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NEXT GENERAL/COMBO MEETING:
Thursday, December 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

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

What's Going On With Our Club...

DECEMBER Combo Board/General Meeting

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

December Combo Board/General Meeting

THURSDAY, January 25th at 7:30 PM at
Marvin's Bar & Grill, 7675 Goodrich Road,
Clarence Center, NY

Find us at:

www.snoseekers.com

or

www.facebook.com/NorthernErieSnoSeekers

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,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Years to all!

Another landowner Christmas party in the books thanks to Robyn, Eric, Chantel, Shannon and Eric's helpers and so many more. Every Officer and Board Member chipped in to make it happen. Robyn put tons of hours into this; she not only put it together but took pictures and ran the sound system. Thanks again!!

Hopefully by the time you read this are trails will be open. But Mother Nature might have a say as she does every year. Our Trail Coordinator will make the call after talking to Club Officers. You may remember the storm at the end of last year's season when we didn't open the trails and we took it on the chin from a lot of people - mostly from non-club members. People, please remember we want to get out and ride also, but we will not open trails if they are not safe. Our trail system is very different from surrounding clubs, golf courses, blacktop bike paths and many, many swampy areas. It is very hard to selectively pick a trail or two to open, so please bear with us on our decision to open them.

The club got a heartfelt "Thank You" from one of our landowners (the Sieb family) for the gifts they were able to win at the Landowner Appreciation Christmas party and also our donation from the wreath raffle ticket sales. So the club wants to thank all who bought tickets. For those of you that don't know - this landowner family lost everything in a house fire right after Thanksgiving. And yet this family thoughtfully even brought desserts to pass at the party. They also told the club they plan to donate a very special gift for next year's party - trust us - you will want to be there.

We have missed out the last couple years on our annual bonfire due to weather, hopefully things will come together this year. We will be picking a date at the next meeting.

Think Snow!

Bill Peronne

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: November 30, 2017 - 7:30 pm

Officers present: President – Bill Peronne Vice President – Paul Ast Treasurer – Rich McNamara Secretary – Robyn Cierniak	Meeting called to order at 7:45 pm Meeting ended at 9:15 pm 20 present at meeting
1. WELCOME:	Welcome by Bill P.
2. MEETING MINUTES	October meeting minutes were discussed and accepted. Chantel D. made a motion to accept minutes. Motion was seconded by Sherri R. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried.
3. COMMITTEE:	
a) LEGAL	No new info
b) EMERGENCY	Paul A. discussed Niagara County Emergency Response
c) MARKETING/ADVERTISING	1. Need to pick number for December Landowner Drawing # 1-217. #198 Dallas Waite was winner. 2. Discussed bills for newsletter advertisers.
d) FUNDRAISING	Discussed City Books fundraiser.
e) SOCIAL/PR	Discussed Landowner Appreciation Christmas Party planning – wristbands and membership sign up at party. Discussed landowners that missed invite.
f) MEMBERSHIP	Discussed club membership status.
g) GROOMER/UTV EQUIPMENT	1. Discussed help for maintenance on groomer 2. Discussed groomer operator list ready with new work logs 3. Discussed groomer logs 4. Discussed approval for fuel purchase as needed 5. Discussed groomer battery purchase
h) TRAIL/LANDOWNER	Discussed: 1. Bridges checked as soon as possible due to last spring's high water. Bridge at Sescil farm needs repair – Jake K to check asap. 2. No re-routes needed yet 3. Discussed brush hogging 4. Discussed trail cameras – need more info 5. Discussed bike path setup
i) TRAIL GUIDES	Rich M discussed status of trail maps
j) NEWSLETTER	Discussed November newsletter sent out US Mail and email
k) WEBSITE/FACEBOOK	Discussed pricing for new website creation
l) APPAREL	No new info
m) SAFETY/EDUCATION	Discussed anonymous letter received regarding safety classes
n) ADOPT A HIGHWAY	No new info
4. PRESIDENT REPORT	Discussed above
5. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT	No new info
6. TREASURER REPORT	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 Andy B. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried.
7. SECRETARY REPORT	Next Combination Board/General Membership Meeting scheduled for December 28, 2017 at Marvin's Bar & Grill located at 7675 Goodrich Rd, Clarence Center.
8. OTHER	
9. FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB	

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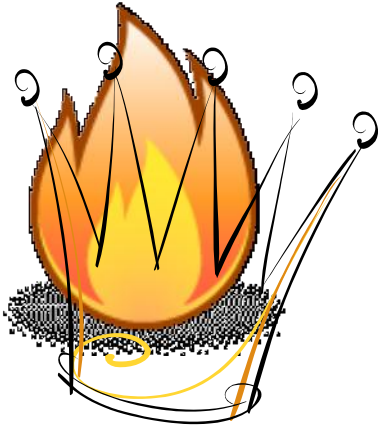
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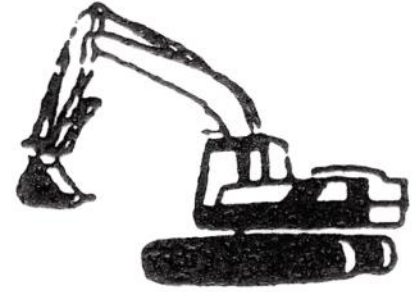
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