



# June 2013 Newsletter

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING:  
Combo Board/General Meeting



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## Club Officers

**President:** Randy Wdowka  
**Vice President:** OPEN  
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**Treasurer:** Al Wolbert  
**Sergeant of Arms:** Jeff Wilson  
**Trail Coordinator:** Curt Watts  
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**Board Member:** David Faron  
**Board Member:** Shannon Landow  
**Board Member:** Bill Peronne  
**Board Member:** Frank Schroeder  
**Board Member:** Ray Somers  
**Board Member:** Al Wolbert

## Committees

**Legal Committee**  
Chairperson: Al W.

**Emergency Response Committee**  
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Chairperson: Scott T.

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Chairperson: Rick J.

**Groomer/Equipment Comm.**  
Chairperson: Bill P.

**Trails/Landowners Comm.**  
Chairperson: Curt W.

**Trail Guides Committee**  
Chairperson: Curt W.

**Newsletter Committee**  
Chairperson: Shannon L.

**Website Committee**  
Chairperson: Mary Beth

**Apparel Committee**  
Chairperson: Shannon L.

**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:** June 27th 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:** June & July will be emailed and on our web-site. August will be mailed.

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

Find us on the web at:

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

Find us on our Facebook page:

**Northern Erie Sno-Seekers Snowmobile Club**

### "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:

**June: Paul Bedford**

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

HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE SUMMER!

Sled of the Month Page

- We are looking for your story...
- Do you have a story about snowmobiling?
- How many sleds have you had?
- What's your favorite brand?
- Do you like your track picked or not?
- When did you started riding? Age?
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## Combination Board/General Meeting Minutes

*Date: May 30, 2013 - 7:30 pm*

<b>Officers present:</b> President – Vice President – Randy Wdowka Treasurer – Al Wolbert Secretary – absent	Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm Meeting ended at 9:00 pm 12 present at meeting
<b>1. WELCOME:</b>	Welcome by Randy W. (presided over meeting). There will be a lot of information to go over during meeting including upcoming events.
<b>2. COMMITTEE:</b>	
<b>a. LEGAL</b>	Curt W. – copies of agreements are being worked on. Needs copies of 2012 agreements to be modified and added to disk to turn in. Town Contracts are needed to be added to disk as well.
<b>b. EMERGENCY</b>	No new info.
<b>c. MARKETING/ADVERTISING</b>	May landowner winner is Donald Leising. Sandy G. sent out a letter to this month's winner.  New June landowner number was picked and Sandy G. will send out our gift card.  All current advertisers need to get advertising form. Sent out by June 15 <sup>th</sup> last year to be returned by June 30 <sup>th</sup> for August newsletter.
<b>d. FUNDRAISING</b>	City Books will be ordered as early as possible for upcoming year. Mid August for potential delivery.
<b>e. SOCIAL/PR</b>	The FED picnic date this year is July 14, 2013.  Christmas Party location to be looked into depending on price from Newstead Fire Hall. Jeff B. to be contacted to look into hall rental rates.
<b>f. MEMBERSHIP</b>	New membership applications were updated on our website in April. Membership count as of date = 6.
<b>g. GROOMER/UTV EQUIPMENT</b>	Working on groomer loops/Mileage updates. Loops need to be drawn and finished for this next season. Log Sample has 6 maps on backside – the loops/maps need to be looked into ASAP.
<b>h. TRAIL/LANDOWNER</b>	Phase 3 paperwork has been submitted to counties. Phase 1 for Erie County to be handed in June 4 <sup>th</sup> . Rothland Golf Course ownership status discussed.
<b>i. TRAIL GUIDES</b>	Wording has not been finalized for dispersing trail guides with new membership. On hold temporarily.
<b>j. NEWSLETTER</b>	June newsletter contributions due June 15 <sup>th</sup> at noon.  June newsletter only to be emailed. Newsletters are only mailed Aug, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb and March.  Need new mailing company. Costs to be researched by Shannon L.
<b>k. WEBSITE/FACEBOOK</b>	No new updates
<b>l. APPAREL</b>	No new updates. Need a new chairperson for committee.
<b>m. SAFETY/EDUCATION</b>	Sandy G. stated that Al & Camille O. will run safety classes again this year but prefer that refreshments be brought by someone else.
<b>n. ADOPT A HIGHWAY</b>	Clean up date was April 28 <sup>th</sup> . Cleanup went well but was short in volunteers. Fall pickup date not available yet.
<b>Break &amp; 50/50</b>	No 50/50.

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## In Need of Volunteers

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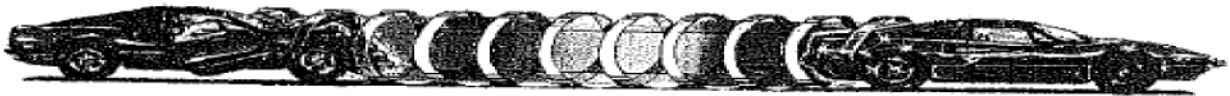
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**Remember, we are open and on the trail. Ride in, have a drink, and get**



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<p><b>3. PRESIDENT REPORT</b> (delivered by Randy)</p>	<p>Discussion on holding only one meeting per month. May need to hold an extra meeting to sort out Officer status/issues.</p> <p>State money has been received.</p> <p>Email that was sent to Officers regarding club information was discussed.</p>
<p><b>4. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT</b> (Randy)</p>	<p>CRT (Coalition for Recreational Trails) Awards application was submitted. NESS won the national award. Award is only given to seven groups across the US. Needs to be picked up in person June 4<sup>th</sup> in Washington DC. NYSSA was contacted and we were advised to contact Congressman Chris Collins to see if he/representative would accept award on behalf of NESS. We have yet to hear a response.</p>
<p><b>5. TREASURER REPORT</b> (Al)</p>	<p>Treasury report given by Al. Ray S. made a motion to accept report. Motion was seconded by Bill P. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried.</p> <p>Bills to be paid: Curt W. made a motion to pay bills. Motion was seconded by Bill P. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried.</p> <p>Paperwork on groomer processed.</p>
<p><b>6. SECRETARY REPORT</b> (ROBYN)</p>	<p>Next scheduled Combo meeting is June 27, 2013, 7:30 pm at Tillman Post. Other locations to hold meetings was discussed and are open for consideration.</p>
<p><b>7. OTHER</b></p>	<p>FED meetings – Genesee County Dan D. usually attended. Not known if meetings have been held recently. Niagara County – no meeting. Gary is looking for Phase 3 paperwork. Erie County – USB Drive was submitted at meeting. Picnic is 7/14/13 at Chestnut Ridge. New meeting location TBA.</p> <p>Randy/Curt/Dan/Al to discuss who will be attending upcoming meetings.</p>
<p><b>8. FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB</b></p>	<p>Lake Placid Forum attended by Jeff B. and Curt W. Skipping report by Jeff B (not in attendance).</p> <p>Trail workers party will be June 15<sup>th</sup>. Invites status – remaining invites to be handed out in person. Party supplies discussed. Gifts/Prizes discussed.</p> <p>Groomers have been put away for summer and fuel has been conditioned for storage.</p> <p>Phase 1 trail info due June 4<sup>th</sup>. No new re-routes planned. Curt W. hopes that Mary Beth K. will be able to resend last year’s trail information directly to state since nothing changed.</p> <p>Parker Road trail discussed. Miland Road trail discussed.</p> <p>Old trail head tires can be disposed at a cost. Tires to be removed and disposed. Rims to be scrapped. May have a member interested in doing this for the club.</p>

## FROM THE TRAIL COORDINATOR SIDE

**Enjoy the summer!**

**CURT WATTS 435-7068**  
**Trail Coordinator**





## 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 Spring clean up on Sunday, April 28th at 9:00am. It took 2.0 hours to get the job done.



Thanks to everyone who helped. We couldn't have been successful without the support from our members. Stay Tuned for information on the Fall Clean-Up Date...

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## 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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# Summer is here—Please watch for...



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Blue knit cap	one size fits most	\$ 12
Blue skull cap	one size fits most	\$ 12

### Adult: Ladies



Pink short sleeve t-shirt	S-M-L-XL	\$ 12
Pink baseball cap	one size fits most	\$ 12
Pink fleece hat	one size fits most	\$ 12

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Blue short sleeve t-shirt	S-M-L	\$ 10
Blue long sleeve sweatshirt	S-M-L	\$ 12

### Other items:

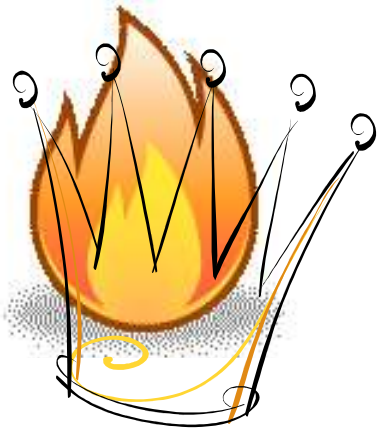
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Trail/Landowner       | <input type="checkbox"/> Trail Guides            | <input type="checkbox"/> Apparel            |
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Date \_\_\_\_\_





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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!
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- 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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