

March 2015 Newsletter

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

Tuesday, March 17th at 7:30 PM, Tillman Post (9 Eckerson Avenue, Akron)

Member of the New York State Snowmobile Association and Erie County Federation of Snowmobile Clubs Non-profit groups dedicated to the safe and responsible use of snowmobiles



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Board Member: David Faron
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Board Member: Matt Schroeder
Board Member: Frank Schroeder
Board Member: Ray Somers
Board Member: Jeff Glassman

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Club Headlines

What's Going On With Our Club...

Next General Meeting: Tuesday, March 17th at 7:30 PM at the Tillman Post, 9 Eckerson Ave. Akron, NY. Elections for Officers and open Board seats will be conducted during the meeting.

<u>April Combo Board/General Meeting:</u> Tuesday, April 21st at 7:30 PM at the Tillman Post, 9 Eckerson Ave. Akron, NY.

May Combo Board/General Meeting: Tuesday, May 19th at 7:30 PM at the Tillman Post, 9 Eckerson Ave. Akron, NY.

<u>Apparel</u>: We sell t-shirts, sweatshirts and caps!! Our stock of Short Sleeve T-shirts has been replenished. Other styles and sizes subject to availability. See page 12 for details. Call 741-NESS!!

<u>Super Raffle Tickets</u>: Super Raffle tickets are in! \$5 gets you a chance to win one of the 50 great prizes on the ticket. Stop into a meeting or contact the Sno-Phone if you would like to get a raffle ticket or sell some for the club. Last chance to get them before the April Forum.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY: Sunday, April 12, 2015 at 9:00 AM. Meet at Niagara Label on the corner of Hake and Rt.93. This is a great way to get a couple of volunteer hours for high school requirements.

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!!

<u>Website:</u> 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,

Well, this has turned out to be one of the best, if not THE BEST, riding season that I can ever remember for our snowmobile club! Old man winter really dug his heels in and stayed, letting us keep our trails open for well over a month now. I would like to send a huge thank you to all of our groomer operators for not only spending hundreds of hours in the machines to keep the trails in beautiful condition but also helping to keep our machines in top operational condition. Please also remember that even as the riding season is winding down, that the work of our snowmobile club and other clubs doesn't stop. We could always use help to continue the great trail system that we have for many years to come.

Thanks, Al Wolbert President N.E.S.S.



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This is a great fundraiser for our club and New York State trail! If you'd like to buy or sell tickets to support our club, contact the SNO-PHONE at 716-741-NESS (6377).

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9 Eckerson Ave. in Akron (that's were Rte 93 and the bike path meet).



Combination Board/General Meeting Minutes

Date: February 17, 2015 - 7:30 pm

Officers present:	Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm				
President – Al Wolbert	Meeting ended at 8:51pm				
Vice Preseident—Bill Peronne	27 present at meeting				
Treasurer – Rich McNamara					
Secretary – Robyn Cierniak					
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1. WELCOME:	Welcome by Al W.				
2. MEETING MINUTES:	January Meeting Minutes were discussed and accepted. Bill P. made a mo-				
	tion to accept minutes. Motion was seconded by Eric G. Voted unanimous –				
	aye. Carried.				
3. COMMITTEE:					
a. LEGAL	NT . C				
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1 EMEDICENCY	NT . C				
b. EMERGENCY	No new info				
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c. MARKETING/ADVERTISING	January Landowner Drawing winner was Elinor Trapper. Robyn C. sent out				
	a letter to the month's winner. New number was picked for March Land-				
	owner Drawing. Winner is Irving Lennert.				
d. FUNDRAISING	Enjoy the City Books Fundraiser resulted in approximately \$700 in funds				
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	for the club. Discussion on whether to continue the fundraiser next year.				
e. SOCIAL/PR	Discussed Club Bonfire. Thank you to all that helped make it a success –				
C. SOCILLIA	Bill and Nancy P, Sandy and John G, The Beyer Family for hosting.				
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f. MEMBERSHIP	Discussed club membership status. 514 +/- members to date.				
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g. GROOMER/ UTV EQUIP-	No issues to date. Discussed groomer status.				
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h. TRAIL/LANDOWNER	Trails have been open since January 31 st at 8am. No major issues so far.				
i. TRAIL GUIDES	Trail guides are available to distribute to any businesses that want to sell				
	them.				
j. NEWSLETTER	March newsletter contributions due February 28, 2015 at noon.				
	February newsletter was mailed and emailed. March newsletter will be				
	mailed and emailed. Thank you Shannon L.				
k. WEBSITE/FACEBOOK	Facebook and website info was discussed. Send pictures of applicable				
	snowmobiling events for (possible) inclusion into our social media accounts				
	and newsletter. Send to rcierniak@gmail.com.				
I. APPAREL	Nothing new.				
m. SAFETY/EDUCATION	None				

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n. ADOPT A HIGHWAY	Sunday, April 12, 2015 at 9:00am at Niagara Label.			
Break & 50/50	No 50/50 drawing was held.			
4. PRESIDENT REPORT (AI)	Discussed with items above. Nominations for officers and three (3) board members to be held at end of meeting. Read a letter of resignation from Jeff Glassman from Board Member position. A 4 th board position will be open for a one year term. Discussion on how to proceed with replacement.			
5. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT (Bill P)	None None			
6. TREASURER REPORT (Rich M.)	Treasury report. Curt W. made a motion to accept Treasury Report. Motion was seconded by Tim N. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried. Bills to be paid discussed. Curt W. made a motion to accept bills to be paid. Motion was seconded by Dan D. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried.			
7. SECRETARY REPORT (Robyn)	Next Combination Board/General Membership Meeting scheduled for March 17, 2015 at Akron Tillman Post. Meeting dates are third Tuesdays of the month. Other locations to hold meetings were discussed.			
8. OTHER	FED meetings – Niagara County – No report. Genesee County – No meeting this month. Erie County – discussion on state contract amounts.			
9. FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB	None.			
10. NOMINATIONS	Bill P. made a motion to open nominations. Motion was seconded by Rich M. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried. Positions open for nominations: PRESIDENT Al Wolbert nominated for President. Accepted. VICE PRESIDENT Bill Peronne nominated for Vice President. Accepted. SECRETARY Robyn Cierniak nominated for Secretary. Accepted. TREASURER Rich MacNamara nominated for Treasurer. Accepted. SERGEANT AT ARMS Jeff Wilson nominated for Sergeant at Arms. Accepted. TRAIL COORDINATOR Tim Naab nominated for Trail Coordinator. Accepted.			

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10. NOMINATIONS (CONTINUED)

Board Members

Frank Schroeder nominated for Board position. Declined. Dan Dressel nominated for Board position. Accepted. Curt Watts nominated for Board position. Declined. Dave Faron nominated for Board position. Declined. Shannon Landow nominated for Board position. Declined. Eric Glassman nominated for Board position. Declined. John Gaulocher nominated for Board position. Declined. Andrew Braunscheidel nominated for Board position. Accepted. Ron Watts nominated for Board position. Accepted.

Three board positions will be filled. The 4th position, for a one year term will need further discussion

Eric G. made a motion to close nominations. Motion was seconded by Tim N. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried.

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Adult: Ladies







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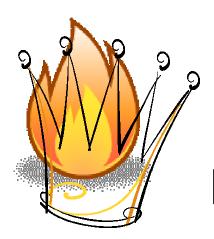
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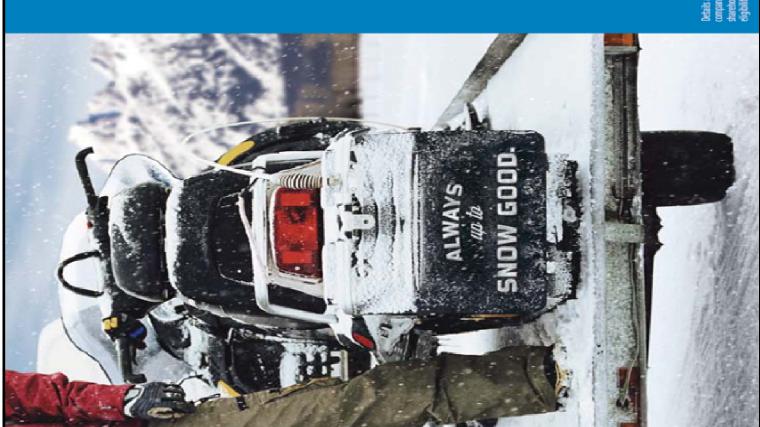
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Northern Erie Sno-Seekers, Inc. (NESS) was established in 1973 and has been promoting the safe and responsible use of snowmobiles ever since. We are a 100% volunteer, 501 (c) 3 not-for-profit organization serving 3 counties and the communities of: Clarence, Newstead, Amherst, Akron, Alden, Lancaster, Pembroke, Lockport, Gasport, Royalton and Hartland.

- Our general meetings are held at 7:30 PM on the third Tuesday 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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- 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: <u>www.snoseekers.com</u>
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