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**NEXT GENERAL/COMBO MEETING:**  
**Thursday, January 25th 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

### 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...

#### January Combo Board/General Meeting

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

#### **FEBRUARY MEETING: CLUB OFFICER AND BOARD MEMBER NOMINATIONS**

#### February Combo Board/General Meeting:

THURSDAY, February 22 at 7:30 PM at  
Marvin's Bar & Grill, 7675 Goodrich Road,  
Clarence Center, NY

### **CLUB BONFIRE**

Tentative Date—January 28, 2018 at 2 PM  
AKRON ACRES, STAGE ROAD,  
AKRON, NY



See page 6 for details



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**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 again to everyone

We were off to a great start but Mother Nature did it to us again - hopefully we can get the trails up and running one more time. It takes about three to four days of grooming to bring them around after we have enough snow to work with. So please give us time, every thaw and freeze gives us a new challenge. Even with the snow out there now (Jan.16) there is a lot of hollow ice from the flooded areas, our groomers would break through and cause hazards for the sleds. We wait again!!!

We have our club bonfire set for the 2pm on January 28<sup>th</sup>, snow permitting, at Akron Acres on Stage Road, west of South Newstead, Trail C4B. We will have "bonfire ahead" signs along the trail setup for the day of the event. Please check our Facebook page and/or our website for updates. If we do not have enough snow we will postpone the event and try again on February 11<sup>th</sup>.

Enjoy the trails we will do our best to keep them open when they are safe.

Hope to see you at the 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](mailto:snoseekers@yahoo.com).

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**STAY ON THE MARKED TRAILS!!!**





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## Combination Board/General Meeting Minutes

*Date: December 28, 2017 - 7:30 pm*

<b>Officers present:</b> President – Bill Peronne Vice President – Treasurer – Secretary – Robyn Cierniak	Meeting called to order at 7:45 pm Meeting ended at 9:06 pm 24 present at meeting
<b>1. WELCOME:</b>	Welcome by Bill P.
<b>2. MEETING MINUTES</b>	November meeting minutes were discussed and accepted. Rich P. made a motion to accept minutes. Motion was seconded by Chantel D. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried.
<b>3. COMMITTEE:</b>	
a) LEGAL	No new info
b) EMERGENCY	No new info
c) MARKETING/ADVERTISING	1. Need to pick number for January Landowner Drawing # 1-217. #27 - Gretchen Carney was winner.
d) FUNDRAISING	Discussed City Books fundraiser.
e) SOCIAL/PR	1. Discussed Landowner Appreciation Christmas Party summary 2. Discussed tentative date for Club Winter Bonfire at Kelkenberg's Akron Acres Farm. Tentative date set for Sunday 1/28/18 at 2pm. "Snow Makeup Date" is February 11 <sup>th</sup> .
f) MEMBERSHIP	Discussed club membership status. 318 members to date
g) GROOMER/UTV EQUIPMENT	Discussed groomer status – groomers are ready!
h) TRAIL/LANDOWNER	Discussed trail status near Miland Road, Ship & Shore trail, and connection between NESS and Marilla system
i) TRAIL GUIDES	Rich M discussed status of trail maps
j) NEWSLETTER	Discussed December newsletter - sent out US Mail and email
k) WEBSITE/FACEBOOK	
l) APPAREL	No new info
m) SAFETY/EDUCATION	No new info
n) ADOPT A HIGHWAY	No new info
<b>4. PRESIDENT REPORT</b>	Discussed above
<b>5. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT</b>	No new info
<b>6. TREASURER REPORT</b>	Discussed treasury report. Chantel D. made a motion to accept treasury report. Motion was seconded by Jeff W. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried. Al W. made a motion to pay current bills. Motion was seconded by Ray S. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried.
<b>7. SECRETARY REPORT</b>	Next Combination Board/General Membership Meeting scheduled for January 25, 2018 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>	

**We are hoping to have our**

**CLUB BONFIRE**

**January 28th at 2PM**

**at**

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**Ride in, Drive in, everyone is invited!**

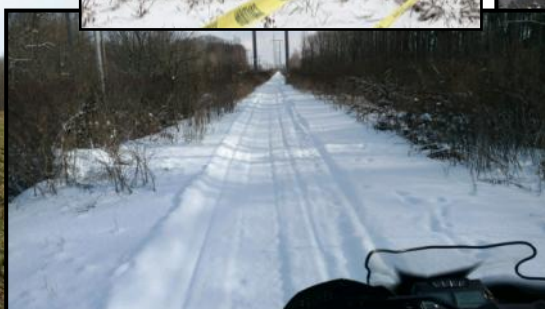
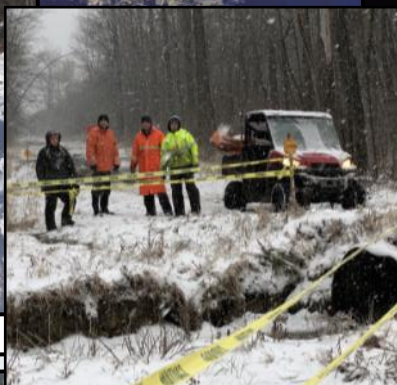
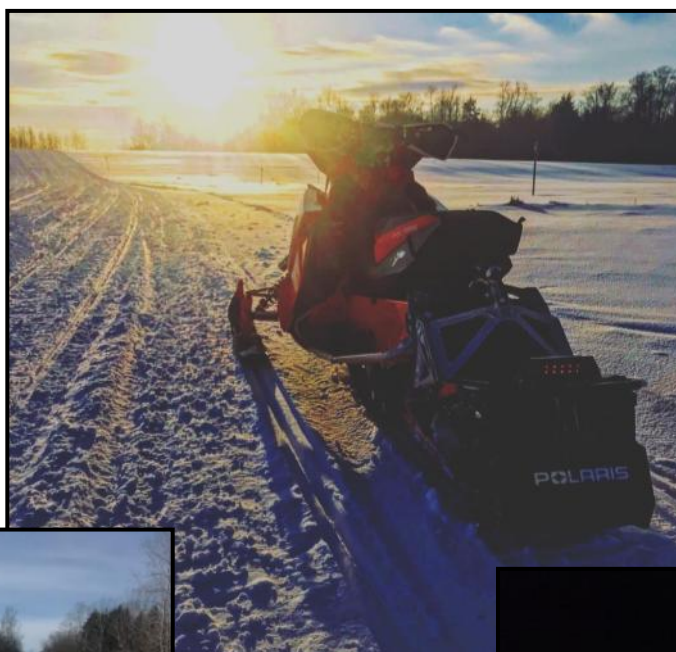
**We will have food and beverages  
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**If there is not enough snow we will postpone the event  
and try again on February 11th.**





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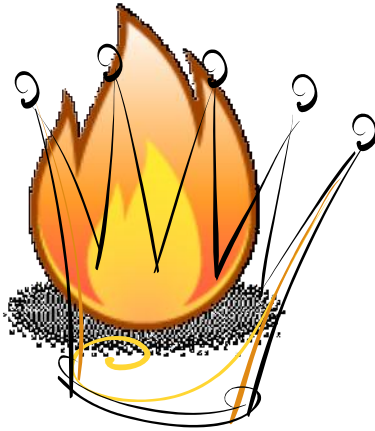
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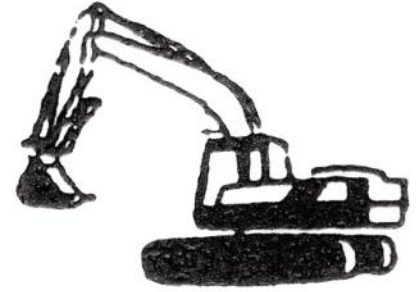
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