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NEWSLETTER



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NORTHERN ERIE SNO-SEEKERS PO BOX 167 AKRON, NY 14001 (716) 741-NESS

NEXT GENERAL/COMBO MEETING:
Thursday, September 28th at 7:30 PM
Marvin's Bar & Grill
7675 Goodrich Rd, Clarence Center, NY 14032

Member of the New York State Snowmobile Association and Erie County Federation of Snowmobile Clubs Non-profit groups dedicated to the safe and responsible use of snowmobiles



Club Headlines

What's Going On With Our Club...

September Combo Board/General Meeting:

THURSDAY, September 28th at 7:30 PM at
Marvin's Bar & Grill, 7675 Goodrich Road,
Clarence Center, NY

October Combo Board/General Meeting:

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

November Combo Board/General Meeting:

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

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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

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!

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President's Page

Hello everyone,

Only a few months away and the real work will begin. Please, if you have any spare time this fall call the Sno-Phone (741- 6377) and leave a message about volunteering. We will call you back! We need people to help our trail captains, this some captains are doubling up trails because of trail captain we have lost. These guys and gals are putting up 10 to 15 miles of trails in a very short window.

Also our Landowner Appreciation Christmas party is in the planning now and we always need help with that. A lot of the old time members are getting burned out with all the work. This is a big problem with all clubs throughout the entire state - some clubs may shut down and this puts more work on neighboring clubs. We have received a lot of communication from all over the state with clubs in trouble. So let's give a helping hand to keep this club moving forward.

We have a lot of new supplies for the trails to keep them safe. We are phasing out some of the old signs and reflectors. We will be having a trail captains meeting next month (date to be announced) and at that meeting supplies will be handed out so trail captains will be able to replace old gear.

Also, if you feel like seeing taking a real look at the groomers, we need help to clean them up this fall and get them ready for the season. There are a lot of things to help out with this year, just call the Sno-Phone and leave a message. Better yet come to any meeting this fall and let us know what you want to help with. I used the word HELP a lot. There's a reason why.

Hope to see you at a meeting.
Bill

Please help us go green with our newsletter. If you would like to receive your monthly newsletter to your email inbox every month instead of through the US postal system please send us an email with your name and email address. You can also email us if you would like to update the email address that you receive your monthly newsletter at.

Our email address is snoseekers@yahoo.com.

RESPECT THE LANDOWNERS

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STAY ON THE MARKED TRAILS!!!

Combination Board/General Meeting Minutes

Date: August 31, 2017 - 7:30 pm

Officers present: President – Bill Peronne Vice President – Treasurer – Rich McNamara Secretary – Robyn Cierniak	Meeting called to order at 7:40 pm Meeting ended at 9:05 pm 9 present at meeting
1. WELCOME:	Welcome by Bill P.
2. MEETING MINUTES	No July Meeting Minutes
3. COMMITTEE:	
a) LEGAL	No new info
b) EMERGENCY	No new info
c) MARKETING/ADVERTISING	1. Need to pick number for September Landowner Drawing # 1-217. #84 Tony Kaminski was winner. 2. Need to formulate bills for newsletter advertisers. Al W. to contact advertisers.
d) FUNDRAISING	Discussed City Books fundraiser. Shannon L. has books to distribute.
e) SOCIAL/PR	Discussed canceling summer social gathering at Destroyer Park Golf.
f) MEMBERSHIP	Discussed club membership status. 28 members to date.
g) GROOMER/UTV EQUIPMENT	Discussed having maintenance done by November 15 th to give us time to order parts etc if necessary. Discussed having groomer operator list ready by November meeting with new work logs.
h) TRAIL/LANDOWNER	Discussed: 1. Need all bridges checked as soon as possible due to last spring's high water. 2. Brush hogging should be started soon 3. Need to fill in trail captain gaps. Pizza Inn trail needs captain. 4. Al W. is looking into a trail camera that can be viewed online. Rich M. to also look into trail camera feature. 5. Discuss grooming loops
i) TRAIL GUIDES	Rich M. ads due by 9/15/17. Map portion is complete. October 1 st is print date.
j) NEWSLETTER	Discussed newsletter printing.
k) WEBSITE/FACEBOOK	Discussed updating website. Robyn C. and Rich M. to get quotes to redo web design.
l) APPAREL	No new info
m) SAFETY/EDUCATION	No new info
n) ADOPT A HIGHWAY	No new info
4. PRESIDENT REPORT	Discussed in above topics.
5. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT	None
6. TREASURER REPORT	Discussed treasury report. Jake K. 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.
7. SECRETARY REPORT	Next Combination Board/General Membership Meeting scheduled for September 28, 2017 at Marvin's Bar & Grill located at 7675 Goodrich Rd, Clarence Center.
8. OTHER	FED meetings – Niagara County, Genesee County, Erie County
9. FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB	

ATTENTION LANDOWNERS!!

Please contact the trail coordinator, any officer, the Sno-Phone or leave a message on our website if any area of your property needs attention this year after the trail tear down is complete.

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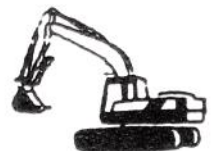
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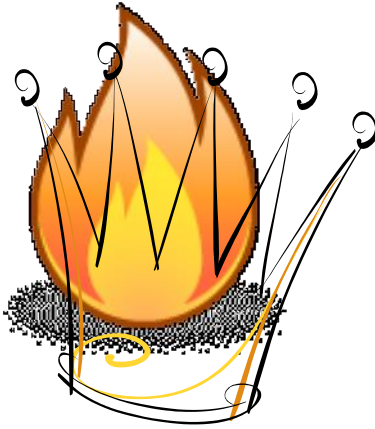
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- Our general meetings are held at 7:30 PM on the last Thursday of each month. Please check our website for location but during the season, they're at Marvin's Bar and Grill at 7675 Goodrich Road in Clarence Center so you can come join us by sled! All ages are welcome! Bring a friend, too!
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