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NEXT GENERAL/COMBO MEETING:
Tuesday, February 16th 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
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Club Headlines

Club Officers

President: Al Wolbert

Vice President: -

Secretary: Robyn Cierniak

Treasurer: Rich McNamara

Sergeant of Arms: Jeff Wilson

Trail Coordinator: Tim Naab

Board Member: Kevin Gaik

Board Member: Dan Dressel

Board Member: Andrew Braunscheidel

Board Member: Matt Schroeder

Board Member: Ray Somers

Board Member: Ron Watts

Board Member: Jake Kelkenberg

Committees

Legal Committee

Chairperson: Al W.

Emergency Response Committee

Chairperson: Open

Marketing & Adv Committee

Chairperson: Open

Fundraising Committee

Chairperson: Open

Social/PR Committee

Chairperson: Frank S.

Membership Committee

Chairperson: Rich M.

Groomer/Equipment Committee

Chairperson: Dan D.

Trails/Landowners Committee

Chairperson: Tim N.

Trail Guides Committee

Chairperson: Curt W.

Newsletter Committee

Chairperson: Robyn C.

Website Committee

Chairperson: Robyn C.

Apparel Committee

Chairperson: Open

Safety/Education Committee

Chairperson: Open

What's Going On With Our Club...

Next General Meeting: Tuesday, February 16th at 7:30 PM at the Tillman Post, 9 Eckerson Ave. Akron, NY.

March Combo Board/General Meeting: Tuesday, March 15th at 7:30 PM at the Tillman Post, 9 Eckerson Ave. Akron, NY.

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

Apparel: We sell t-shirts, sweatshirts and caps!! Other styles and sizes subject to availability. Call 741-NESS for details!!

Club Bonfire: The status of our annual club bonfire is still unknown due to the lack of snow. Information on the bonfire will be posted on our website and Facebook page as it becomes available.

NOMINATIONS: Club nominations for elected positions will be held at the monthly meeting on February 16th. Nominations for Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant at Arms, Trail Coordinator and four Board Member seats will be taken during the meeting. If you are interested in one of the positions please contact the club at 741- 6377 for details.

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,

Well, unfortunately Mother Nature isn't cooperating with us this winter (so far) and we haven't been able to utilize our trail system. Please remember all of the hard work that goes into getting our trails ready each year and the generosity from our landowners that allow it to happen. If we do have some snow on the ground, please stay off of the trail system until we announce that they are open. We have had a few cases this season where sleds have been out riding on the closed trails just because there was a few inches of snow on them. Members of the club will look at the conditions and make a decision if trails can be opened. I know its driving everyone crazy that we can't ride around here, especially after the awesome season we had last year but the last thing we want to do is lose a section of trail because someone damaged property due to low snow conditions. Please also remember that the February meeting is when we have our nominations for elected positions in the club. There are several positions that are open for 2016 and I know there are people out there that would like to have input on how things are done within the club. Please stop by and maybe see about stepping up to an elected position with us.

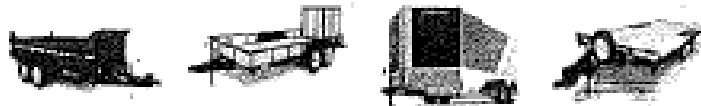
Thanks everyone and pray for some snow!

Al Wolbert

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Combination Board/General Meeting Minutes

Date: January 19, 2015 - 7:30 pm

Officers present: President – Al Wolbert Vice President – Treasurer – Rich McNamara Secretary – Robyn Cierniak	Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm Meeting ended at 9:10pm 16 present at meeting
1. WELCOME:	Welcome by Al W.
2. MEETING MINUTES	December 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	No new info
c) MARKETING/ADVERTISING	January Landowner Drawing winner was David Dzierba. Robyn C. sent out a letter to the month's winner. New number was picked for January Landowner Drawing #3. Winner is Alberta Baker.
d) FUNDRAISING	Discussed Enjoy City Book fundraiser options for next year. Need to send check to company for books, we sent back 48 unsold books (for reimbursement)
e) SOCIAL/PR	Discussed Club Bonfire planning
f) MEMBERSHIP	Discussed club membership status. Only 397 members so far
g) GROOMER/UTV EQUIPMENT	Discussed service status. All groomer have been serviced Discussed status of Akron/Clarence groomer Discussed fuel delivery to locations Discussed fuel pump purchase. Rich M. made motion to spend \$1000 maximum on fuel pumps. Motion was seconded by Robyn C. Voted 15 – aye, 1-nay. Carried.
h) TRAIL/LANDOWNER	Discussed trail issues that need to be resolved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knapp Rd power station. • Utley Rd trail. • We did not get landowner permission to run trail to Hill Top at this time.
i) TRAIL GUIDES	Trail guides are available but not a big demand for maps.
j) NEWSLETTER	Discussed January newsletter status and advertising issues. February newsletter contributions due February 6, 2016 at noon. We mail 6 months of newsletters; Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, March.
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	No new info
m) SAFETY/EDUCATION	No new info
n) ADOPT A HIGHWAY	No new info
Break & 50/50	No 50/50 drawing was held.
1. PRESIDENT REPORT (Al W.)	Discussed nomination for next month. Dan D. to act as groomer coordinator for remainder of year.
2. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT	None



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<p>3. TREASURER REPORT (Rich M.)</p>	<p>Discussed Verizon Phone account for SnoPhone. Rich M. wants to transfer over to VOIP system. Ray S. made a motion to transfer phone system. Motion was seconded by Jeff W. Voted 15 – aye, 1-nay. Carried.</p> <p>Treasury report. Jeff W. made a motion to accept Treasury Report. Motion was seconded by Ron W. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried.</p> <p>Bills to be paid discussed. Robyn C. made a motion to accept Treasury Report. Motion was seconded by Al W.. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried.</p>
<p>4. SECRETARY REPORT (Robyn C.)</p>	<p>Next Combination Board/General Membership Meeting scheduled for February 16, 2016 at Akron Tillman Post. Meeting dates are third Tuesdays of the month.</p>
<p>5. OTHER</p>	<p>FED meetings – Niagara County – Genesee County – Dan D went to meeting. 7% funds should be available soon. Erie County – Al W. went to meeting. Discussed current issues with Hamburg Snowmobile Club.</p>
<p>6. FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB</p>	<p>None</p>

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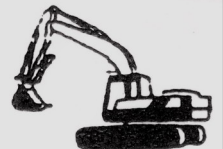
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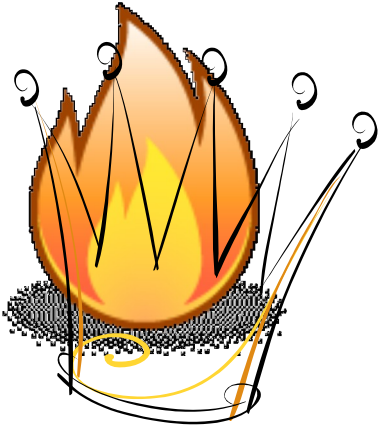
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