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Club
Newsletter

NESS Express

**July
Edition**

The NESS Express is a monthly newsletter for the members and landowners of the Northern Erie snow-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, or (716)741-NESS or snoseekers14001@gmail



**Next
Meeting**

7:30PM July 25th.
@
Marvin's
...Come hungry, cause we supply the wings & fries!!!

Top 1 things you need to know RIGHT NOW...

- 1.) I'm drawing a complete blank this month... ((sorry))
...There must be some kind of club buzz, I just don't know what it is... come to the meeting and fill me in !!!

Friendly Reminder....

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 sponsorship 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)

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...Did you promise to do the yard work when it stopped raining? ...And now all you want to do take the bike out for cruise night when the sun comes out? Give Danny a call, he'll sneak in, all stealth like, and hook you up & you won't have to sleep on the couch no more !!

...Ladies, are you SICK and TIRED of waiting around for that lazy slug to stop waxing that friggon motorcycle and take care of that yard work he promised to do LAST YEAR !!!
...Call Danny, he's not like them other guys, you only got to tell him once, and he'll get - er- done !!!

Just don't text him, unless you have good working knowlege of Egyptian hieroglyphics ...Or Dave L. is available to translate..

STONE WALKWAYS & PATIOS - GRADING

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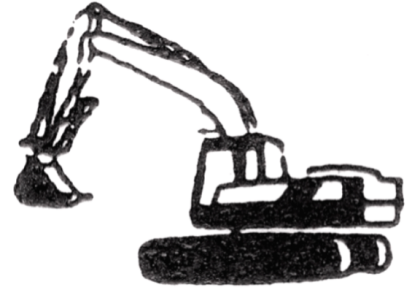


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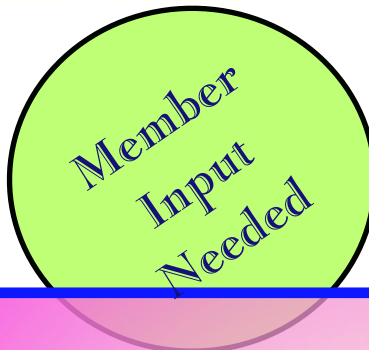
Committees

Legal Committee: Al Wolbert
 Emergency Response: (OPEN)
 Marketing & AD: (OPEN)
 Fundraising: (OPEN)
 Social & Public Relations: (open)
 Membership: Rich M.
 Groomer & Equipment: (OPEN)
 Trails & Landowners: (OPEN)
 Trail Guides: (OPEN)
 Newsletter: Ron D.
 Social Media: Ron D.
 Apparel: (OPEN)
 Safety & Education: (OPEN)
 Vintage Chapter: Kevin G.



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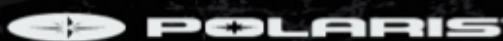
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All memberships are from Apr 1 to Mar 31 to coincide with NYSSA vouchers. \$5 of this fee is for membership to NYSSA who will donate .25c to the NYS Snowmobile PAC. Note: If you do not want to donate this .25c, check here _____
If you are already a member of NYSSA (through another club) deduct \$5 from the amount below and write the club name and voucher ID# here _____

- NEW MEMBER
- RENEWAL
- LANDOWNER (ON TRAIL)
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- SINGLE \$ 30.00
- FAMILY \$ 35.00 (Incl. spouse & all children 17 & under)
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- GROOMER HOUSE FUND \$ _____
- OTHER DONATION \$ _____
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Please remember, we are a **100% volunteer**, 501(c)3, not-for-profit organization that relies on member support to make our club a success. Everyone has **something** they can contribute and **any** assistance (no matter how big or small) is greatly appreciated. Please check any area(s) where you can help us say: **"The Best Trails in WNY!"**

How do you want to join in on the fun? Would you like to join a committee?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing/Advertising | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trail/Landowner | <input type="checkbox"/> Trail Guides | <input type="checkbox"/> Apparel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Groomer/UTV/Equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Response |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Safety/Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Public Relations | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising |

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Signature _____

Date _____

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We are updating & rebuilding our "sponsor" boards on all 3 groomers for the upcoming season. There are 3 different levels to choose from. Each Groomer will have (4) 2'x4' spaces available, or you can sponsor a whole side, 4'x8' or you can sponsor the whole thing which gets you both 4'x8' sides. We will set the prices at this months meeting. If you want to get your name out there, and let everyone know your a NESS "smooth trail supporter" get in touch with Ron.

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ERIE COUNTY COMPTROLLER

Back in May, we had the opportunity to host a meeting with Erie County Comptroller Stefan Mychajliw and his assistant Scott. Stefan likes to get out of downtown once and a while, and visit towns and organizations to get a feel for what's going on out in Erie county. Rich was able to set up a brief meeting with him, to explain who we are and what we do. Rich and Dave took some time to set up our equipment & groomers for display. Rich laid out a excellent presentation inside his office, complete with trail maps and all kinds of printed material. Ron picked out some pretty stakes, and signs and put them out on display as well. We had a good show of officers on hand including Andy, Rich, Dave, Jeff, Dave & Ron. It was an eye opening experience for all involved. From Stefan's prospective, he was literally blown away by what our club is responsible for, and really had no idea what snowmobile clubs in WNY do. From the officers in attendance's prospective, we were all stunned that the guy that signs our check(s) for trail funding had no idea what we do, or where that money goes.





Northern Erie Sno-Seekers

Combination Board & General Meeting Minutes

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

Total Club Members Present	9
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Date / Time / Location:	May 30, 2019 7:30pm Marvin's
Welcome & Introduction	meeting called to order at 7:50pm by Rich M. President and Vice President were both absent, so Rich M. offered to conduct meeting on their behalf.
Previous months meeting minutes	Ron D. presented attendees with hard copies of last months meeting minutes, Rich M. asked if there were any questions regarding minutes, he asked for a motion to to except minutes. Kyle A. made a motion to except, Jake J. 2nd., all in favor, motion carried.
Committee(s)	
Legal	nothing new to report
Emergency	nothing new to report
Marketing & Advertising	Upon picking this months landowner winner, Jake K. inquired about the landowner list that we draw the winning number from each month. A broad general discussion broke out regarding how we pick the random landowner number from our official list. A few different options were discussed, some new different ideas were covered. Ron D. explained how the current system works, and the safeguards in place to protect from having the same landowner picked more than once in the same year, or even in the same 2 years. After some lengthy discussion, we are going to keep our current system. Gift certificate amount, and other ideas were discussed, we decided to keep the same amount.
Fundraising	General discussion on possible raffle set up to generate income for the club. Dave L. asked if club ever attempted a raffle, Ron D. explained some of the early raffles that were conducted by the club, the success of them, and the failures of some. Kyle A. inquired about a meat raffle. Questions were raised about how we can get together as a club, for some (or 1) club function other than the Christmas party. Kyle A. asked the members present if they thought it was a good idea to do some social activities as a club, response was yes for sure. Kyle A. is going to do some research on setting up a meat raffle, and a place to host it. Ron D. presented the idea of doing a meat raffle in conjunction with some type of a vintage sled ride, possibly checking into the availability of Newstead fire hall for rental, with the idea that it's right on our current trail system and it could be an event the snowmobiles have access to (weather provided). Ron D. reminded everyone if we wanted to rent the fire hall, it would be best to inquire soon, to check availability. Ticket costs / prices, loads of ideas were discussed. Kyle A. is going to talk to some other clubs and find out further information and report back next month.
Social & Public Relations	Rich M. reported on a fall breakfast he is putting together. He had sent out information regarding this along with possible dates to the officers and board members. He went into detail on this meeting. September 17th (Tuesday) was the date that seem to be looking like the best choice. Ron D. explained where the idea for this meeting came from, and explained how well the meeting with the Erie Comptroller went in May. Rich M. is going to firm up the date with the officers not in attendance, and set the date in stone by next month, and start making up flyers to distribute to the invitees, and plan out the remaining logistics & food. Rich M. hopes to have as many (all if possible) officers and board members present at this meeting. Dave L. & Rich M. are working on some ideas for T-shirts or polo shirts with our logo on it, and maybe our names as well, we want to look professional, maybe name badges also. Rich M. presented a big push at this meeting to obtain funding from parties involved for a rear deck attachment for our Piston Bully's, kind of like a big "dog house" with seats, rear doors, all enclosed and heated to carry people or supplies at times of emergency's where we can put our groomers to work, such as we did in the October storm. Dave L. had done some research regarding this issue, and talked with Piston Bully, and reported on some of the specifics.
Membership	As of the meeting membership at 14

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Groomer & Equipment	Dave L. reported that the fuel tank for the BR-180 groomer up in Niagara County still needs to be picked up at Frank's and moved to its new home. Dave L. reported on his discussions with the company out of Utica, NY that will service the Piston Bully's for us. To have the full standard service done it would cost \$5,000 / groomer, so \$10,000 total. We expressed that was out of our price range, other options were discussed via emails with the company, and rates were discussed. A plan where he charges us \$90 / hr. labor, with drive time, milage and parts needed for service sounded more reasonable for us. With out the president or vice president in attendance, it was decided to hold off on a decision to give this guy the green light. This will have to be finalized and voted on next meeting, or time will start to run out. It looks like \$5,000 will be set aside to have this service performed, and any parts needed will be addressed. The groomer operators need to make a laundry list of what is known issues that need to be addressed. Rich M. proposed a budget of somewhere in the area of \$10,000 to be earmarked for service on these two groomers. Rich M. recommended we move the other Piston Bully to Rich M's, shop, and set up a evening meeting in the next 2 weeks for operators to do a walk around and list out what needs to be addressed. Dave L. has the parts needed for repairs on the Cub Cadet UTV, he plans to place the order next week and begin service on it.
Trails & Landowners	Rich M. & Ron D. followed up on possible issues Al W. reported last month in 2 different locations on our trails. Ron D. checked it out, and there were no issues, no problems...YET.. Rich M. reported that all trails need to be GPS'd this year, for state funding. Kyle A. reported that he would like to get the section from Transit Rd. going west brush hogged this year, he is going to wait for it to dry up !!!! Rich M. reminded everyone we need to find a trail captain for the bike path. Dave L. inquired as to taking that section of trail. Jake K. reported he would like to install a culvert on his section of trail, he is going to measure for correct size. Ron D. reported he is still in the process of setting up a meeting with a landowner on South Newstead Rd., he feels there may be some miscommunication between the club and the landowner that resulted in a section of trail closure.
Trail Guides	prices have been set for advertising in the county trail guides, contact Rich M. if your interested in advertising. Ron D. inquired on pricing on advertising space on the groomer drags. Dave L. explained the size of the advertiser board on the drags. Board is 2' x 8', so each advertiser is going to have 2' x 4', so, 4 advertisers on each drag. 2'x4' = \$50 2'x8' = \$90 whole drag, both sides = \$180 Adding advertising space to the map boards located at trail head locations on our trail system was discussed, various ideas were discussed. Dave L. had pictures of various different designs of other clubs advertising spaces located on trails, or map boards. Sponsorship in the newsletter was also discussed, pricing ideas were discussed there as well.
Newsletter	Some discussion regarding the newsletter, and seems most people prefer the hard copy mailed to them, verses the email only copy that is sent out through the summer months. Seems most everyone is looking forward to the return of the mailed copy. Ron D. urged everyone to take a moment to check out the email version of the newsletter, there is some really good stuff in there, even if it's the "off season".
Social Media	nothing new to report
Apparal	Some discussion regarding updating what the club could offer in this area. Dave L. is doing some work to come up with some ideas for different things. Discussion of adding a new logo to what ever we decide to do. Dan D. was going to make some phone calls on this issue, but he wasn't at meeting to bring us up to speed.
Safety	nothing new to report
Adopt A Highway	nothing new to report

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President Report	The president was unable to make it to the meeting, there was no presidents report
Vice President Report	..diddo.. The vice president was reported to be going in tight circles turning left, counter clockwise at an undisclosed racetrack somewhere in WNY. The vice president was unable to make the meeting, no report was given.
Treasurer Report	Rich M. went over the treasurer report, he noted that we got our payment from Erie County. He also reported he placed the early order sign order to get the price discount. Rich M asked for a motion to accept the report, Kyle A. made a motion to accept, Jake K. second it, all in favor, motion was carried.
Secretary Report	Ron D. thanked those in attendance for taking the time to come to the meeting.
Other	A couple topics were covered, regarding a section of trail that was going to be dedicated to a former club member who passed away, Jeff Clark. Jeff G. was going to do some research on this issue, but noting was finalized because he didn't make it to the meeting.
For the Good Of The Club	Rich M. brought it to everyones attention that we had some club members in attendance that were going to be getting married, their future wives were present at the meeting, He offered some advise, we also thought the weddings would be great venues to host a meat raffle, and a big club 50 / 50 raffle. Ron D. inquired as to the date of the weddings, just to make sure they don't fall on the last Thursday of the month, and interfere with the club meetings !!
Meeting Closure	Rich M. made a motion to close meeting, Ron D. 2nd., all in favor, motion was carried.
Entered In & Recorded By:	<i>Ron Dawydko</i> (secretary)

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