A-Highway Program

Did you know...

NESS participates in the Adopt-A-Hwy Program for Akron, NY. 2 times a year we pick up trash. From time to time we even find treasures. We have scheduled Sunday, May 1st at 9:00am for our Spring clean-up! It takes just a few hours to get the job done. In case you are a planner, we also scheduled our Fall clean-up for Sunday, October 2nd at 9:00am. If you are interested in helping, just show up! We meet at Maple Rd and Rte 93 at 9:00 am.



Thanks to Ron Rosenburg, Mike Schifferle and Rich Pfentner for making the last several work sessions!! We couldn't have been successful without you guys. Do you want your name added to our list? Come on out on Sunday, May 1st and join in on the fun!

Rick Weitz

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Adopt-A-Hwy Committee



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General Meeting March 31, 2011 Summary
Tillman Post Akron, NY 7:30 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 – 46 people present
Meeting ended at 9:10 PM

Welcome:

Welcome to all. Thanks for coming! As of tonight we have 763 members! That's the best yet! We count just applications. We probably have over 1000 members with families! That's more than last year. Everyone's membership expires at midnight tonight. So let's start signing up for next year!

Business Items:

- 1) Approval of minutes from last meeting. Jeff B. makes a motion to approve minutes from last meeting. Dave F. seconds it. 46 in favor - 0 opposed. It's carried.
- 2) Annual Forum. Rich M, Eric G and Kevin K. are set to go. We have some NYSSA raffle tickets. This is the last night to buy yours!
- 3) Trail grant fund will be a topic at the forum this year. The cost would be the same - but the money is subject to review. We have not been getting all the money that was due us - that would be the money earmarked for snowmobile use.
- 4) Bob Artis - from the Clarence Chamber of Commerce is selling raffle tickets for a Porsche. Please see him if you would like one.
- 5) Thank you to all who helped with BRP coupons. We got \$130 from their contest. Every little bit counts!!
- 6) RPT Grant. NYSSA reevaluated the grant process. We won!! We get a new groomer! Thank you to all who helped to make this a success! We will have 3 groomers. If there are any more grants - we will definitely take a look at them.
- 7) We are looking for help with the newsletters and website. Are you interested?
- 8) Our Trail Coordinator position is still open. We will discuss this later.
- 9) Goals and Objectives. We did really well this year. Take some time and think about next years....

Trail System:

- 1) Thank you Ray S. for removing the barrels from the bike path. Bill, Dan and Eric removed the signs.
- 2) Thank you to Bison Nursery for use of their truck for barrel transport.



- 3) If you start removing your stakes and signs from your trails - please do not tear up the fields. Walk if you have to or use the Ranger. Let's get all the trails down. We have equipment available to help. We are looking to buy a 2nd trailer for the Ranger. Does anyone need help with their trail?
- 4) Curt W. states that 1/2 of north is down. We need to count # of stakes broken or lost. Let's inventory to plan for budget for next year. Bridges, brush, etc...
- 5) Jeff B. mentioned that the 2 bundles of stakes we bought were not very good. When you go to remove the stake - they break off. What about plastic ones? We discussed them last year but ran out of time to purchase. Let's look into them again.
- 6) Trailer. At our last meeting we approved to buy a new trailer. This is the time of year that we could be using it. Let's buy one now. Buck's has a different brand than the one we bought last year. Let's check them out.

Break and 50/50 - We have apparel here also. Who wants to buy a sweatshirt?

Marketing/Memberships:

- 1) Nominations:

Trail coordinator: Bill P. nominated Curt Watts. Dan D. seconds it. Curt accepts.

- 2) Voting ballots get filled out and turned in. We have 2 votes tonight.

1 - Vote for officers only. Results: Pres: Eric G.

VP: Dan D.

Treas: Rick J.

Sec: Mary Beth

2 - Vote for Trail Coordinator, Sergeant of Arms and 3 Board Members. Before voting begins...Curt declines the board nomination. Rick Johnson declines the board nomination. Results: Trail Coor: Curt

S of A: Ray

Board: Dave, Frank and Randy.

For the Good of the Club:

- 1) We had a 50/50. Congrats to Al W. He won \$110.00.
- 2) Treasury report. Mary Beth motions and John G. seconds. 46 in favor - 0 opposed. Its' accepted.

We just want to say thank you to all who volunteer with our club. A special "Thank You" to Rich McNamara. He was our Treasurer for 9 years. Rich has done so much more than just being our treasurer. Thanks Rich! Also we would like to thank Rich Wood for Sergeant of Arms. Rich also has done a lot of work for our club and we just want to thank these two guys!!!

Our next Board meeting will be April 14th at 7:00 pm at Marvin's Restaurant.

Our next General meeting will be April 28th at 7:30 pm at the Akron Tillman Post.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Beth
Secretary



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