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NEXT GENERAL/COMBO MEETING:
Thursday, March 28, 2019 at 7:30 PM
Marvin's Bar & Grill 7675 Goodrich Rd, Clarence Center, NY 14032



Club Headlines

What's Going On With Our Club...

ELECTIONS FOR CLUB OFFICERS AND THREE OPEN BOARD MEMBERS POSITIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE MARCH MEETING

MARCH Combo Board/General Meeting

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

APRIL Combo Board/General Meeting

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

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Club Officers

President: Andrew Braunscheidel

Vice President: Danny Dressel

Secretary: Robyn Cierniak

Treasurer: Rich McNamara

Sergeant of Arms: Jeff Wilson

Trail Coordinator: Al Wolbert

Board Member: Jake Anderson

Board Member: Kyle Anderson

Board Member: Jake Jurek

Board Member: Jake Kelkenberg

Board Member: Sheri Rounds

Board Member: Ray Somers

Board Member: Ron Watts

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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Combination Board/General Meeting Minutes

Date: February 28, 2019 - 7:30 pm

Officers present President – Andy Braunscheidel Vice President – Dan Dressel Treasurer – Rich McNamara Secretary – Robyn Cierniak	Meeting called to order at 7:40 pm Meeting ended at 8:45 pm 15 present at meeting
1. WELCOME:	Welcome by Andy B.
2. MEETING MINUTES	January meeting minutes were distributed at meeting for review. Jake K made a motion to accept minutes. Motion was seconded by Jake A. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried.
3. COMMITTEE:	
a) LEGAL	No new info
b) EMERGENCY	Dan Kowalik was to attend NESS meeting to discuss emergency coordination but will be rescheduled.
c) MARKETING/ADVERTISING	New number was picked for March Landowner Drawing. Tim Harris was winner. Robyn C. sent out a letter to the month's winner.
d) FUNDRAISING	No new info
e) SOCIAL/PR	Discussed canceled club bonfire.
f) MEMBERSHIP	Discussed club membership status. 399 members to date.
g) GROOMER/UTV EQUIPMENT	Discussed maintenance on groomers. Discussed parts needed for groomers. Discussed purchase of electric chainsaws and cordless drills to be kept with groomers for next season.
h) TRAIL/LANDOWNER	No new info
i) TRAIL GUIDES	No new info
j) NEWSLETTER	February newsletter sent out via email and USMail.
k) WEBSITE/FACEBOOK	Remember NESS Instagram account, northerneriesnoseekers and new NESS Twitter account @NE_Snoseekers.
l) APPAREL	No new info
m) SAFETY/EDUCATION	No new info
n) ADOPT A HIGHWAY	No new info
4. PRESIDENT REPORT	Discussed possibility of one last trail opening
5. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT	Discussed possibility of one last trail opening
6. TREASURER REPORT	Discussed treasury report. Robyn C. made a motion to accept treasury report. Motion was seconded by Andy B. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried. Jake K. made a motion to pay current bills. Motion was seconded by Ron D. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried. Discussed ability to pay off remaining groomer loan. Ron D. made a motion to pay current bills. Motion was seconded by Dan D. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried.
7. SECRETARY REPORT	Next meeting will be elections for three (3) open Board Member positions and all Officers. Next Combination Board/General Membership Meeting scheduled for March 28, 2018 at Marvin's Bar & Grill located at 7675 Goodrich Rd, Clarence Center.
8. OTHER	NYSSA Forum held in Niagara Falls 4/26-4/28 this year.
9. FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB	Dan D would like to hold a 'Thank you' party for the trail workers this year.



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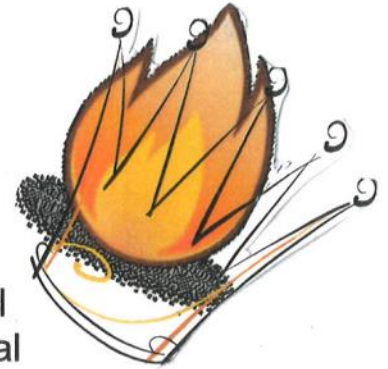
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<p>10. NOMINATIONS</p>	<p>President</p> <p>Andrew Braunscheidel - ACCEPTED</p> <p>Vice President</p> <p>Dan Dressel - ACCEPTED</p> <p>Secretary</p> <p>Robyn Cierniak - DECLINED</p> <p>Treasurer</p> <p>Rich McNamara – ACCEPTED</p> <p>Trail Coordinator</p> <p>Alan Wolbert - ACCEPTED</p> <p>Sergeant at Arms</p> <p>Ronald Dawydko - ACCEPTED</p> <p>Board Member 1 (replacing Sheri Rounds) Board Member 2 (replacing Ray Somers) Board Member 2 (replacing Ron Watts)</p> <p>Matt Weber – ACCEPTED Dave Linneborn – ACCEPTED Ron Dawydko – ACCEPTED Ron Watts – ACCEPTED Kevin Kruschke – ACCEPTED Billy Peronne – DECLINED Curt Watts – DECLINED Jeff Glassman – ACCEPTED</p> <p><i>Nominations have been left open to try to secure a nomination for Secretary</i></p>
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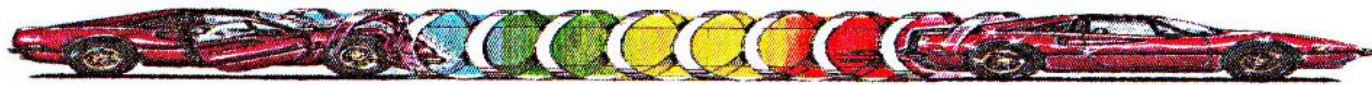
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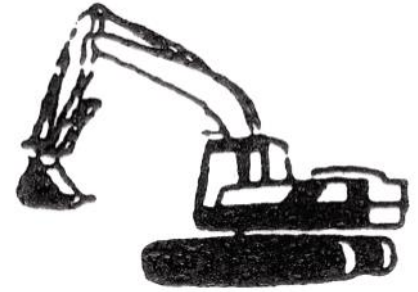
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____ YES ____ NO Email Monthly Newsletter: EMAIL _____

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- NEW MEMBER
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- GROOMER HOUSE FUND \$ _____
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How do you want to join in on the fun? Would you like to join a committee?

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Signature _____

Date _____



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We are a 100% volunteer, 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization serving 3 counties and the communities of: **Clarence, Newstead, Amherst, Akron, Alden, Lancaster, Pembroke, Lockport, Gasport, Royalton and Hartland.**

- 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, 7675 Goodrich Road, Clarence Center, NY so you can come join us by sled! All ages are welcome! Bring a friend, too!
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