

December 2013 Newsletter

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

Combo Board/General Meeting
December 19th at 7:30 PM at the Groomer Barn
(6500 Draper Rd Akron)

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Club Headlines

What's Going On With Our Club...

Next Combo Board/General Meeting: December 19th at 7:30 PM at the Groomer Barn. 6500 Draper Road Akron, NY. Building located on the West side of Draper Road near McNeeley Road (Look for the blue Polaris sign). All are welcome!

<u>January Combo Board/General Meeting</u>: January 30th at 7:30 PM. Watch the website or Facebook for the location. All are welcome!

<u>Safety Course</u>: Saturday, December 21st, 9:00am at the Swormville Fire Company. Pre-registration is required. Call Camille at 716-213-8843 for more information or to register.

Apparel: We sell t-shirts, sweatshirts and caps!! See Page 13 for items and pricing. Call 741-NESS!!

Enjoy The City Coupon Books: Our fall/winter fundraiser is now going on. Each book is \$20 and has lots of great saving coupons for local restaurants and businesses. If you would like to buy one, stop into a meeting or call the Sno-Phone (741-6377).

Find us on the web at: www.snoseekers.com

Find us on our Facebook page:
Northern Erie Sno-Seekers Snowmobile Club

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



President's Page

December is here and one of the busiest times of the year. From spending time with family and friends at holiday gatherings to all of the things happening with the club: The Landowner Appreciation/Christmas Party, Snowmobile Safety Course and everyone out installing the trails. I'm sure the month is flying by just as fast for all of you as it is for me.

We've already had our first snow of the season and some cold temperatures. With a little luck maybe this is the start of a long and snowy winter. Hopefully everyone has their snowmobiles registered and ready to go for the season.

We still have some sections of trail that are in need of new Trail Captains. If you have some time to spare, give the Sno-Phone a call at 741-NESS.

Keep any eye on our website for trail openings and up and coming events.

To all of our Landowners, thank you for the use of your property! To all of our volunteers, thank you for all of your time and effort!

Lastly, from all of us at the Northern Erie Sno-Seekers, HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Thanks Again and Think Snow! Randy





Combination Board/General Meeting Minutes Summary

Date: November 21, 2013

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Officers Present:	Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm Meeting ended at 8:40 pm			
President: Randy Wdowdka	18 present at meeting			
Vice President: Bill Perrone	property at moving			
Treasurer: Al Wolbert				
Secretary: Robyn Cierniak I. WELCOME:				
i. WELCOME.	Welcome by R. Wdowka.			
2. COMMITTEE:				
LEGAL	No new info			
EMERGENCY	No new info			
MARKETING/ADVERTISING	November Landowner Drawing winner was Jeremiah Rauch. Robyn C sent out a letter to this month's winner. New number was picked for November Landowner Drawing #209. Robyn C will mail letter to winner.			
FUNDRAISING	Enjoy the City books are here and are being distributed for sale NYSSA Super Raffle Tickets are available for pickup after meeting. Any new ideas for fundraising are welcome.			
SOCIAL/PR	Don George's Open House was Fri. Oct. 25th and Sat. Oct. 26th. NESS was there Saturday from 10AM-4PM. Summary by Bill P. Thanks to Al W, Nancy P, Sandy & John G, Ray S, Jim D and Jeff W. Landowner Appreciation/Christmas Party is Dec 14th at the Newstead Fire Hall. Nancy and Bill P are chairpersons for the committee. Nancy and Bill P gave report - Caterer is booked and menu will be set once closer to the party date. Donations are still needed for Chinese Auction. Any help or volunteers are welcome. Upcoming events this winter (Dice Run, Bonfire etc) will be scheduled depending on snow amounts.			
MEMBERSHIP	Membership Committee is looking for Chairperson. We have 228 new memberships as of 11/20/13. No issues so far on new NYS DMV requirements for sled registrations. DMV will not be accepting blank (hand written) vouchers for the 2014-2015 season.			
GROOMER/UTV EQUIPMENT	Both UTV's and trailers are ready to go. Call Bill P/Curt W to reserve them for trail work. Groomers are to be serviced. Bill P to schedule time to service groomers.			
TRAIL/LANDOWNER	Curt W gave report. Most fields are being harvested. A field on Block Church has a test plot set up so caution is necessary. Trail work to start soon. Bike Path trail setup scheduled for Dec 7th. A couple of landowner invites have been returned and will be resent. Database to be updated. Curt W needs to know exactly how many hours of work is put into any and all trail work for inclusion into Phasing/Grant process. (cont. on page 5)			
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Combination Board/General Meeting Minutes Summary Continued

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TRAIL GUIDES	Trail Guides may be ready at the December Federation meeting.				
NEWSLETTER	December newsletter contributions due December 8th at noon.				
	November newsletter was mailed. December newsletter will be				
	mailed. Thank you Shannon L and Robyn C.				
WEBSITE/FACEBOOK	Facebook and website info has been updated. New pictures added as				
	available. Send pictures of applicable snowmobiling events for				
	(possible) inclusion into our social media accounts and newsletter.				
APPAREL	Send photos to rcierniak@gmail.com.				
	No report but merchandise stock is getting depleted, Merchandise will be setup for sale at Landowner Appreciation Christmas Party.				
SAFETY/EDUCATION	Safety course set for December 21, 2013 at Swormville Fire Company.				
	Club to provide lunch. Volunteers needed for lunch.				
ADOPT A HIGHWAY	Fall pickup date was Sunday October 27, 2013. Thanks to Rick W, Rich P, Dave F, Mike S, Bill C and Kayla W.				
Break & 50/50	No 50/50 drawing was held.				
3. PRESIDENT REPORT (Randy)	Reminder to all trail captains, during upcoming trail work, Erie County needs to be notified in advance for any work on County property. Club Communication is key – feel free to contact any of the board or officers if anyone needs anything.				
4. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT (Bill P)	None				
5. TREASURER REPORT (AI)	Treasury report given by Al. Curt W made a motion to accept report. Motion was seconded by Bill P. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried. Bills to be paid: Ray S made a motion to pay bills. Motion was seconded by Jim D. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried. New bill – Nancy P made motion to pay bill for materials at Gui's Lumber. Motion was seconded by Ray S. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried.				
6. SECRETARY REPORT (ROBYN)	Next General Meeting December 19th, 7:30PM at Marvin's Bar and Grill in Clarence Center. Meeting date is a week earlier than normal due to holiday. Other locations to hold meetings were discussed and are open for consideration.				
7. OTHER	FED meetings – Niagara County – Erie County – Randy W gave summary of November meeting. Issues discussed were Class A vs. Class C Groomer funding, trail guide availability, NYSDMV voucher change and GPS data updates. Genesee County – no report.				
8. FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB	Landowner Appreciation Christmas Party set for Dec 14 th at 5pm. Donations are needed!				





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FROM THE TRAIL COORDINATOR SIDE

There are sections of trail that are installed and ready for the season. Thanks to those who are out there getting it done! We also have some areas that really need your help, primarily in Niagara County. These sections are in need of Trail Captains to install and take down a portion of the trail each season. If you or a group of your riding friends can help the club, please let us know. The trails need to be installed to open. Also remember a trail must have a base of snow and be safe before it's opened, not just a covering of snow. Thanks again to all the Landowners for your patience with the club and I hope we handled everyone's concerns.

CURT WATTS 435-7068
Trail Coordinator



Watch the website for trail conditions.
Please do not ride on closed trails!

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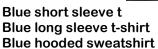
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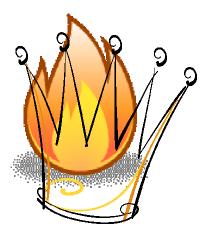
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- Our general meetings are held at 7:30 PM on the last Thursday of each month. Please check our website for location but during the season, they're at American Legion Tillman Post 9 Eckerson Road Akron, New York. It's located right on C4C trail (the 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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