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# **NEWSLETTER**

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**NEXT GENERAL/COMBO MEETING:**  
**Tuesday, March 15th at 7:30 PM, Tillman Post**  
**(9 Eckerson Avenue, Akron)**

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## Club Headlines

### Club Officers

**President:** Al Wolbert

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**Sergeant of Arms:** Jeff Wilson

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**Board Member:** Dan Dressel

**Board Member:** Andrew Braunscheidel

**Board Member:** Matt Schroeder

**Board Member:** Ray Somers

**Board Member:** Ron Watts

**Board Member:** Jake Kelkenberg

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#### **Legal Committee**

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#### **Emergency Response Committee**

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#### **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, 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.

**May Combo Board/General Meeting:** Tuesday, May 17th 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!!

**ELECTIONS:** Elections for positions will be held at the monthly meeting on March 15th. Nominations for Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant at Arms, Trail Coordinator and four Board Member seats were held on February 16th.

Find us on the web at:  
**[www.snoseekers.com](http://www.snoseekers.com)**

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**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, this winter has turned out to be a bummer at best for our snowmobile season. Quite a contrast from the season we had last year. Certainly not much we can do about it but hope for a better year next winter. We did get about a week of riding on our trail system with the snows that came in February so I hope that everyone had a chance to get out during that time. Again, I want to thank all of the volunteers that work so hard and put so much time into making this club work. As in the past few years, please remember that just because the season has come to the end that the work of the organization doesn't end. We continue to have meetings every month throughout the spring and summer so that we can ensure that we are ready to go for next year. Any remember, just like we always say with the Bills and the Sabres...

"It will be better next year"!

Thanks!

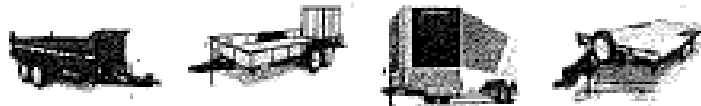
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## Combination Board/General Meeting Minutes

Date: February 16, 2015 - 7:30 pm

<b>Officers present:</b> President – Al Wolbert Vice President – Treasurer – Rich McNamara Secretary – Robyn Cierniak	Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm Meeting ended at 8:21pm 11 present at meeting
<b>1. WELCOME:</b>	Welcome by Al W.
<b>2. MEETING MINUTES</b>	January meeting minutes were discussed and accepted. Al W. made a motion to accept minutes. Motion was seconded by Jim D. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried.
<b>3. COMMITTEE:</b>	
<b>a) LEGAL</b>	No new info
<b>b) EMERGENCY</b>	No new info
<b>c) MARKETING/ADVERTISING</b>	February Landowner Drawing winner was Alberta Baker. Robyn C. sent out a letter to the month’s winner. New number was picked for March Landowner Drawing. Winner is Lynn Schafer.
<b>d) FUNDRAISING</b>	No new info
<b>e) SOCIAL/PR</b>	Discussed Club Bonfire planning
<b>f) MEMBERSHIP</b>	Discussed club membership status. Only 434 members so far
<b>g) GROOMER/UTV EQUIPMENT</b>	Discussed service status.
<b>h) TRAIL/LANDOWNER</b>	No new info
<b>i) TRAIL GUIDES</b>	No new info
<b>j) NEWSLETTER</b>	March newsletter contributions due March 5, 2016 at noon. We mail 6 months of newsletters; Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, March.
<b>k) WEBSITE/FACEBOOK</b>	Send pictures of applicable snowmobiling events for (possible) inclusion into our social media accounts and newsletter. Send to rcierniak@gmail.com.
<b>l) APPAREL</b>	No new info
<b>m) SAFETY/EDUCATION</b>	No new info
<b>n) ADOPT A HIGHWAY</b>	No new info
<b>Break &amp; 50/50</b>	No 50/50 drawing was held.
<b>1. PRESIDENT REPORT (Al W.)</b>	Discussed Nominations (See section 7)
<b>2. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT</b>	None
<b>3. TREASURER REPORT (Rich M.)</b>	No report.
<b>4. SECRETARY REPORT (Robyn C.)</b>	Next Combination Board/General Membership Meeting scheduled for March 15, 2016 at Akron Tillman Post. Meeting dates are third Tuesdays of the month.
<b>5. OTHER</b>	FED meetings – Niagara County – Genesee County – Erie County – Discussed 60 day window for trail work input





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6. FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB	None
7. NOMINATIONS	<p><b>Positions Open for:</b></p> <p>PRESIDENT – AL WOLBERT, ACCEPTED</p> <p>VICE PRESIDENT - None</p> <p>SECRETARY – ROBYN CIERNIAK, ACCEPTED</p> <p>TREASURER – RICH MCNAMARA, ACCEPTED</p> <p>SERGEANT AT ARMS – JEFF WILSON, ACCEPTED</p> <p>TRAIL COORDINATOR – TIM NAAB, ACCEPTED</p> <p>BOARD MEMBERS (FOUR 2-YEAR POSITIONS)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. SHANNON LANDOW, ACCEPTED</li> <li>2. JAKE KELKENBERG, UNKNOWN IF ACCEPTED/DECLINED</li> <li>3. MATT SCHROEDER, UNKNOWN IF ACCEPTED/DECLINED</li> <li>4. RAY SOMERS, DECLINED</li> <li>5. KEVIN GAIK, UNKNOWN IF ACCEPTED/DECLINED</li> </ol> <p>NOMINATIONS WILL BE KEPT OPEN UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING DUE TO LIMITED NUMBER OF ACCEPTED NOMINATIONS.</p>

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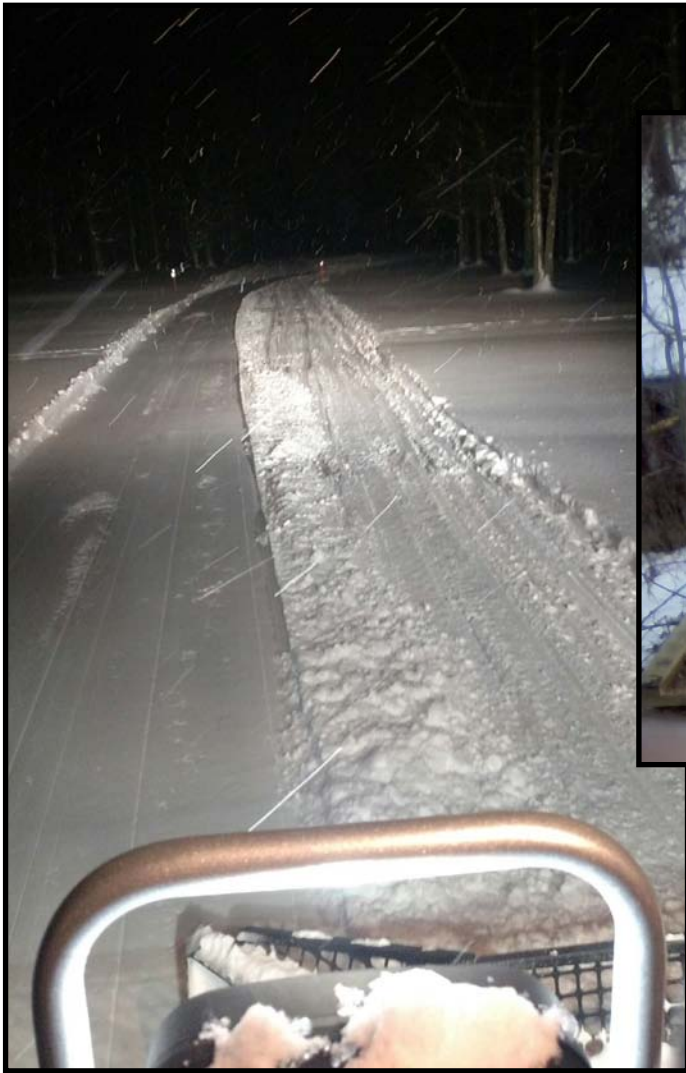
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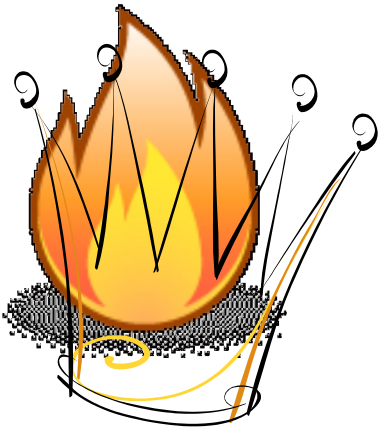
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