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NEXT GENERAL/COMBO MEETING:
Thursday, April 27th at 7:30 PM
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Club Headlines

Club Officers

President: Bill Peronne

Vice President: Paul Ast

Secretary: Robyn Cierniak

Treasurer: Rich McNamara

Sergeant of Arms: Jeff Wilson

Trail Coordinator: Al Wolbert

Board Member: Jake Kelkenberg

Board Member: Shannon Landow

Board Member: Chantel Dirschedl

Board Member: Jake Anderson

Board Member: Ron Watts

Board Member: Ray Somers

Board Member: Andrew Braunscheidel

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

What's Going On With Our Club...

OFFICER AND BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS RESULTS:

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April Combo Board/General Meeting:

THURSDAY, April 27 at 7:30 PM at
Marvin's Bar & Grill, 7675 Goodrich Road,
Clarence Center, NY

May Combo Board/General Meeting:

THURSDAY, May 25 at 7:30 PM at
Marvin's Bar & Grill, 7675 Goodrich Road,
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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

Hello everyone,

I would like to introduce myself to you all. My name is Bill Peronne and I will be acting as your new President for the next year. For those of you that don't know me, I've been in the club for many years and have been on the Board of Directors and also held the Vice President position. I have also chaired and co-chaired many club events. I stepped away for a couple years hoping my spot would be filled by our younger members but it seems with two bad winters it was tough for anyone to muster up the enthusiasm to take the job on.

With Al stepping down and no one interested in the job, I took on something I said I would never do. It's imperative that this club moves ahead for our members but also our members, if possible, should help out. It is a never ending job to keep the club moving forward. The state and county has us on a tight rope with funds and it is a huge job to fill their request.

Also I want to address our Facebook page. I read most of the posts after the March snowstorm and was disappointed in many of them. We are always open to constructive criticism but I will not tolerate the sort of posts we ended up with last month. Our Facebook page should be a place to share fun things and not bash the club. When the conditions are right, this club will always go full on to make the trails as great as possible with the volunteers we have but we will also go full on to protect the sensitive areas in our trails.

With that, I hope everyone has a great summer. Our core people will be working till next winter to keep the club running. Come join us at the meeting to share your ideas or let us know your concerns.

Hope to see you at the meetings,
Bill

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MARCH MEETING MINUTES



Northern Erie Sno-Seekers ✧ PO Box 167 ✧ Akron, NY 14001 ✧ (716)741-NESS

Combination Board/General Meeting Minutes

Date: March 30, 2017 - 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 9:20 pm 19 present at meeting
1. WELCOME:	Welcome by Al W.
2. MEETING MINUTES	February meeting minutes were discussed and accepted. Jake A. made a motion to accept minutes. Motion was seconded by Harry R. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried.
3. COMMITTEE:	
a) LEGAL	No new info
b) EMERGENCY	No new info
c) MARKETING/ADVERTISING	March Landowner Drawing winner was Scott Kelkenberg. Robyn C. sent out a letter to the month's winner. New number was picked for April Landowner Drawing. Winner is Alfred Davis.
d) FUNDRAISING	No new info
e) SOCIAL/PR	No new info
f) MEMBERSHIP	Discussed club membership status. 405 memberships to date.
g) GROOMER/UTV EQUIPMENT	Discussed off seasons storage of groomers and UTV equipment.
h) TRAIL/LANDOWNER	Discussed removing trail markers by April 1 st Discussed required GPS of trail system. Does not need to be done until April 2018
i) TRAIL GUIDES	No new info
j) NEWSLETTER	March newsletter was mailed and emailed. April newsletter will be 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	No new info

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<p>1. PRESIDENT REPORT (AI W.)</p>	<p>Elections were held for the following positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Trail Coordinator, Sergeant at Arms, Three (3) Open Board Positions Discussed Dan Dressel rescinding his nomination acceptance. Jake Anderson made a motion to open elections for open positions. Motion was seconded by Jim Daigler.</p> <p>Results of the Election:</p> <p>President – Bill Peronne Vice President – Paul Ast Secretary – Robyn Cierniak Treasurer – Rich McNamara Trail Coordinator – Al Wolbert. Sergeant at Arms – Jeff Wilson</p> <p>Board Positions: Ray Somers Andy Braunscheidel Ron Watts</p> <p>Paul Ast made a motion to close elections. Motion was seconded by Jeff Wilson. 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. Dan D. made a motion to accept treasury report. Motion was seconded by Rich P. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried. Rich P. made a motion to pay current bills. Motion was seconded by Dan D.. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried.</p>
<p>4. SECRETARY REPORT (Robyn C.)</p>	<p>Next Combination Board/General Membership Meeting scheduled for April 27, 2017 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>	<p></p>



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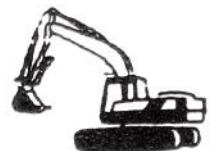
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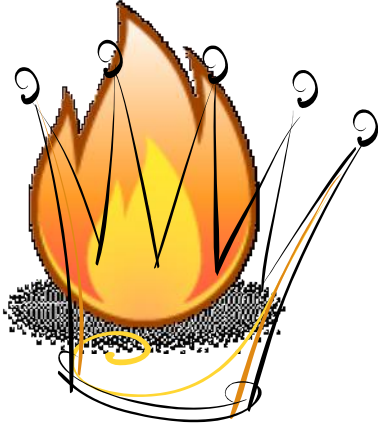
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