



March 2014 Newsletter

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING:
Annual Meeting and Election Night
March 27th at 7:30 PM, Tillman Post
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Secretary: Robyn Cierniak
Treasurer: Al Wolbert
Sergeant of Arms: Jeff Wilson
Trail Coordinator: Curt Watts
Board Member: Jeff Beers
Board Member: David Faron
Board Member: Shannon Landow
Board Member: Bill Peronne
Board Member: Frank Schroeder
Board Member: Ray Somers
Board Member: Al Wolbert

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Chairperson: Bill P.

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Chairperson: Randy W.

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Chairperson: Randy W.

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Chairperson: Frank S.

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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: Shannon L.

Website Committee
Chairperson: Robyn C.

Apparel Committee
Chairperson: Shannon L.

Safety/Education Committee
Chairperson: Al O.

Adopt-A-Hwy Committee
Chairperson: Rick W.

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What's Going On With Our Club...

Next Combo Board/General Meeting: March 27th at 7:30 PM at the Tillman Post, 9 Eckerson Ave. Akron, NY.

April Combo Board/General Meeting: April 24th at 7:30 PM at the Tillman Post. All are welcome!

Nominations and Elections: Elections for the Officers and open Board of Director seats will be on March 27th. See the meeting minutes for the list of nominees.

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

NYSSA Educational Forum and Annual Meeting: April 25 to April 27, 2014 at the Rochester Convention Center.

NYSSA Super Raffle Tickets: Tickets for the NYSSA Super Raffle are still available. Cost is \$5 per ticket with over 50 chances to win some great prizes including 3 new snowmobiles. Stop into the March meeting to buy a ticket, this will be your last chance.

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 questions. The photo gallery has some great pictures too!

**President's Page**

Hi Everyone,

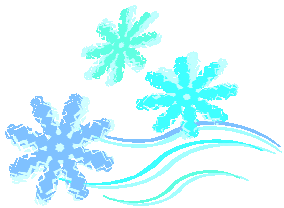
March is here and the end of the season is upon us. I hope everyone has had a chance to get out and ride this year. It's been another roller coaster season this year with the lack of snow at times. When the weather has allowed, we've had some good riding conditions.

In the near future it will be time to take down the trails, pack everything up and store it away for the off season. Trail Captains, be sure to get all your data in to Curt so he can get everything entered for the end of the season.

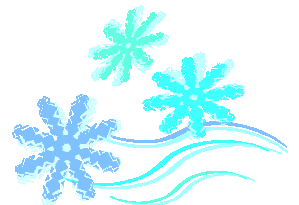
Elections will be held on March 27th at the Tillman Post, 9 Eckerson Ave. Akron NY. Stop by at the meeting and cast your vote. The club still can use your help in a few areas, so attend our March meeting or contact the club to see what you can do to help.

To everyone who volunteered their time this year, **THANK YOU!** From those who have been involved for many years to the people who volunteered this year for the first time, it takes everyone to make it happen!

Thanks again and have a great summer!
Randy



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Combination Board/General Meeting Minutes Summary

Date: January 30, 2014

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| Officers Present: President: Randy Wdowdka Vice President: Bill Perrone Treasurer: Al Wolbert Secretary: Robyn Cierniak | Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm Meeting ended at 8:50 pm 15 present at meeting |
| 1. WELCOME: | Welcome by R. Wdowka. |
| 2. COMMITTEE: | |
| LEGAL | No new info |
| EMERGENCY | A practice snow emergency response drill was held with Rapids Vol. Fire Hall February 15, 2014. Frank S. provided a report on event. |
| MARKETING/ADVERTISING | February Landowner Drawing winner was Robert Wilson. Robyn C. sent out a letter to this month's winner. New number was picked for March Landowner Drawing #3 – Alberta Baker. Robyn C. will mail letter to winner. |
| FUNDRAISING | NYSSA Super Raffle Tickets are available for pickup after meeting. Need to close out sales by next meeting, 3/27/14. Any new ideas for fundraising are welcome. |
| SOCIAL/PR | Club Bonfire was held February 8, 2014 at Destroyer Golf Course, 7065 Sand Hill Road, Akron. Bill P. provided a report on event. Well attended event. Thank you to the Beyer Family for their generosity with providing the location. Thank you to all that helped or donated! |
| MEMBERSHIP | Membership Committee Chairperson is needed for the upcoming season. We have 577 members as of 2/27/14. |
| GROOMER/UTV EQUIPMENT | Both UTV's and trailers are ready to go. Call Bill P/Curt W. to reserve them for any trail work. Bill P. provided a report on equipment/groomer status. Groomers have been out on trails, providing for a fantastic season this year. Many compliments on trail conditions. Thank you to all groomer operators! |
| TRAIL/LANDOWNER | Curt W. gave report. Curt W. needs to know exactly how many hours of work is put into any and all trail work for inclusion into Phasing/Grant money process. Needs information to be submitted in March for the Phase 3 process. |
| TRAIL GUIDES | Trail Guides are available. |
| NEWSLETTER | March newsletter contributions due March 1st at noon. February newsletter was both mailed and emailed as per member requests. March newsletter will be also be mailed and emailed as requested. Thank you Shannon L. and Robyn C. Quotes from other printing/ mailing services were discussed. |
| WEBSITE/FACEBOOK | Facebook and website info has been frequently updated. New pics added as available. Trail Status is posted to website Trail Report, Facebook, and Forum and has been seeing a lot of media traffic. The NESS Facebook account has been very active with comments/questions/issues posted. Send pictures of applicable snowmobiling events for (possible) inclusion into our social media accounts and newsletter. Send to rcierniak@gmail.com . |

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Combination Board/General Meeting Minutes Summary Continued

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| APPAREL | Shannon L. is receiving quotes for printing new merchandise items. |
| SAFETY/EDUCATION | No report. |
| ADOPT A HIGHWAY | Spring pickup date is Sunday, April 27th 2014. |
| Break & 50/50 | No 50/50 drawing was held. |
| 3. PRESIDENT REPORT (Randy) | NYSSA Annual Forum to be held April 25 th , 26 th and 27 th in Rochester. Club participation at this event was discussed. |
| 4. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT (Bill P) | No report. |
| 5. TREASURER REPORT (Al) | Treasury report given by Al W. Bill P. made a motion to accept report. Motion was seconded by Curt W. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried. Bills to be paid: Dave F. made a motion to pay bills. Motion was seconded by Curt W. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried. |
| 6. SECRETARY REPORT (Robyn) | Next General Meeting March 27th, 7:30PM at Tillman Post in Akron. Next two meeting dates are booked at the Tillman Post. Other locations to hold meetings were discussed and are open for consideration. |
| 7. OTHER | FED meetings – Niagara County – No report. Genesee County – No report. Erie County – Randy W. gave report on meeting. Snowmobile registrations have been rising due the weather. GPS for groomers and possible new trail classification process discussed. |
| 8. FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB | Swormville Vol Fire Co to hold a Chicken BBQ on April 6, 2014 11:30 am until sold out. |
| 9. NOMINATIONS | Nominations were held for the following positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Trail Coordinator, Sergeant at Arms, Four (4) Open Board Positions Results of the nominations: President – Al Wolbert, Accepted. Nomination closed. Vice President – Bill Peronne, Accepted. Nomination closed. Secretary – Robyn Cierniak, Accepted. Nomination closed. Treasurer – no nominations. Nomination closed. Trail Coordinator – Curt Watts, Declined. No other nominations. Nomination closed. Sergeant at Arms – Jeff Wilson, Accepted. Nomination closed. Board Positions: – Ray Somers, Accepted. Nomination closed. – Kevin Gaik, Accepted. Nomination closed. – Jeff Glassman, Accepted. Nomination closed. – Matt Schroeder, Accepted. Nomination closed. |



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FROM THE TRAIL COORDINATOR SIDE

As another riding season comes to an end, here comes the time I ask members to help out again in trail tear down. Remember to check with landowners before taking the trails down so that they know what is going on and who will be out there. If any trail captains need replacement signs please let me know. The club has a few signs and stakes available but there will not be a new order placed until next season. If at all possible, I would like all labor hours and a list of equipment used before March 31 so that I can finish year end books. To the landowners, thank you for your patience with the club this past season and let the club know if any changes are needed to be done for next season. Thank you to all for your help.

CURT WATTS 435-7068
Trail Coordinator



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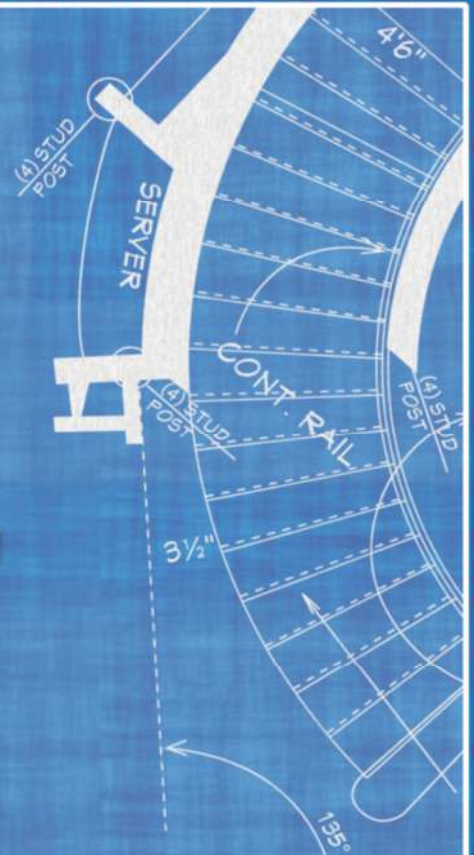
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| Blue hooded sweatshirt | S-M-L-XL | XXL-XXXL | \$ 32 / \$ 34 |
| Blue baseball cap | one size fits most | | \$ 12 |
| Blue knit cap | one size fits most | | \$ 12 |
| Blue skull cap | one size fits most | | \$ 12 |

Adult: Ladies



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| 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 |

Kids:

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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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| Drawstring bag 15"X18" | navy blue | \$ 8 |
| Long sleeve nylon wind breaker | navy blue | \$ 25 |

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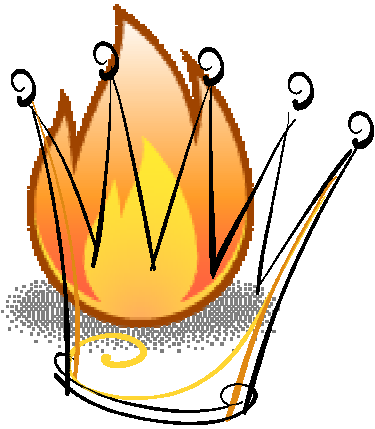
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Date _____



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