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NEXT GENERAL/COMBO MEETING:
Tuesday, April 28th at 7:30 PM,
Marvin's Bar & Grill
7675 Goodrich Rd, Clarence Center, NY 14032
◀ see inside for details ▶

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President: Al Wolbert

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Board Member: Ron Watts

Board Member: Jake Kelkenberg

Board Member: Shannon Landow

Board Member: Chantel Dirschedl

Board Member: Jake Anderson

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Membership Committee

Chairperson: Rich M.

Groomer/Equipment Committee

Chairperson: Dan D.

Trails/Landowners Committee

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Trail Guides Committee

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Newsletter Committee

Chairperson: Robyn C.

Website Committee

Chairperson: Robyn C.

Apparel Committee

Chairperson: Open

Safety/Education Committee

Chairperson: Open

Club Headlines

What's Going On With Our Club...

**WE'VE CHANGED OUR GENERAL MEETING
LOCATION AND DATE!!!**

**WE HAVE MOVED BACK TO MEETING THE
LAST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH**

AND

**WE ARE NOW MEETING AT
MARVIN'S BAR & GRILL**

**7675 Goodrich Rd,
Clarence Center, NY 14032**

April Combo Board/General Meeting:

**THURSDAY, April 28th at 7:30 PM at Marvin's Bar &
Grill, 7675 Goodrich Road, Clarence Center, NY.**

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www.snoseekers.com

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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,

Just a couple of things as we have wrapped up our '15/'16 season. First, congratulations and thank you to all of our returning and new board members and officers for the next year! Every one of you know how difficult it can be at times to keep this club on track and I can't thank you enough for helping me out so that we can continue to put our awesome trail system out there each year. Next, to all of our members please remember to renew your membership ASAP. I know this sounds like a broken record at times but the earlier you renew, the better it is for all the clubs. The last thing is about our monthly meetings. We have decided to change the date and location of our general meetings. We are going back to what we did a few years ago. All general meetings will now be on the last Thursday of every month. The location will also be an old favorite - Marvin's Bar and Restaurant located at 7675 Goodrich Road, Clarence Center. The start time will remain the same at 7:30pm. As in the past we will have food at the meetings. This month's meeting will be on Thursday April 28th. We hope to see you there!

Thanks!

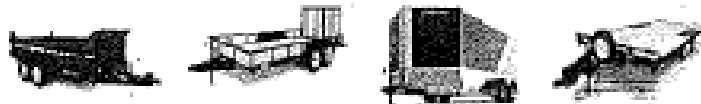
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Combination Board/General Meeting Minutes

Date: March 15, 2016 - 7:30 pm

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| Officers present: President – Al Wolbert Vice President – Treasurer – Rich McNamara Secretary – Robyn Cierniak | Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm Meeting ended at 8:25pm 14 present at meeting |
| 1. WELCOME: | Welcome by Al W. |
| 2. MEETING MINUTES | February meeting minutes were discussed and accepted. Ron W. made a motion to accept minutes. Motion was seconded by Dan D. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried. |
| 3. COMMITTEE: | |
| a) LEGAL | No new info |
| b) EMERGENCY | No new info |
| c) MARKETING/ADVERTISING | March Landowner Drawing winner was Lynn Schafer. Robyn C. sent out a letter to the month's winner. New number was picked for April Landowner Drawing. Winner is Justin Zahn. |
| d) FUNDRAISING | No new info |
| e) SOCIAL/PR | No new info |
| f) MEMBERSHIP | Discussed club membership status. Only 439 members. |
| g) GROOMER/UTV EQUIPMENT | Discussed service status. |
| h) TRAIL/LANDOWNER | Discussed trail tear down status. Need trail captains for two locations. |
| i) TRAIL GUIDES | No new info |
| j) NEWSLETTER | We mail 6 months of newsletters; Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, March. April, May, June, July, August and September are emailed only. |
| 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 | Al W. to contact Rich P on potential April cleanup |
| Break & 50/50 | No 50/50 drawing was held. |
| 1. PRESIDENT REPORT (Al W.) | Discussed moving club meetings back to last Thursday of the month and move location to Marvin's Bar & Grill located at 7675 Goodrich Rd, Clarence Center. Ron W. made a motion to move meeting date and location. Motion was seconded by Jake A. Voted 13 aye, 2 nay. Carried. |
| 2. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT | None |
| 3. TREASURER REPORT (Rich M.) | Bills to be paid discussed. Andy B. made a motion to accept Treasury Report. Motion was seconded by Dan D. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried. |
| 4. SECRETARY REPORT (Robyn C.) | Next Combination Board/General Membership Meeting scheduled for April 28, 2016 at Marvin's Bar & Grill located at 7675 Goodrich Rd, Clarence Center. Meeting dates have been changed to the last Thursday of the month. |
| 5. OTHER | 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. ELECTIONS | <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, four (4) Open Board Positions.</p> <p>Results of the elections:</p> <p>PRESIDENT – AL WOLBERT VICE PRESIDENT - None SECRETARY – ROBYN CIERNIAK TREASURER – RICH MCNAMARA SERGEANT AT ARMS – JEFF WILSON TRAIL COORDINATOR – None</p> <p>BOARD MEMBERS (FOUR 2-YEAR POSITIONS) 1. SHANNON LANDOW 2. JAKE KELKENBERG 3. CHANTEL DIRSCHEDL 4. JAKE ANDERSON</p> |

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