



# April 2013 Newsletter

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING:  
Combo Board/General Meeting



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- Board Member:** Al Wolbert

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Chairperson: Rick J.
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Chairperson: Bill P.
- Trails/Landowners Comm.**  
Chairperson: Curt W.
- Trail Guides Committee**  
Chairperson: Curt W.
- Newsletter Committee**  
Chairperson: Mary Beth
- Website Committee**  
Chairperson: Mary Beth
- Apparel Committee**  
Chairperson: Mary Beth
- Safety/Education Committee**  
Chairperson: Al O.
- Adopt-A-Hwy Committee**  
Chairperson: Rick W.

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## Club Headlines

### What's Going On With Our Club...

**Next Combo Board/General Meeting:** April 25 at 7:30 PM at Tillman Post, Akron, NY All are welcome!

**Apparel:** We sell t-shirts, sweatshirts and caps!! We now have pink t-shirts too!! Call 741-NESS !!

**Newsletters:** April, May, June & July will be emailed and on our website. August will be mailed.

**Come on out and have some fun!**

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### "Thank You" landowners!

Our Landowner raffle is here....



We draw a name each month from our landowner list.

The following landowner has won a \$50 gift card:

**April: Jen Pirrk**

Congratulations!!

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

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

**Newsletter:** We are e-mailing our newsletters each month. We are trying to manage our funds more efficiently due to cuts in State funding. Each member will receive all 12 months right at your computer!! If you do not have a computer... call 741-NESS to let us know that you would still like your 6 months mailed. We continue to put a lot of time and effort into our newsletters to keep you, as a member, informed and involved in what is going on with our club!!



**Website:** We have a message board! So, please take a moment and register. Please email us on the "contact us" page if you have any questions. The photo gallery has some great pictures too!



**President's Page**

Hello Everyone,

I would just like to say, welcome aboard new board members and officers. I want to thank you for your willingness to help out with the club this year. Looking forward to a great season of club activities with everyone.

The season has unfortunately come to a close. Most of our trails are taken down and stored. All the groomers are ready to be put away until next season. I would like to thank all those who are storing the groomers, UTV's and trail supplies. It takes a lot of people to keep our club and trails in working order.

NYSSA has up'd our general liability limit for next year. This is a much better plan for our landowners. Also, seeing that we had an increase in snowmobile registration, we may see an increase in our \$ per mile for next year. Thanks to all who registered early! Please keep that in mind for this upcoming season, as to keep the trail fund increasing for next year!

Keep an eye on the newsletter, website and Facebook for upcoming events and information. Hopefully next year we will have a much better year with more snow!

Thanks,  
Dan

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## Board of Director's Meeting - March 14th, 2013

### Officers Present:

Dan Dressel  
Randy Wdowka  
Rick Johnson

### Others Present:

Al Wolbert Curt Watts Jeff Beers Dave Faron  
Bev & Frank Schroeder Bill Peronne Sandy Gaulocher

1. We are in need of a gate or gates to be used in Akron Park. Al Wolbert will look into for the club.
2. Landowner Winner for March 2013 is Harold Trapper Jr. - Mary Beth Kiesel will send him his gift card.
3. NASSA Raffle tickets - we have a lot of them distributed. Our Club earns \$ 2.50 per ticket sold - Sale ends on March 28th, 2013.
4. Membership - currently stands at 628.
5. All groomers and drags will be stored in various places. Bill Peronne, Frank Schroeder and Jeff Beers will all take care of the groomers that are currently in their care and insure they are properly stored for the Spring-Fall season.
6. Trail Information - Curt Watts - After much discussion Curt said trails are now closed and take down can begin. Hopefully all trails will be taken down by the end of the Month.
7. Trail Guides - Dan has an idea for out trail guides.... more discussion at another meeting.
8. Inserts for our April Newsletter must be in by 12:00 Noon on April 13th, 2013 Newsletters for the months of April - July will be website only. August 2013 thru March 2014 will be mailed.
9. Apparel - Mary Beth Kiesel is looking for someone to store our supply apparel, which is currently 1n 16 banker boxes. Contact Mary Beth for more information.
10. Adopt-A-Highway Our Spring collection date is April 28th, 2013.
11. Club Meetings The Club has decided to have only one club meeting a month for the following months: April, May, June, July, August, September, & October. The remaining months November, December, January, February & March, will go back to two meetings per month. Those months when we only have one meeting per month - that meeting will be the last Thursday of that month . Those months when we return to the two-meeting per month format, the Board Meeting will be the second Thursday of the month and the General meeting will be the last Thursday. All meetings start at 7:30 PM.
12. Meeting Locations: Randy Wdowka asked for suggestions where to hold our meetings. A few were offered. He will look into.
13. Treasurer's Report - a report was given by Rick Johnson along with several bills to be paid. After reviewing some of the bills a motion was made by Curt Watts to pay the bills. Jeff Beers seconded the motion and motion carried.
14. Federation News: Randy mentioned that The General Liability policy limits are being increased. This should be good news for our Landowners. Also NYSSA has 60,000 members.
15. Dan Dressel read the nomination for all offices. Elections will be at the next meeting. March 28th, 2013 at the Tillman Post in Akron, NY.

Submitted by Sandy Gaulocher for Mary Beth Kiesel



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### FROM THE TRAIL COORDINATOR SIDE

First of all...thank you to all the landowners for another season to be put in the books. Then thank you to all who helped in trail tear down and removal.

The new stakes have been picked up and a plan has been started for the painting process to be done during the summer.

Also, for those who helped in trail work, remember to save the date for the trail appreciation party that has been planned. Thank you

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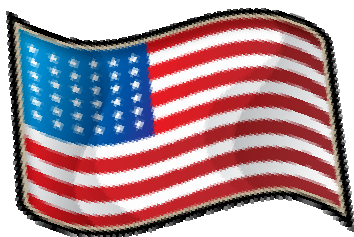


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## Annual Meeting Minutes Summary Date: 3/28/13

1) Welcome:	Welcome, Dan is on vacation with his family so he was unable to attend tonight's meeting.
2) Committee:	<u>Topics:</u>
Legal	Pete mentioned that our club will need to install a gate by May 2013 in Akron Park. One of our members spoke up and said that they thought the town was in the process of purchasing Akron Park from the County. We will look into that.
Emergency Response	No update
Marketing and Advertising	1) March landowner winner. Mary Beth mailed out today. 2) April Landowner winner: A member picked #175. Who would like to take over the landowner drawing? It includes buying gift cards and mailing to winners. The person would need to buy for April winner. We have cards for mailings. thanks Sandy for taking care of April.
Fundraising	1) Super raffle tickets -lets sell them we get \$2.50 per ticket. Sale ends tonight. Please return all unsold tickets. 2) Groomer boxes: Have we collected all the boxes that were? Yes. We collected \$11.76 from our box at Tops.
Social/PR	1) Fed picnic date for this next yr is July 14, 2013
Membership	1) How many members? 629 as of tonight. Most we have had in 3 years!
Groomer/UTV Equipment	1) Grooming: There ar a few sections of trail that still need to come down in Niagara County and quite a few in Erie County. 2) Groomer and drag storage is all set for this off season.
Trail/Landowner	1) Curt - got anything? As of 3/14/13 trails are closed. Hopefully we can get all trails done by the end of the month. What still needs to be taken down?
Trail Guides	1) Did we sell any maps at our establishments? Yes, 1 at Halfway Auto Parts. We will check with the other places.
Newsletter	1) April inserts are due by April 13 by noon - emailed and on website. 2) We will mail out Aug - Oct - Dec - Jan - Feb - Mar.
Website /FBook	No update

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### Adopt-A-Highway Program

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 Fall clean up on Sunday, October 7 at 9:00am. It took 1.50 hours to get the job done.



Thanks to everyone who helped. We couldn't have been successful without the support from our members. Our Spring date will be April 28th at 9:00 am at Niagara Label.

**Come on out and join in on the fun!**

## **Enjoy our snowmobiling season!**



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Apparel	Stock is ok. Randy will store the apparel, thanks Randy!
Safety/Education	No update
Adopt-A-Hwy	Date for Spring: April 28. We will meet at the Niagara Label at 9:00 am.
50/50 and break	50/50 and break Congratulations Tim Naab for winning \$60.
3) President: Dan	<p>1) 1 meeting a month. Amjjaso 1 meeting. Ndjfm 2 meetings.</p> <p>2) online trail system will close as of April 10th. Phase III will need to be turned in at the May Fed meeting.... May 7th....</p> <p>3) Contracts are all signed for Erie County, so we should be seeing the money soon.</p> <p>4) We received notice from NYSSA that the insurance company has increased our general liability limit.</p> <p>5) We also received notice from Parks that our rate per mile may increase due to the number of sleds registrations were up this year.</p> <p>6) The forum will have a vote to raise club memberships by \$10 if riders register after Dec 1. We will see how the vote goes. \$1 will go to the state and \$9 will go into the state's club maintenance fund.</p>
3) Vice President: Randy	RPT grant status - We have received our all the money for the groomer. We will wait until next year for the pictures and press release due to the fact that the weather won't hold up for us. Thanks to all who helped through this process!
4) Treasurer: Rick	<p>1) Treasury report: Bill P. made a motion to accept. Rich P. 2nded it. 28 in favor - 0 opposed. it's carried.</p> <p>2) Bill to be paid: Curt made a motion to accept, Ray S. 2nded it. 28 in favor - 0 opposed. it's carried.</p> <p>3) Rick had 3 choices for loan consolidation. Choice 2 was picked. Rick processed paperwork. Rick revised options for board to look at and emailed everyone regarding them...</p>
5) Secretary: Mary Beth	<p>1) Next Board meeting - April board will be April 25th - it's a combo at Tillman.</p> <p>2) Randy suggests we have the next few meetings at the Tillman Post. He will schedule them.</p>
6) Other:	<p>1) Fed meetings:</p> <p><u>Genesee:</u></p> <p><u>Niagara:</u></p> <p><u>Erie:</u> Curt can't go. Al will be going to April meeting.</p>
7) For the Good of the Club:	<p>1) Forum is April 19-21 at Lake Placid, NY. We are sending 2 people. Curt and Jeff.</p> <p>2) Party for trail workers will be on June 15. Details to follow...</p> <p>3) Bisons sent us a fundraising idea to help raise money for our club. We could sell vouchers that could be used at any game thru the season.</p> <p>4) We also received a few contact submittal forms regarding getting the March Newsletter emailed and mailed thru the post office. We should put in Feb's Newsletter that we need to mail them for our annual meeting notice each March.</p> <p>5) Elections: Pres: Dan Dressel. Vice President: Randy Wdowka. Treasurer: Al Wolbert. Secretary: Robyn Cierniak Our Board members are: Jeff Beers, David Faron, Bill Perrone, Frank Schroeder, Ray Somers, Shannon Landow and Al Wolbert. Congratulations! Jeff W. motions to close the elections, Randy W. 2nds it. 28 in favor - 0 opposed. Elections are closed.</p>



## Here are our committees!

**Objective of committee formation:** Our club has the following 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.

1. **Legal Committee:** Responsibilities include handling our by-laws, insurance, legal actions and correspondence.
2. **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.
3. **PR/Marketing & Advertising Committee:** Responsibilities include signs, selling ads for newsletters and trail head advertising.
4. **Fundraising Committee:** Fundraising items including coupon books, raffles, 50/50 and groomer boxes.
5. **Apparel Committee:** Responsibilities include ordering and distributing our NESS apparel.
6. **Social Committee:** Responsibilities include organization of all activities including Buck's open house, Don George's open house, Labor Day Fair booth, Labor Day Fair Pizza, Bon Fire, Christmas Party, Club rides, and Summer Events
7. **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.
8. **Groomer/UTV Equipment Committee:** Responsibilities 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.
9. **Trail/Landowner Committee:** Responsibilities 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
10. **Trail Guides Committee:** Responsibilities include distribute maps to establishments and collecting \$.
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.
12. **Website Committee:** Responsibilities would include moderating and update with activities and club news. Keeping the website functional and register users for site.
13. **Safety/Education Committee:** Responsibilities would include Setting up, organizing and running our courses and discussions at meetings.
14. **Adopt-A-Highway Committee:** Coordinate Fall & Spring clean-ups on Rt. 93 in Akron.

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## Sled of the Month Page

It's that time of year again, time to put away your sled. Now is a good time to get it washed and waxed before you put it away. Also, grease the whole suspension and give it a real good look over, so in the fall, it is ready to ride! Just a couple quick suggestions... put some stable in your fuel and WD40 the engine compartment and exhaust as it helps to keep the moisture out over the summer. This is just a couple quick things that I do to my sleds every year so I am ready to go in December. Can't wait...looking forward to a snowy winter next year. Have a nice summer!



A Club member

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## Results from our election Night

### Officer positions:

President: Dan Dressel  
 Vice President: Randy Wdowka  
 Treasurer: Al Wolbert  
 Secretary: Robyn Cierniak

St. of Arms: Jeff Wilson  
 Trail Coordinator: Curt Watts



### Board members:

Dave Faron  
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\*Mary Beth Kiesel—withdrew her secretary nomination on 3/28/13

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- NEW MEMBER
- RENEWAL
- LANDOWNER (ON TRAIL) \_\_\_\_\_
- SINGLE \$ 25.00
- FAMILY \$ 30.00 (Incl. spouse & all children 17 & under) \_\_\_\_\_
- GROOMER HOUSE FUND \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- OTHER DONATION \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- UPGRADE YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO BE A PART OF THE NYSSA TRAIL DEFENDER FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$ 20.00 - SEE BACK FOR MORE DETAILS

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.

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 \_\_\_\_\_



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- 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 700 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 and another in 2009. These help us maintain over 100 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.
- The Trail Defender upgrade membership helps NYSSA fund grant programs and legal services for member clubs.

- Come join us and visit our website at: [www.snoseekers.com](http://www.snoseekers.com)

Membership in this club entitles you to NYS Snowmobile Registration fee of \$45 on each snowmobile registered to the name and address. 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), bring this application to the monthly meeting or mail it to the above address.

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