



April 2015 Newsletter

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING:
Tuesday, April 21st 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





Club Officers

President: Al Wolbert
Vice President: Bill Peronne
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Trail Coordinator: Tim Naab
Board Member: Kevin Gaik
Board Member: Dan Dressel
Board Member: Andrew Braunscheidel
Board Member: Matt Schroeder
Board Member: Ron Watts
Board Member: Ray Somers
Board Member:

Committees

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Emergency Response Committee

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Marketing & Adv Committee

Chairperson: Open

Fundraising Committee

Chairperson: Open

Social/PR Committee

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Membership Committee

Chairperson: Rich M.

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: Robyn C.

Apparel Committee

Chairperson: Shannon L.

Safety/Education Committee

Chairperson: Al O.

Club Headlines

What's Going On With Our Club...

Next General Meeting: Tuesday, April 21st 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.**

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

June Combo Board/General Meeting: Tuesday, June 16th at 7:30 PM at the Tillman Post, 9 Eckerson Ave. Akron, NY.

Apparel: 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 !!

Super Raffle Tickets: 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

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,

As we head into the off season please remember that the work of our snowmobile club continues so that we can ensure the continued use of our great trail system for next year and many years after that. Please try to attend some of our monthly meetings if you can and see how you can get involved and help out. I am very happy with how our past season has gone and I am also happy to see that there are some new faces joining the board to help us out. This has been my number one goal as president of NESS. I want to make sure that the future of the club is secure so that we can continue to have our great trail system for years to come. Thanks again to everyone for their hard work and dedication!

Thanks,
Al Wolbert
NESS President



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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).

The drawing is April 11, 2015 at the NYSSA Educational Forum to be held in Rochester, NY. Ticket holders do not need to be present to win.



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General Meetings

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**Combination Board/General Meeting Minutes***Date: March 17, 2015 - 7:30 pm*

Officers present: President – Al Wolbert Vice President—Bill Peronne Treasurer – absent Secretary – Robyn Cierniak	Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm Meeting ended at 8:35pm ___ present at meeting
1. WELCOME:	Welcome by Al W.
2. MEETING MINUTES:	February Meeting Minutes were discussed and accepted. Tim N. made a motion to accept minutes. Motion was seconded by Ron W. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried.
3. COMMITTEE:	
a. LEGAL	No new info
b. EMERGENCY	Al to follow up with Dave Bissonett from Clarence and Erie Co Disaster Coordinator to check status on emergency planning for future snow events.
c. MARKETING/ADVERTISING	March Landowner Drawing winner was Irving Lennert. Robyn C. sent out a letter to the month's winner. New number was picked for April Landowner Drawing. Winner is George Burg.
d. FUNDRAISING	
e. SOCIAL/PR	Discussed future Trail Captains party
f. MEMBERSHIP	Discussed current membership number
g. GROOMER/ UTV EQUIPMENT	Discussed hours on groomers. Discussed end of year storage.
h. TRAIL/LANDOWNER	Trails have been opened since Jan 31 st at 8am. +/- 39 consecutive days! Previously opened January 9 th - 17 th at midnight. Total 47 days. Discussed landowner complaint on Strickler Road. Discussed gate issues in Pembroke at Lake Road.
i. TRAIL GUIDES	Trail guides have been distributed to some areas. Al to collect extra guides and send bills.
j. NEWSLETTER	March newsletter was mailed and emailed. Thank you Shannon L and Robyn C. April newsletter to be emailed only. April newsletter contributions due April 4 th at Noon.
k. WEBSITE/FACEBOOK	Send pictures of applicable snowmobiling events for (possible) inclusion into our social media accounts and newsletter. Send to rcierniak@gmail.com.
l. APPAREL	-
m. SAFETY/EDUCATION	-



Combination Board/General Meeting Minutes Summary Continued

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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 (Al)	Discussed with items above.
5. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT (Bill P)	Discussed with items above.
6. TREASURER REPORT (read by Al W.)	Treasury report. Robyn C. made a motion to accept Treasury Report. Motion was seconded by John S. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried. Bills to be paid discussed. Bill P. made a motion to accept bills to be paid. Motion was seconded by Tim N. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried.
7. SECRETARY REPORT (Robyn)	Next Combination Board/General Membership Meeting scheduled for April 21, 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 – No report yet but Rich M attended meeting
9. FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB	None.
10. NOMINATIONS	<p>Elections were held for the following un-opposed positions by having the Club Secretary cast one vote: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Trail Coordinator, Sergeant at Arms, Three (3) Open Board Positions</p> <p>Results of the elections: President – Al Wolbert. Vice President – Bill Peronne. Secretary – Robyn Cierniak. Treasurer – Rich MacNamara Trail Coordinator – Tim Naab Sergeant at Arms – Jeff Wilson</p> <p>Board Positions: – Dan Dressel – Andrew Braunscheidel – Ron Watts</p>

"Thank You" Landowners!

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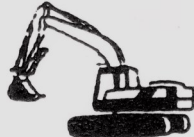
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Signature _____

Date _____



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- 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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