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# **NEWSLETTER**

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## **NEXT GENERAL/COMBO MEETING:**

**Thursday, February 23th at 7:30 PM**

**Marvin's Bar & Grill 7675 Goodrich Rd, Clarence Center, NY 14032**

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**Club Headlines**

**Club Officers**

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**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

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**Membership Committee**

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**Groomer/Equipment Committee**

Chairperson: Dan D.

**Trails/Landowners Committee**

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**Trail Guides Committee**

Chairperson: Open

**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...**

**FEBRUARY MEETING: CLUB OFFICER AND BOARD MEMBER NOMINATIONS**

**February Combo Board/General Meeting:**

THURSDAY, February 23 at 7:30 PM at  
Marvin's Bar & Grill, 7675 Goodrich Road,  
Clarence Center, NY

**MARCH MEETING: CLUB OFFICER AND BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS**

**March Combo Board/General Meeting:**

THURSDAY, March 23 at 7:30 PM at  
Marvin's Bar & Grill, 7675 Goodrich Road,  
Clarence Center, NY



**\*\*THE CLUB BONFIRE HAS BEEN POSTPONED\*\***



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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,

Well, Mother Nature is not being too friendly to us this winter! I wish I could do something to make it snow but all we can do is just hope it happens soon. There is some great snowmobiling to be had around Chautauqua Lake, Old Forge and Tug Hill so it's not too far away at least. At this month's meeting we will be having nominations for open officer positions as well as three board member spots. Please try to help the club out if you can. It's very important this year!! We have a great club here, and I want to see a bright future for it, so we need your help to continue that future. I look forward to seeing everyone at the end of February.

Thanks,  
Al Wolbert

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## JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

### Combination Board/General Meeting Minutes

*Date: January 26, 2016 - 7:30 pm*

<b>Officers present:</b> President – Al Wolbert Vice President – Treasurer – Rich McNamara Secretary – Robyn Cierniak	Meeting called to order at 7:40 pm Meeting ended at 8:45 pm 22 present at meeting
<b>1. WELCOME:</b>	Welcome by Al W.
<b>2. MEETING MINUTES</b>	December meeting minutes were discussed and accepted. Andy B. made a motion to accept minutes. Motion was seconded by Harry R. 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>	January Landowner Drawing winner was Kathy Donner. Robyn C. sent out a letter to the month’s winner. New number was picked for February Landowner Drawing. Winner is Thomas Burke.
<b>d) FUNDRAISING</b>	Unsold Enjoy the City Books and money must be turned in asap.
<b>e) SOCIAL/PR</b>	Discussed bonfire with tentative date of 2/12/17. Discussed having the event if no snow; consensus was to not hold bonfire.
<b>f) MEMBERSHIP</b>	Discussed club membership status. 390 memberships to date.
<b>g) GROOMER/UTV EQUIPMENT</b>	Discussed status of groomers and UTV equipment. Dan D. made a motion to buy two tires for UTV, +/- \$150.00. Motion was seconded by Shannon L. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried
<b>h) TRAIL/LANDOWNER</b>	All trail captains need to send trail work log info to Rich so we can get reimbursed for as much as possible. With no grooming miles yet, this is VERY important. Letter sent to G. Roth about trail on Draper Rd. Gary Roth attended meeting to discuss trail markers.
<b>i) TRAIL GUIDES</b>	No new info
<b>j) NEWSLETTER</b>	December/January newsletter was mailed and emailed. February newsletter will be mailed and emailed. Discussed results of motion (December meeting) to stop mailing the monthly newsletter and go all email. Motion on hold until a lawyer is contacted to discuss by-laws rule for written notifications.
<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>1. PRESIDENT REPORT (Al W.)</b>	February is nomination month for the club. President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant at Arms, and 3 board positions need nominees. Board Positions open to replace: Dan Dressel - March 2017 Andrew Braunscheidel - March 2017 Ron Watts - March 2017
<b>2. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT</b>	None
<b>3. TREASURER REPORT (Rich M.)</b>	Gary R. made a motion to accept treasury report. Motion was seconded by Dan D. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried. Andy B. made a motion to pay current bills. Motion was seconded by Jake A.. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried.
<b>4. SECRETARY REPORT (Robyn C.)</b>	Next Combination Board/General Membership Meeting scheduled for February 23, 2016 at Marvin’s Bar & Grill located at 7675 Goodrich Rd, Clarence Center.
<b>5. OTHER</b>	FED meetings – Niagara County – Genesee County – Erie County –
<b>6. FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB</b>	



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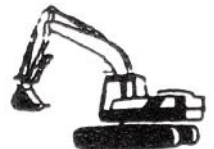
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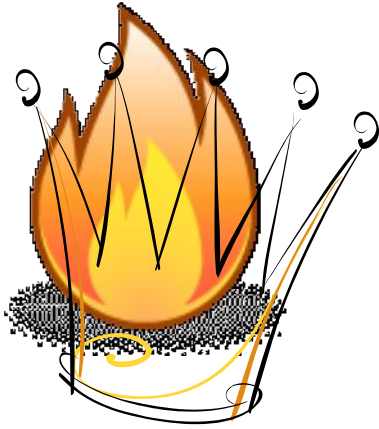
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