



MAY 2016 NEWSLETTER

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NEXT GENERAL/COMBO MEETING:
Tuesday, May 26th at 7:30 PM,
Marvin's Bar & Grill
7675 Goodrich Rd, Clarence Center, NY 14032
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Member of the New York State Snowmobile Association and Erie County Federation of Snowmobile Clubs
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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**

May Combo Board/General Meeting:

**THURSDAY, May 26th at 7:30 PM at
Marvin's Bar & Grill, 7675 Goodrich Road,
Clarence Center, NY.**

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Club Officers

President: Al Wolbert

Vice President: -

Secretary: Robyn Cierniak

Treasurer: Rich McNamara

Sergeant of Arms: Jeff Wilson

Trail Coordinator:

Board Member: Dan Dressel

Board Member: Andrew Braunscheidel

Board Member: Ron Watts

Board Member: Jake Kelkenberg

Board Member: Shannon Landow

Board Member: Chantel Dirschedl

Board Member: Jake Anderson

Committees

Legal Committee

Chairperson: Al W.

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: Open

Trail Guides Committee

Chairperson: Open

Newsletter Committee

Chairperson: Robyn C.

Website Committee

Chairperson: Robyn C.

Apparel Committee

Chairperson: Open

Safety/Education Committee

Chairperson: Open

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,

Not too much this month, just another quick reminder to everyone that our general meetings have moved to Marvin's Bar and Grill on Goodrich Road in Clarence. They are now the last Thursday of each month (this month it's May 26) at 7:30 PM. We had a very good turn out for last month's meeting and it's always nice to see that in the off season. Let's see if we can continue with this as there are some important things to discuss. Goodrich Road is under construction at this time so if you can't get down that road to get to Marvin's you can use Wolcott Road from the west and Delaware Road from the east. Both roads will bring you right to the restaurant's parking lot. Hope to see you there!

Thanks!

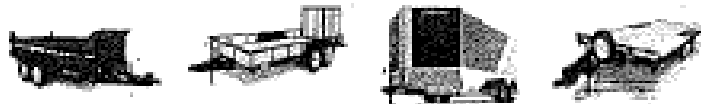
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Combination Board/General Meeting Minutes

Date: April 28, 2016 - 7:30 pm

Officers present: President – Al Wolbert Vice President – Treasurer – Rich McNamara Secretary – Robyn Cierniak	Meeting called to order at 7:40 pm Meeting ended at 8:30pm 16 present at meeting
1. WELCOME:	Welcome by Al W.
2. MEETING MINUTES	March meeting minutes were discussed and accepted. Chantel D. made a motion to accept minutes. Motion was seconded by Shannon L. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried.
3. COMMITTEE:	
a) LEGAL	No new info
b) EMERGENCY	No new info
c) MARKETING/ADVERTISING	April Landowner Drawing winner was Justin Zahn. Robyn C. sent out a letter to the month’s winner. New number was picked for May Landowner Drawing. Winner is Samuel Yoder.
d) FUNDRAISING	No new info
e) SOCIAL/PR	1. Discussed planning Christmas party. Move it to Rapids or stay at Newstead? Need to schedule caterer for food. 2. Discussed a summer cookout like we have in the past, or combine it into a fall trail worker party?
f) MEMBERSHIP	Discussed club membership status.
g) GROOMER/UTV EQUIPMENT	Discussed status of groomers for off season. Discussed which machines need to be moved and where to?
h) TRAIL/LANDOWNER	Discussed trail tear down status. Discussed some landowner issues that have come up in the Salt/Keller Rd area. Discussed status of trail grant with Erie County and state. Rich has started to GPS some of our existing trails. This must be done by Spring 2017.
i) TRAIL GUIDES	No new info
j) NEWSLETTER	April newsletter was emailed. We mail 6 months of newsletters; Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, March. No more printed newsletters until October.
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	Chantel D. to head up a committee to get a spring/summer cleanup session scheduled
Break & 50/50	No 50/50 drawing was held.
1. PRESIDENT REPORT (Al W.)	Discussed filling the following positions: Vice President and Trail Coordinator
2. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT	None
3. TREASURER REPORT (Rich M.)	No Treasury Report.



4. SECRETARY REPORT (Robyn C.)	Next Combination Board/General Membership Meeting scheduled for May 26, 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 –
6. FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB	None

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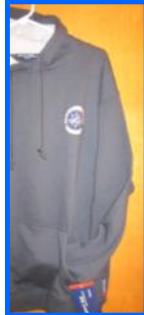
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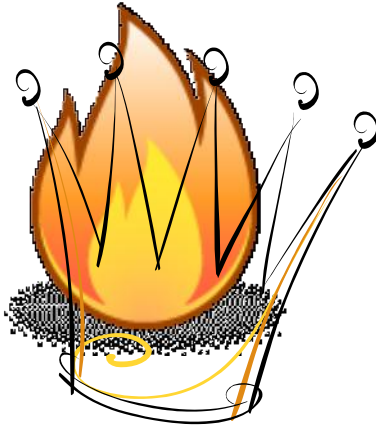
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