



# AUGUST 2016 NEWSLETTER

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**NEXT GENERAL/COMBO MEETING:**  
**Thursday, August 25th at 7:30 PM,**  
**Marvin's Bar & Grill**  
**7675 Goodrich Rd, Clarence Center, NY 14032**  
**◀ see inside for details ▶**

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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 THE LOCATION OF OUR ANNUAL LANDOWNER APPRECIATION CHRISTMAS PARTY!!

THIS YEAR'S PARTY WILL BE HELD AT:

RAPIDS VOLUNTEER COMPANY  
7195 PLANK ROAD  
LOCKPORT, NY 14094

(MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW)

#### August Combo Board/General Meeting:

THURSDAY, August 25th at 7:30 PM at  
Marvin's Bar & Grill, 7675 Goodrich Road,  
Clarence Center, NY.

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**Northern Erie Sno-Seekers Snowmobile Club**

### 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**

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: 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,

Well it is now August and summer is coming to an end. Here is my annual plea to all members - we need to start thinking about the upcoming snowmobile season and we could use your help to once again make sure that everything is in place to make our great trails happen. We hope to see many of you at the Clarence Center Vol Fire Co Labor Day Fair. We will be having our tent as usual with a display of new sleds and our groomer. Please use this event to stop in and renew your membership as it is very important to get that done as early as possible. I also want to use this newsletter to make the announcement that we have decided to move the location of this year's Landowner Appreciation Christmas Party. This year's party will be held at the Rapids Volunteer Fire Co. located at 7195 Plank Rd Lockport NY on December 10th. Remember to join us at our meeting at Marvin's Bar & Grill in Clarence Center on August 25th at 7:30PM.

Thanks!

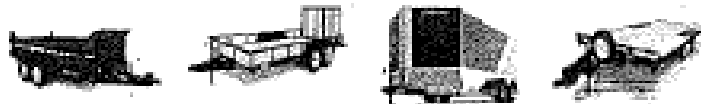
Al Wolbert

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## Combination Board/General Meeting Minutes

Date: July 28, 2016 - 7:30 pm

<b>Officers present:</b> President – Al Wolbert Vice President – Treasurer – Rich McNamara Secretary – Robyn Cierniak	Meeting called to order at 7:45 pm Meeting ended at 8:45pm 11 present at meeting
<b>1. WELCOME:</b>	Welcome by Al W.
<b>2. MEETING MINUTES</b>	No June meeting minutes were taken at last meeting.
<b>3. COMMITTEE:</b>	
<b>a) LEGAL</b>	No new info
<b>b) EMERGENCY</b>	No new info
<b>c) MARKETING/ADVERTISING</b>	July Landowner Drawing winner was #171 Ray Sonnenberger. Robyn C. sent out a letter to the month's winner. New number was picked for August Landowner Drawing. Winner #28 Michael Carrier.
<b>d) FUNDRAISING</b>	Enjoy the City Books will be delivered in August
<b>e) SOCIAL/PR</b>	1. Discussed Labor Day Fair planning and coordination. 2. Discussed planning Landowner Appreciation Christmas party and new fee imposed by Newstead Fire Co. Chantel D made motion to move Christmas party to Rapids Vol Fire Co. Motion was seconded by Ron W.. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried. 3. Discussed a summer cookout like we have in the past, or combine it into a fall trail worker party?
<b>f) MEMBERSHIP</b>	Discussed club membership status. 22 members to date.
<b>g) GROOMER/UTV EQUIPMENT</b>	No new info
<b>h) TRAIL/LANDOWNER</b>	Discussed some landowner issues at Keller and Salt Roads. Discussed need to GPS trails. Discussed trail grant paperwork.
<b>i) TRAIL GUIDES</b>	No new info
<b>j) NEWSLETTER</b>	July newsletter was emailed. We mail 6 months of newsletters; Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, March. No more printed newsletters until October.
<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>	Discussed combining NESS and Shawnee Snowmobile Clubs for a safety class.
<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>	In addition to above items discussed need to fill vacant positions.
<b>2. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT</b>	None
<b>3. TREASURER REPORT (Rich M.)</b>	Chantel D. made a motion to accept treasury report. Motion was seconded by Al W.. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried. Robyn C. made a motion to pay current bills. Motion was seconded by Al W.. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried.
<b>4. SECRETARY REPORT (Robyn C.)</b>	Next Combination Board/General Membership Meeting scheduled for August 25, 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.
<b>5. OTHER</b>	FED meetings – Niagara County – Genesee County – Erie County –
<b>6. FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB</b>	A recognition plaque for services to club is to be delivered to Bill Peronne

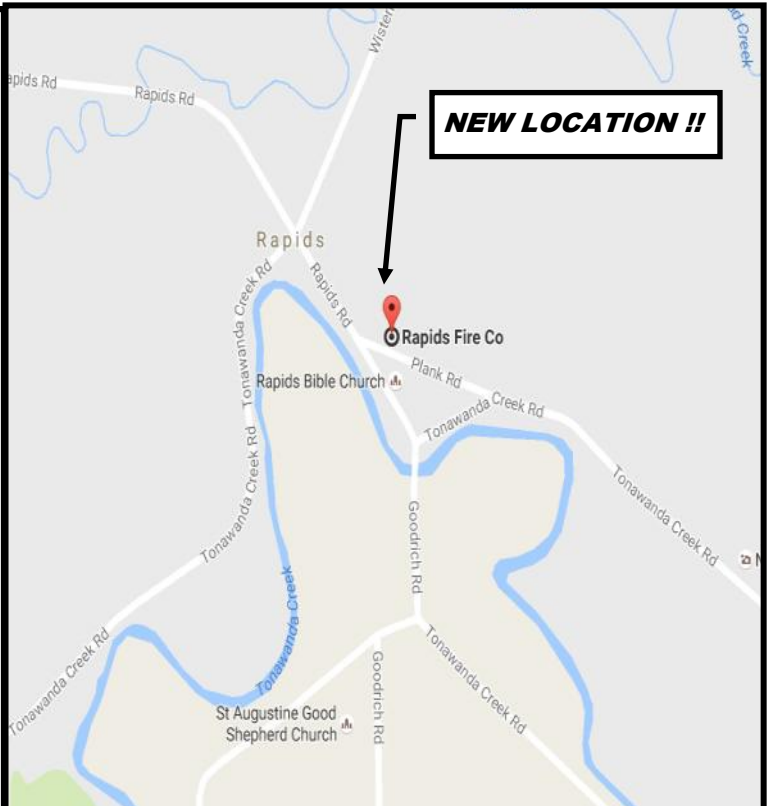




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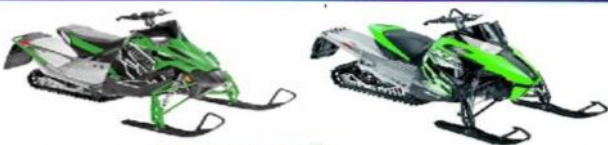
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**Other items:**

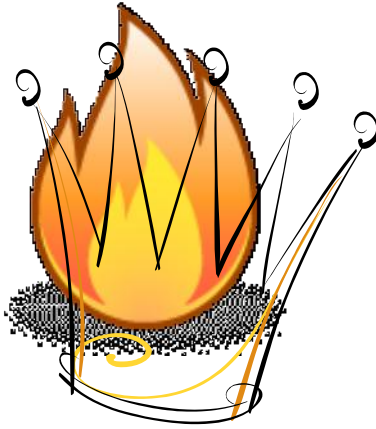
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Date \_\_\_\_\_



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