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NEXT GENERAL/COMBO MEETING:
Thursday, March 30th at 7:30 PM

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

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Club Headlines

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

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Chairperson: Al W.

Emergency Response Committee

Chairperson: Open

Marketing & Adv Committee

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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

What's Going On With Our Club...

MARCH MEETING: CLUB OFFICER AND BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS

March Combo Board/General Meeting:

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

April Combo Board/General Meeting:

THURSDAY, April 27 at 7:30 PM at
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Find us on the web at:
www.snoseekers.com

Find us on our Facebook page:
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 unfortunately it looks like we have been robbed of our snowmobiling for this year. I know that most of you are very disappointed about not being able to enjoy our great trail system even for just a few days this year but we must always look forward to the next season and hope it will be better. A lot of things have gone through my head over the last few months about the future of our club and I'm happy to say that it looks OK. This will be my last month as president of NESS. Due to some job conflicts, I can't continue as President, however I will continue on as the Trail Coordinator, a position that I really enjoy doing. I hope most members are happy with the direction that the club has gone in the last few years. We've always tried to make decisions that benefited the club. That hasn't always been easy as we've had a few bumper winters. I'm confident that the club is moving in the right direction and is in good hands. I hope everyone has a great spring, summer and fall and again pray for a cold, snowy winter next year!

See you out on the trails in 9 months!

Thanks,
Al Wolbert

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FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

Combination Board/General Meeting Minutes

Date: February 23, 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 8:17 pm 20 present at meeting
1. WELCOME:	Welcome by Al W.
2. MEETING MINUTES	January meeting minutes were discussed and accepted. Andy B. made a motion to accept minutes. Motion was seconded by Jake K. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried.
3. COMMITTEE:	
a) LEGAL	No new info
b) EMERGENCY	No new info
c) MARKETING/ADVERTISING	February Landowner Drawing winner was Thomas Burke. Robyn C. sent out a letter to the month's winner. New number was picked for March Landowner Drawing. Winner is Scott Kelkenberg.
d) FUNDRAISING	Unsold Enjoy the City Books and money must be turned in asap.
e) SOCIAL/PR	No new info
f) MEMBERSHIP	Discussed club membership status. 404 memberships to date.
g) GROOMER/UTV EQUIPMENT	Discussed status of groomers and UTV equipment.
h) TRAIL/LANDOWNER	Discussed removing trail markers by April 1st
i) TRAIL GUIDES	No new info
j) NEWSLETTER	February newsletter was mailed and emailed. March newsletter will be mailed and emailed. Discussed results of motion (December meeting) to stop mailing the monthly newsletter and go all email again. Motion on hold until a lawyer is contacted to discuss by-laws rule for written notifications. Consensus to continue to mail March newsletter.
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	No new info
1. PRESIDENT REPORT (Al W.)	Nominations were held for the following positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Trail Coordinator, Sergeant at Arms, Three (3) Open Board Positions Curt Watts made a motion to open nominations for open positions. Motion was seconded by Jeff Wilson.

FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

	<p>Results of the nominations:</p> <p>President – Bill Peronne, Accepted. Al Wolbert, Declined. Curt Watts, Declined.</p> <p>Vice President – Paul Ast, Accepted. Curt Watts, Declined. Jake Anderson, Declined. Ron Watts, Declined.</p> <p>Secretary – Robyn Cierniak, Accepted. Ron Watts, Declined.</p> <p>Treasurer – Rich McNamara, Accepted. Al Wolbert, Declined. Jake Anderson, Declined.</p> <p>Trail Coordinator – Al Wolbert, Accepted. Curt Watts, Declined.</p> <p>Sergeant at Arms – Jeff Wilson, Accepted.</p> <p>Board Positions:</p> <p>Ray Somers, Accepted. Jake Jurek, Accepted. Andy Braunscheidel, Accepted. Frank Schroeder, Declined. Harry Rounds, Declined. Sherri Rounds, Declined. Dan Dressel, Accepted. Ron Watts, Accepted.</p> <p>Ron Watts made a motion to close nominations for open positions. Motion was seconded by Jim Daigler. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried.</p>
<p>2. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>3. TREASURER REPORT (Rich M.)</p>	<p>Discussed error made on last month’s treasury report. Ron W. made a motion to accept treasury report. Motion was seconded by Jim D. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried.</p> <p>Andy B. made a motion to pay current bills. Motion was seconded by Jake A.. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried.</p>
<p>4. SECRETARY REPORT (Robyn C.)</p>	<p>Next Combination Board/General Membership Meeting scheduled for March 30, 2016 at Marvin’s Bar & Grill located at 7675 Goodrich Rd, Clarence Center.</p>
<p>5. OTHER</p>	<p>FED meetings – Niagara County – Genesee County – Erie County –</p>
<p>6. FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB</p>	



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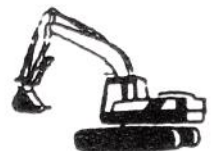
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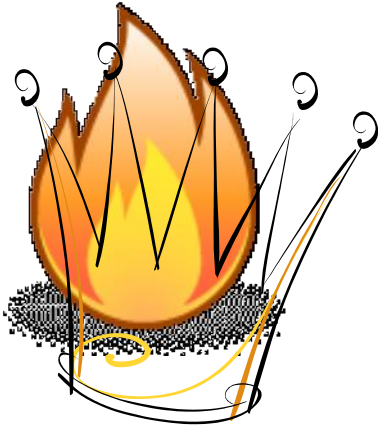
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