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## **NEWSLETTER**

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

**Thursday, November 30th at 7:30 PM**

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

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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...

#### 2017 LANDOWNER APPRECIATION CHRISTMAS PARTY

**December 9th**

**Doors Open at 5 PM**

**Rapids Fire Hall, 7195 Plank Road,  
Lockport, NY**

#### November Combo Board/General Meeting

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

#### December Combo Board/General Meeting

THURSDAY, December 28th 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: Open

##### 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,

Our Landowner Appreciation Christmas Party is only a month away (Dec 9) so please roundup gifts for the auction and try to get them to Robyn C. ahead of time so she can log them in. We ask at the very least for you to give the Sno-Phone a call to let us know if you have picked any up or are donating—that also would really help!

Ours trail we'll be opening before you know it, so hopefully we will have snow by then. We had a good crew turn out at the Trail Captains Meeting but we still have a few places that need help. We are trying to replace some of our older signs with the newer, more reflective ones and also we are getting rid of the small arrows. We will be marking the turns a little different this year, as you will see when the trails open. The club has spent thousands of dollars in the past few years to upgrade our signage.

Again, I want to stress to the trail guys to check with your landowner to make sure of any necessary changes prior to trail installation. Trails can change because of crops, tree plantings, etc. and also please walk any fields that looks like it has a winter crop on.

We still have our fundraiser Enjoy the City Books, stop in at the next meeting and pick a few up!

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](mailto:snoseekers@yahoo.com).

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## Combination Board/General Meeting Minutes

Date: October 26, 2017 - 7:30 pm

<b>Officers present:</b> President – Bill Peronne Vice President – Treasurer – Rich McNamara Secretary – Robyn Cierniak	Meeting called to order at 7:45 pm Meeting ended at 9:00 pm 17 present at meeting
<b>1. WELCOME:</b>	Welcome by Bill P.
<b>2. MEETING MINUTES</b>	September meeting minutes were discussed and accepted. Curt W. made a motion to accept minutes. Motion was seconded by Ray S. 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>	1. Need to pick number for November Landowner Drawing # 1-217. #74 Tim Harris was winner. 2. Discussed bills for newsletter advertisers.
<b>d) FUNDRAISING</b>	Discussed City Books fundraiser.
<b>e) SOCIAL/PR</b>	Discussed Landowner Appreciation Christmas Party planning
<b>f) MEMBERSHIP</b>	Discussed club membership status.
<b>g) GROOMER/UTV EQUIPMENT</b>	Discussed having maintenance done by November 15 <sup>th</sup> to give us time to order parts etc if necessary. Discussed having groomer operator list ready by November meeting with new work logs.
<b>h) TRAIL/LANDOWNER</b>	Discussed: 1. Need all bridges checked as soon as possible due to last spring's high water. Bridge at Sescil farm needs repair. 2. Brush hogging should be started soon
<b>i) TRAIL GUIDES</b>	Rich M discussed status of trail maps
<b>j) NEWSLETTER</b>	Discussed newsletter printing.
<b>k) WEBSITE/FACEBOOK</b>	Discussed updating website. Robyn C. and Rich M. to get quotes to redo web design.
<b>l) APPAREL</b>	No new info
<b>m) SAFETY/EDUCATION</b>	Discussed anonymous letter received regarding safety classes
<b>n) ADOPT A HIGHWAY</b>	No new info
<b>4. PRESIDENT REPORT</b>	Discussed trail work sessions and the reimbursement of food costs by club. Al W. made a motion to cap food purchase at \$10/person for a minimum of 4 hours of trail work. Motion was seconded by Jake A. Voted 16 aye, 1 nay. Carried.
<b>5. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT</b>	None
<b>6. TREASURER REPORT</b>	Discussed treasury report. Al W. made a motion to accept treasury report. Motion was seconded by Sherri R. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried. Al W. made a motion to pay current bills. Motion was seconded by Robyn C. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried.
<b>7. SECRETARY REPORT</b>	Next Combination Board/General Membership Meeting scheduled for November 30, 2017 at Marvin's Bar & Grill located at 7675 Goodrich Rd, Clarence Center.
<b>8. OTHER</b>	
<b>9. FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB</b>	

## A note from our Trail Coordinator...

Hi everyone,

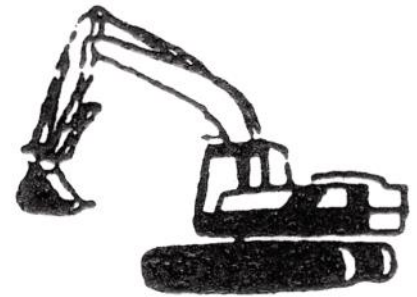
This letter is to address some questions that members have had with regards to the club having a youth safety course. For many years dedicated members of the Northern Erie Sno Seekers put a lot of time and effort into hosting an annual youth safety course to benefit young snowmobilers coming into our sport. We continued to do this up to the 2015/2016 season. We scheduled a course for that year but got no kids to sign up for it. After that season, some of our instructors could no longer teach the course, so we were left a little short staffed for any future courses. We spoke with the Shawnee Sno Chiefs club about combining our assets of the youth safety course with their instructors and their facilities because both clubs are close to each other. This is how we have promoted the youth safety course for the last 2 seasons. We continue to promote snowmobiling safety and encourage young riders to enter the sport. If you have a need for a safety course please contact us and we can provide you with the information on courses from the Sno Chiefs or other neighboring clubs.

Thanks,

Al Wolbert

Trail Coordinator

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**2017 LANDOWNER APPRECIATION  
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

*Saturday, December 9, 2017*

Rapids Volunteer Fire Co.  
7195 Plank Road, Lockport, NY 14094  
Doors open at 5:00 PM

Everyone at the Northern Erie Sno-Seekers would like to thank the Landowners and Members for supporting our club. Without the Landowners we wouldn't have a trail system!

As a token of our appreciation, we would like to invite our NESS Trail System Landowners and Club Members to our

**2017 Landowner Appreciation Christmas Party!**

- \* Admission for trail landowners (+ 1 guest) is free
- \* Club members only \$10.00/person. Kids under 12 are free
- \* Huge Chinese raffle with lots of gifts
- \* 50/50 drawing
- \* Food, drinks and desserts are provided

Due to the increasing popularity of this party, we want to guarantee our landowners a seat, so we ask that you RSVP by December 2, 2017. Please call 741-6377 or email Robyn Cierniak at rcierniak@gmail.com to reserve your spot.

We always have some great laughs and good times! We welcome that favorite dessert, so bring it along to share! We'll have many items to raffle and great prizes too!

Donations for our Chinese raffle are always appreciated. Please call the SNO-PHONE (741-6377) to arrange a pick up or drop off of donations.







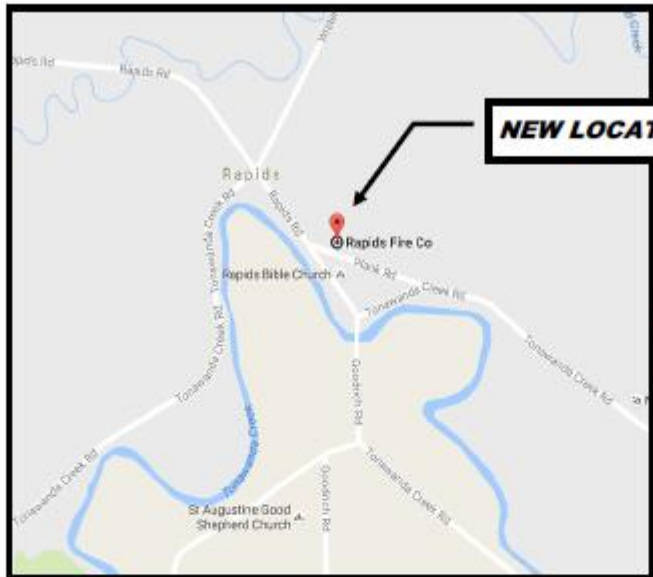
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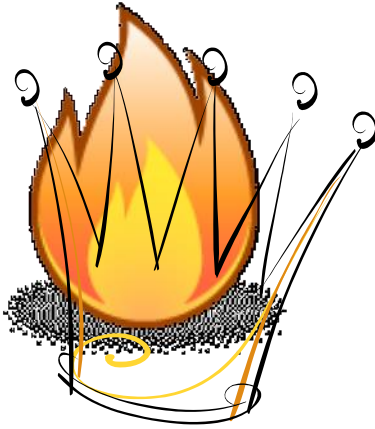
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- Our general meetings are held at 7:30 PM on the last Thursday of each month. Please check our website for location but during the season, they're at Marvin's Bar and Grill at 7675 Goodrich Road in Clarence Center so you can come join us by sled!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