



# August 2011 Newsletter

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**NEXT GENERAL MEETING:**

**August 25th at 7:30 pm at American Legion Tillman Post**

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### **Trails/Landowners Committee:**

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### **Website Committee:**

Chairperson: Mary Beth Kiesel  
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### **Adopt-A-Hwy Committee:**

Chairperson: Rick Weitz

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# Club Headlines

**Next General Meeting:** August 25th at 7:30 PM at American Legion Tillman Post, 9 Eckerson Ave in the Village of Akron.

**Next Board Meeting:** September 8th at 7:030 PM at Marvin's Restaurant on Goodrich Rd in Clarence Center.

**Snowmobile Registrations:** Snowmobile registrations have arrived in the mail. Don't wait re-register now!

**Adopt-A-Hwy Program:** Sunday, October 2nd at 9:00 am. We meet at Niagara Label (corner of Hake Road and Rte 93 in Akron).

**Trail Captain Meeting:** Tuesday, August 30th 7:00 pm at Marvin's Restaurant. All trail captains should attend!

**Clarence Center Labor Day Fair:** NESS will have a booth this year! Come over and say hello while you renew your membership. Vouchers will be available! We will be selling t-shirts, hats and coupon books!! We will also have our groomer and a sled float in the parade on Monday!

Come on out and have some fun!

Check us out on-line at [www.snoseekers.com](http://www.snoseekers.com)

### "Thank You" landowners for a great season!

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

The following landowners have won a \$ 50 gift card:

August: Richard Beyer



Congratulations!! We will have a give-a-way each month!  
So please check this out to see if you are a winner!



## President's Page

### An hour or two...

Last month I talked about the club's goals for this season. We've started to make progress on some but have a ways to go to finish them all. Successful completion relies on you, our membership to help us get them done. The hour or two you can give us will be paid back many times over when enjoying our trail system this year!

For starters, we have several upcoming events that we'll need help with. Hope you can lend a hand and help out:

- Aug 30<sup>th</sup> - Trail captain meeting at Marvin's restaurant on Goodrich Rd. 7:30 PM. All captains (and anyone interested in being one) are asked to attend. Time to get the plans made for this year and answer any questions you have.
- Sept 3,4,5 - Labor Day fair. Clarence Center Fire Hall. Need volunteers to man the NESS booth. A couple of hours is all we need! Please attend the next meeting on 8/25 to sign up.
- Sept 24<sup>th</sup> - Buck's Motorsports 2<sup>nd</sup> annual swap meet and sled/ATV/Motorcycle show. Need volunteers to help sell hot dogs, etc and general duties. Flexible times, anything will help. Call Jan at Buck's 542-5855 or come to a meeting for more info.
- Dec 10<sup>th</sup> - Annual Christmas Landowner Party. Need gift donations and general help with picking up supplies and setup. Now until it snows – Help with trail planning, installation, stake painting, and general tasks relating to the trail system.

Please attend our monthly meetings (last Thurs of the month) to learn more. We always welcome new members and look forward to seeing you!

Again, remember last year ..... were those trails *awesome* or what?

See you on the 25th

### 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?

### **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 19 & 20 of the newsletter or drop by a meeting to sign up.

■ **DON'T WAIT SIGN UP NOW.**





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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.

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## Adopt-A-Highway Program

Did you know...



- NESS participates in the Adopt-A-Hwy Program for Akron, NY.
- Two times a year we pick up trash. From time to time we even find treasures. We had our Spring clean up on Sunday, May 1st at 9:00am for our Spring clean-up! It took 2 1/2
- hours to get the job done. In case you are a planner, we have 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, Rick Weitz and Rich Pfentner for working this spring clean up.

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### FROM THE TRAIL COORDINATOR SIDE

Hope you enjoyed the summer heat and got some R&R. I would like to have a trail captains meeting on Tuesday, August 30th at 7:30 pm at Marvin's on Goodrich Road to discuss this upcoming year. We still have a few trails that are in need of a trail captain so any rookies interested are welcome to come. We will have food for all.

Now is the time for anyone is interested in becoming a groomer operator. Just call me and I will steer you in the right direction. We will be getting some more stakes soon that will need to be painted. If you like to paint - give me a call.

Remember, anyone working on trails, please let your landowners know so they are not calling me or the sno-phone and remember to get me your work logs ASAP.

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## Sled Of The Month Page



For me, my first taste of snowmobiling began around Christmas in 1969. My dad said we had to go and pick something up.... I was surprised to see that it was a 1970 Ski-Doo Nordic 399cc motor hooked to a mark 2 skiboose on

the trailer for us. My dad took us inside to sign the paperwork. Just before we were ready to leave, the salesman put a little plastic snowmobile on the zipper of my coat. Man, I thought that was the coolest thing! I wore that like a badge of honor. Around 1988 the sled died and I got busy

working so I could ride. Late in 1996, I bought 2 new sleds; a 96 and 97 Ski-Doo Touring 380e and started riding again with my wife and sons. I have bought a few used and new sleds since 1996, ok.... maybe about 7 or 8! In March 2009, I bought what I think may be the best sled ever! A Ski-Doo GSX Sport 500ss. It looks like an old man sled, but when you

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### 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!!



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

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**Northern Erie Sno-Seekers, Inc.  
General/Board Combo Meeting July 28, 2011 Summary  
Tillman Post Akron, NY 7:30 PM**

Officers present:  
President – Eric Glassman  
Treasurer – Rick Johnson  
Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM – 10 people present  
Meeting ended at 9:45 PM



**Welcome:** Welcome to all. Thanks for coming!

**Business Items:**

- 1) Trail Grant. Phase II – There is lots of information needed for this phase. Do we have a file from last year’s input? Curt is still having a problem opening up some of the GPS files. Curt will get the file from Mary Beth and try to open again.
- 2) Environmental Protection Grant. Applications are available now. Due September 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 3) Sno-phone. The phone has been transferred to Scott’s house. Can we turn the line into a limited line? Will Scott still keep the phone? It is not connected at this point.
- 4) Storage space. Have we decided where we will be storing the filing cabinets? No.

**Committees:**

- 1) Legal.
  - a. By-Laws. The attorney has our changes. We should hear something in about a week or so. We then need to vote on it.
  - b. Insurance. Sandy will invite Joe Floss to our next meeting so he can explain to us about the Directors & Officers insurance.
- 2) Emergency Response. No update.
- 3) PR/Marketing. We picked a winner for our August Landowner drawing. Congrats to: Richard Beyer! You will be receiving a gift card in the mail soon.
- 4) Fundraising. There was no 50/50 tonight. We have a number of fall events coming up. We need to make some decisions about:
  - a. Buck’s open house. Their swap meet has been move to September instead of October. We need to start advertising soon for it. Frank will look into the details.
  - b. Labor Day fair. We will be having our booth again this year. We will also be in the parade. Details to come... Dan will run like last year.
  - c. Don Georges. No update.
  - d. Pizza for Labor Day event. We will not be selling pizzas this year.
  - e. Eden Corn festival. We decided not to participate in the Eden Corn Festival this year.
- 5) Apparel. No update.
- 6) Social. Our Christmas party is scheduled and the hall is reserved. We need to coordinate gifts, DJ, etc.
- 7) Membership. No update.
- 8) Groomer/UTV Equipment. RTP – We will need to make a decision soon once we hear about the final approval.
- 9) Trail/Landowner. Trail Grant – Phase II – There is lots of information needed for this phase. Do we have a file from last year’s input? Curt is still having a problem opening up some of the gps files. Curt will get the file from Mary Beth and try to open again. Town of Tonawanda Refuge area management – TRP – renewal needed – we may have something from last year. Randy will look into it.
- 10) Trail Guides. We noticed that the maps/guides state that our meetings are held at Rothland Golf course every Thursday. This needs to be changed. We also need to update the ad. Motion for a new ad and spend \$150.00. Eric motioned. Dave seconded it. 10 in favor – 0 opposed. It’s carried. Mary Beth has layout. Eric will get artwork to her. Eric will email Rick for check to be written.
- 11) Newsletter. No update. (Con’t on next page)



12) Website. No update.

13) Safety/Education. With Scott being out of town more often now, will he still be running these courses?

14) Adopt-A-Hwy. No update.

Treasury Report: Bills and expenditures. Rick read aloud the details on this month's report. Eric motions to accept. Curt seconds. Any questions? 10 in favor – 0 opposed. It's carried.

Our next Board meeting will be August 11th at 7:00 pm at Marvin's Restaurant in Clarence Center.

Our next General meeting will be August 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at the Tillman Post in Akron.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Beth

Secretary

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## Northern Erie Sno-Seekers, Inc.

### Board Meeting August 11, 2011 Summary

#### Marvin's Restaurant Clarence Center, NY 7:00 PM

Officers present:

President – Eric Glassman

Vice President – Dan Dressel

Treasurer – Rick Johnson

Secretary – Mary Beth Kiesel

Meeting called to order at 7:21 PM – 13 people present

Meeting ended at 10:15 PM



**Business Items:** Sno-phone. Sandy will ask Nancy Perrone if she would like to be in charge of the phone.

### **Committees:**

#### 1) Legal.

a. By-Laws. Eric will contact attorney to see when we will have final copy.

b. Insurance. Sandy invited Joe Floss to our meeting so he can explain to us about the Directors & Officers insurance.

d. Scott Trapp has resigned. We are looking for another board member. Frank suggested Mike Schifferle. Sandy suggested Al Osborne. Kevin suggested Jeff Glassman. If anyone is interested, please come to the next general meeting so the new board member may be appointed.

#### 2) Emergency Response. No update.

3) PR/Marketing. Ad for trail guides. Eric needs our logo file. Mary Beth will email it to him.

4) Fundraising. We have a number of fall events coming up. We need to make some decisions about:

a. Buck's open house. Their swap meet will be September 24<sup>th</sup>. Mary Beth will put ad on website. We will call Jan from Buck's for more details.

b. Labor Day fair. Dan has tent from Ross Rental. He is waiting to hear from Fire hall. Eric will get him the sign up sheet for next meeting so people can sign up for booth time. We need to decide if we will run groomer down road or on a trailer. Dan will check with safety guy.

c. Don Georges. No update.

d. Pizza for Labor Day event. The wounded Veterans' group will be selling the pizzas this year.

5) Apparel. Molly has buckets of apparel. She will be ordering the kid's shirts this week.

(Con't on page 18)



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- 6) Social. Our Christmas party is scheduled and the hall is reserved. Eric and Sue may not be able to run event this year. We need to coordinate gifts, DJ, etc.
- 7) Membership. Snowmobile registrations have been sent out. You can renew your membership on-line with NYSSA. We currently have 49 members.
- 8) Groomer/UTV Equipment. RTP Grant – We haven't heard anything yet. Eric received some policies from NYSSA – he will give Randy copies.
- 9) Trail/Landowner. We ordered and paid for our bulk sign order.
  - 1) Curt still cannot access GPS maps files. Eric will give Mary Beth Map Source and files that he has on a disk. Hopefully the files we are looking for are on that disk.
  - 2) Trail captain meeting. Curt is scheduling a meeting on Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at Marvin's. All trail captains should attend. Dan motions to spend \$75 for food for meeting. Eric seconds it. 10 in favor – 0 opposed. It's carried.
  - 3) Wood stakes. We need to order 500. 3 years ago the stakes had no points; 2 years ago the wood was really bad. Last year they were good. Curt will ask Woody where he purchased them last year. The stakes will need to be painted and reflectors attached. We probably will need more paint but Bill has some. We should have enough reflectors. The reflectors need to be sheared and / or drilled. Curt has about 100 stakes that are usable but busted. They cost about \$1 per stake. Eric motions to spend up to \$600 to buy 500 new stakes. Randy seconds it. 10 in favor – 0 opposed. It's carried. Sandy will handle painting stakes.
  - 4) Trail Grant. Phase II:
    - a. Town of Amherst for the Oakwood golf course. Did it expire May 2011? We may need to go before the board to get new one.
    - b. DEC. Swamps in Amherst. Town of Amherst. We need to get the DOT permissions Page. Eric will email Curt with it.
    - c. Private landowners permission. Do we have 100%? Eric will need to sign form. We currently have 186 private landowners.
    - d. 3 yr plan. Mary Beth rewrote our 3 yr plan for Curt.
    - e. Mary Beth emailed James from Parks to request paperwork that we turned in last year. We have not had a response yet. Mary Beth will email him again.
    - f. Town of Amherst fresh water/wetlands agreement?
    - g. We need 3 letters for bike path. Clarence, Akron and Newstead.
    - h. We should add information about our RPT grant in Appendix C.
- 10) Trail Guides. No update.
- 11) Newsletter. We will be mailing 5 or 6 months of newsletters. Just like last year.
- 12) Website. Mary Beth brought in screen shots of the new website. Everyone took a look and gave their opinion. Jimmy will work on the changes.
- 13) Safety/Education. Sandy mentioned that Al Osborne would be interested in being the chairman for this committee. Dan will speak with Scott to see what he will be continuing to do with our club.
- 14) Adopt-A-Hwy. No update.

**Treasury Report:** Bills and expenditures. Rick read aloud the details on this month's report and checks to write. Dave motions to approve bills. Curt seconds. Any questions? 10 in favor – 0 opposed. It's carried. Dan motions to accept treasury report. Al second's it. Any questions? 10 in favor – 0 opposed. It's carried.

Our next Board meeting will be September 8th at 7:00 pm at Marvin's Restaurant in Clarence Center.  
Our next General meeting will be September 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at the Tillman Post in Akron.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary Beth  
Secretary



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

APRIL 2011 - MARCH 2012



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- NEW MEMBER**
- RENEWAL** (Please check all that apply)
- LANDOWNER (ON TRAIL)**

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- SINGLE \$ 25.00**
- FAMILY \$ 30.00** (Incl. spouse & all children 17 & under)

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- GROOMER HOUSE FUND \$ \_\_\_\_\_**
- OTHER DONATION \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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

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

**REMEMBER THAT WE ARE A 501(C)3 ORGANIZATION AND ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE!**

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!"**

### How do you want to join in on the fun? Would you like to join a committee?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Officer/Board member  | <input type="checkbox"/> Website                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt - A - Hwy    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing/Advertising | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership              | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trail/Landowner       | <input type="checkbox"/> Trail Guides            | <input type="checkbox"/> Apparel            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Groomer/UTV/Equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Response |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Safety/Education      | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Public Relations | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising        |

**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 \_\_\_\_\_



[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 in Akron) 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 **750 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 NYS approved Safety Courses for both kids and adults.
- Come join us and visit our website at: [www.snoseekers.com](http://www.snoseekers.com)