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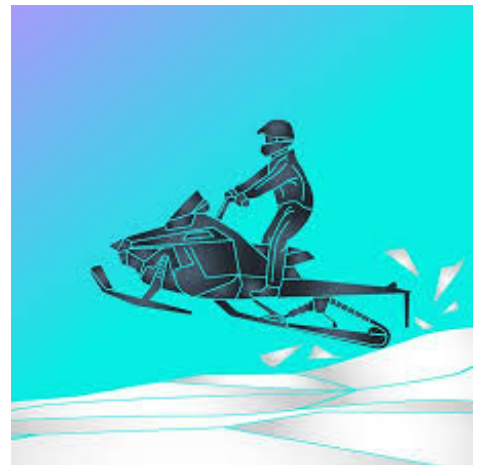
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*Snowmobile Club*

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# THE NESS EXPRESS

## Snowmobile Club Newsletter

The NESS Express is a monthly newsletter for the members and landowners of the Northern Erie sno-seekers snowmobile club. We are a 400+ member, non-profit club responsible for 100+ miles of state funded snowmobile trails located in the Erie, Niagara, and Genesee counties. We meet monthly at a pre disclosed location. All members and interested parties are welcome to attend. For more information, or if you wish to contact us, [snoseekers.com](http://snoseekers.com), or (716)741-NESS or [snoseekers14001@gmail.com](mailto:snoseekers14001@gmail.com)

Just to remind everyone, we only send out the NESS express via email through the summer months. It's very, very expensive to print and mail physical copies out to our members and landowners. If you'd like to help defer the cost of our printed newsletter, consider advertising in the NESS express! Also keep in mind the current newsletter, and previous ones are posted to our website. If you receive the printed version, and you would like to switch to the email version, please let me know. (The email version is in full color, and quite impressive, tooting my own horn here...)

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## Next Meeting

**7:30PM**

June 27th (rain or shine)

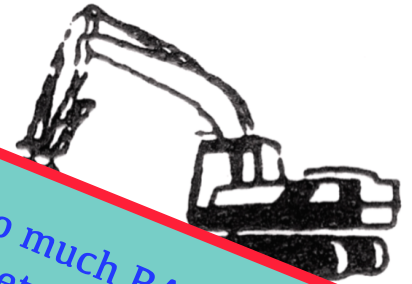
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## Editors Thoughts, Notes & Idea's

...If you think it's June, and there isn't much going on, your only half right. Yup, sure is June, even if it feels like March (...DON'T GET ME STARTED ON THE WEATHER !!!), but there is a lot going on, club related. Take a quick look at last months meeting minutes, we've got a bunch of projects that will all be important to get completed before the snow flies. A couple of those are very important to get done well before we need to start trail work. If you can spare some time to attend this months meeting, we try to keep the meeting to 1 1/2 hours. It amazes me, sometimes someone we haven't seen in a while shows up for a meeting, and we are discussing a topic, and that someone says hey, why don't you try this.. And we all kinda look at each other and wonder why we didn't think of that !!! My point, the same 8 guys all the time, usually have roughly the same answers, to many different questions. New faces bring new ideas, and new solutions !!  
I hope everyone is doing the best to enjoy their summer.

**~KEEP YOUR STICK ON THE ICE~**  
*Ron Dawydke*



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*Andy Braunscheidel*



*The Presidents Post*

Hello everyone,  
Hope everyone is enjoying this nice fall, I mean summer. Just know that this rain will turn to snow soon enough! In the months to come there will be lots of work to get ready for the snow, so ask how you may be able to assist. Hope to see everyone at our next general meeting!  
~ Andy ~

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# Youth Chapter Formation

Many of our surrounding clubs in WNY have started "Youth Chapters" inside their clubs. These chapters vary greatly in all aspects. For the most part they are a club within our own club, composed of youngsters up to age 16. They often have their own officers, and hold their own elections and have limited responsibilities. We would like to find out if there is enough interest inside our own club to create such a chapter. If you have any input, comments, suggestions or would like to be a part of this chapter, please reach out to us.

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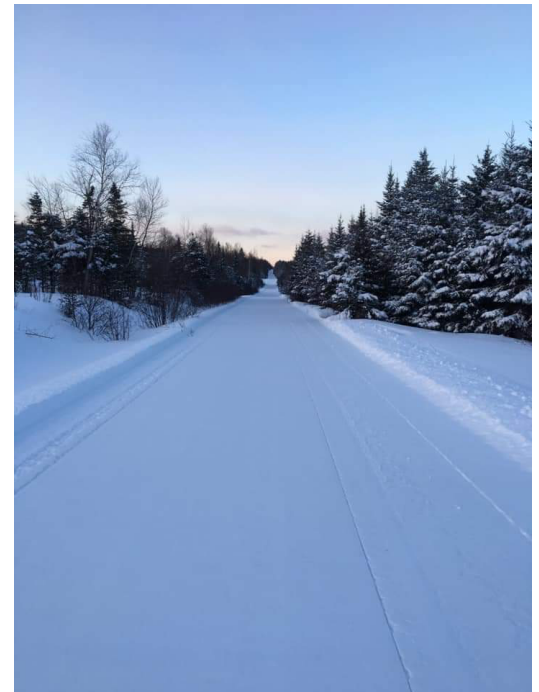
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# Northern Erie Sno-Seekers

## Combination Board & General Meeting Minutes

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE	
President: Andy B.	X
Vice President: Dan D.	X
Secretary: Ron D.	X
Treasurer: Rich M.	X
Sergeant of Arms: Jeff W.	X
Trail Coordinator: Al W.	X
B.O.D.: Jake A.	
B.O.D.: Kyle A.	
B.O.D.: Jake J.	X
B.O.D.: Jake K.	
B.O.D.: Dave L.	X
B.O.D.: Matt W.	
B.O.D.: Ron W.	X

Total Club Members Present	<b>10</b>
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Date / Time / Location:	May 30, 2019 7:30pm Marvin's
<b>Welcome &amp; Introduction</b>	meeting called to order at 7:52pm by Andy B.
<b>Previous months meeting minutes</b>	Andy B. made a motion to accept April meeting minutes (typo on the handed out printed minutes, it was listed as March, but really it was April's minutes) Rich M. motion to accept, 2nd by Dave L., all in favor, motion carried Rich M. comment on the new form & style of the printed minutes, thanked Ron D. for the overhaul and upgrade. Some general discussion erupted in regards to the newsletter, printed version, cost, overall benefits, overall costs, who reads it, who doesn't, how important is it to the landowners? Should we continue to print it and send it out. Ron D. brought it to everyone's attention that he has found out that it is against the law to charge ad space in any type of newsletter that a non-profit generates, and sends out via the USPS, UNLESS it's mailed 1st class mail (which our newsletter is not mailed 1st class) HENSE from this point forward, advertisers will no longer be called advertisers, they are now referred to as "SPONSORS"
Committee(s)	
<b>Legal</b>	nothing new to report
<b>Emergency</b>	nothing new to report
<b>Marketing &amp; Advertising</b>	Ron D. reported that as per conversations he had with an officer of the Chautauqua Lake Snowmobile club, their club each fall writes a formal letter requesting funding, to the County of Chautauqua, and in return they get a check for \$12,000 every year!! You don't know what's available for the asking, unless you ASK!!! Ron also informed that Chautauqua County collects the "Bed tax" money collected in the county, and divides that up among the snowmobile clubs within the county and distributes it yearly. Rich M. reported on a meeting that was held at his office on May 29th @ 1pm, in attendance; Andy B., Rich M., Ron D., Jeff G. & Dave L. along with Erie County Comptroller Stefan Mychajiw and his assistant Scott. This was an extremely productive meeting, many ideas exchanged, many topics covered, many pic's taken. Stefan recommended that we set up some type of meeting at least once a year to gather officials, and politicians in our area, show them who we are, what we do. Stefan believes this would be highly beneficial to us and our efforts. Rich M. plans to work to set something like this up in the early fall, more info will be forthcoming. All parties involved in this meeting agreed this was a great idea, and thought it was well worth our time and Rich M.'s efforts to get it set up and preparing for it.
<b>Fundraising</b>	some good discussion here on many topics that both were brought up in the meeting with Stefan Mychajiw and also covered by Ron D., from info gathered at this years NYSSA forum held in Niagara Falls in April. Much more info on these topics and ideas will be coming, we just touched on a lot of ideas briefly
<b>Social &amp; Public Relations</b>	nothing new to report
<b>Membership</b>	Rich M. reported 9 members in good standing with the club at this time. He also reported a 30% increase over where we were at this time last year!!

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<b>Date / Time / Location:</b>	<b>May 30, 2019 7:30pm Marvin's</b>
<b>Groomer &amp; Equipment</b>	<p>Al W. reported on the info he had gathered on the possible purchase of a new UTV for the club, not really anything new to report. Discussion about what we really want vs. what we can afford. Rich M. shared info that he had gathered from Ron W. regarding a Kobota UTV. We discussed different brands. Andy B. contributed that he felt that outfitting a UTV for the club with tracks would potentially be a mistake. He reported that his brothers UTV with tracks on it is quite temperamental and it required a good deal of maintaining and upkeep, there was some general agreement on this issue by other members in attendance. Rich M. &amp; Dan L reported that they had taken Dan D's idea of possibly renting a UTV for when we needed it instead of purchasing it. They shared info regarding Admar rental of UTV's for \$750 / month, this was compared to the new price of a Kobota at \$20,000. There were questions raised on weather a new UTV would fit on the current trailers the club owns, more info is needed on this issue. Questions were raised on many issues of renting a UTV, such as insurance requirements, Dave L. is going to get more info and report back to the BOD. At this point I'd say we are leaning toward renting what we need this fall, and seeing how it works out, and then make a decision on purchasing for next season. There will be more discussion on this topic. Rich M. made a motion to spend \$500 to make repairs to the Cub Cadet UTV, set of tires, throttle cable and various small items, Dave L. to head up repairs on this unit. Ron D. 2nd the motion, all in favor, motion was carried. Dave L. reported that there were some lights out on the trailer(s), we will repair UTV, and then focus on trailer(s) next month. Rich M. reported that the all 3 groomers were tucked in for summer storage, #1 &amp; #3 were at his shop, and #2 was parked at Jake K's, the drag still needs to be picked up at Billy P's. The fuel tank for the BR-180 still needs to be picked up at Frank's, and a decision needs to be made on where to place the BR-180 for the winter, many options disused, need to gather more info. Placement of the other 2 groomers was discussed in length also. Dave L. researched and explained a maintain service plan offered by a certified groomer repair shop from Utica NY. Multiple tiers of service plans available for all 3 of our groomers. Dave L. going to get specific info on service on the Piston Bully's, and pricing and time table availability. Groomer operators are going to generate a list of known issues &amp; problems on the two Piston Bully's, so we can get specific price quotes and service performed.</p>
<b>Trails &amp; Landowners</b>	<p>#72 landowner randomly chosen for the monthly \$50 gift card. Al W. advised that he had observed a survey stake on the South side of Howe Rd., on the Gas Line, Ron D. was not aware of this, and is going to check it out and report back. Al W. also reported a line of survey stakes on the West side of Sand Hill Rd., across from Coach's (this is coach's property on the West Side, as far as we know unless it's changed hands) Al W. is going to check into this further. Rich M. &amp; Al W. reported we need to get our early order in to Voss signs to get the early order discount, a general discussion and decision to purchase list was generated by Rich M. The order will be finalized and placed by Rich M. Dan D. reminded that Ray retired from being in charge of marking the bike path, and we will need to find a new trail captain for that section of trail. A list of roughly 500 signs will be ordered.</p>
<b>Trail Guides</b>	nothing new to report
<b>Newsletter</b>	Ron D. reported on information he obtained at the NYSSA forum in regards to newsletters, fundraising and other various items. Most all the items had already been covered previously this evening. Weather or not we have officers insurance was disused, Rich M. was going to check to make sure we do.
<b>Social Media</b>	nothing new to report
<b>Apparal</b>	Dan D. reported he had some preliminary discussions with some club members to try and get someone to pick up the ball and run with it on this issue, he will make some calls again and report back
<b>Safety</b>	Jef G. reported he continues to pursue his certification to become a youth & adult safety instructor. Other officers reported they could possibly renew their status, and bring their certifications current, there is confusion however what NYS current requirements are to do so. Jeff G. hopes to get certified by late fall to enable NESS to run a snowmobile safety course in early winter.

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<b>Adopt A Highway</b>	nothing new to report... other than our sign is still up, and NYS and their rules and regulations are a joke.. We can not perform our duties in regards to "adopt a highway" until all parties involved take a "safety course" on how to pick up garbage.
<b>Vintage Sled</b>	Kevin G. is our chairperson on this, he has expressed interest in setting up an event of some sort for this coming season. There was discussion in regards to weather or not the club would have to purchase extra insurance for such an event, in respect to the fact that these vintage sleds may or may not be registered in NYS. More information is needed on this.
<b>President Report</b>	Andy B. reminded everyone of the large number of projects we have started to undertake, and stressed the importance of getting them all done before the fall. He also stressed the importance of getting all of the club equipment serviced and ready to go before winter shows up.
<b>Vice President Report</b>	Dan D. was just happy that he was able to make it to the meeting, and be picked on, in many levels from all his fellow club members and officers. He also took a moment to defend his texting abilities (or lack of).
<b>Treasurer Report</b>	Rich M. presented the the treasurer report. Ron D. made a motion to except treasure report, Ron W. 2nd it, all in favor, motion carried.
<b>Secretary Report</b>	Ron D. touched briefly on the issues we had previously discussed.
<b>Other</b>	Rich M. brought up the idea of possible formation of a "Youth Chapter" in our club. Many other clubs in WNY have started such chapters, and seem to have a great deal of interest in this area. Discussion on what age(s) would fit in such a chapter, and their responsibilities & official positions inside the club were covered. There were more questions than answers, more information is needed from clubs that have already formed a "Youth Chapter". It was decided that Ron D. would put something in the newsletter in regards to this, and see if there is any interest in formation of such a chapter. Andy B. discussed the meeting with Stefan M.(Erie County Comptrooler) at Rich M's office the day before. Ron D., Andy B., Jeff G., Dave L. & Rich M. were present for the meeting. Rich M. reported that Stefan advised the he thought that it would a good idea for our club to set up a breakfast type meeting and gather together local politicians, and town & village officials to show them who we are and what we do. Andy B. reported on the status of the plaque to honor Robyn C's years of service as secretary, it's done and will be presented to Robyn in the near future somehow some way.
<b>For the Good Of The Club</b>	Jeff G. asked the status of the Jeff Clark plaque, to be put on a section of trail. Andy B. is going to contact Sandy G. and see if she can have it made up. Dan D. inquired as to the status of federation meetings for Niagara county and Genesee county.
<b>Close Meeting</b>	Andy B. asked for a motion to close the meeting, Ron D. made a motion to close meeting, Dan D. 2nd. it, all in favor, motion carried... meeting closed...
<b>Entered In &amp; Recorded By:</b>	<i>Ron Dawydko</i> (secretary)