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Top (3) things YOU need to know



1.) All hope is not lost ! Our season is FAR from over, put the phone down, and step away from the FB market place app, dont list that sled yet !

2.) NESS is working with all other WNY clubs, to organize the largest snow dance ever held, ginness will be on hand to verify. We will keep you posted.

3.) It could be worse... maybe... somehow... someway...

4.) This months meeting is at Wolcottville Inn, and we all know... What happens in Wolcottville, stays in Wolcottville. Wolcottville, the Vegas of Niagara County.

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 125+ 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](mailto:snoseekers14001@gmail.com)

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He (or she) is a trained professional, and can help you deal with thoughts such as...

OMG... It will never, ever snow again...

...Sweet mother of Jesus, it's so warm out there, I'm ride'n the Harley to work tomorrow!!!

...With Lake Erie water temp at 45 degrees, I wonder if they are putting the boats in the water for this winters boat show!!

We've all been there as die-hard riders... That place in your mind where you start to think, maybe I should take my sisters husband's advice, and sell the sled. Usually, you come to your senses and remember, he's a dweeb, and has a mullet for a hair cut, and rode a Snow-Hawk for goodness sake. But, this year things seem particularly bad, and maybe the mullet is coming back into style. !! WHOA !! snap out of it man... Come to your senses... Wake up and smell the 2-stroke... All hope is



The Bills aren't making it to the Superbowl, BUT NEITHER ARE THE PATRIOTS. That right there is enough proof to me that there is balance in the universe, and all hope is not lost ! Snow, cold, and smooth trails are just a jet-stream adjustment away, so stay tuned !!!

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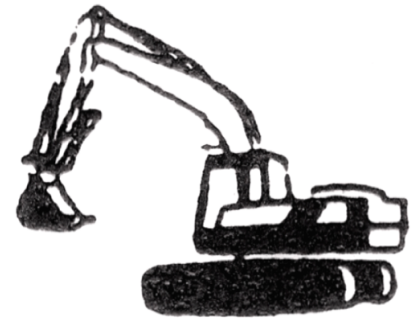
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Next Awesome Meeting

Location Change

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Niagara County's Sledders Lounge

7:30PM CLUB MEMBERS CHOW-DOWN FOR FREE

January 30th.

President: Andy Braunscheidel
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Secretary: Ron Dawydko
Treasurer: Rich McNamara
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Trail Coordinator: Al Wolbert
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Board Member: Kyle Anderson
Board Member: Jake Jurek
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Board Member: Dave Linneborn
Board Member: Matt Weber
Board Member: Ron Watts

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.

MIRACLE IN THE MAKING

If by some miracle the snow piles up, and trails open up for the meeting, ride in, drive in, drop in, uber in... However you need to get there, just get there... Lee and his staff are hosting us this month, and he's looking forward to seeing everyone who shows up! Carson is our trail captain up there, and he's done an awesome job marking trail right up to the back door. There's a HUGE sign for the INN right on C4D. See YOU there!

Landowner

Darrin Berghorn

Monthly Winner



Trail Coordinator



Al Wolbert



Hi everyone,

Well so far this season has been a crazy one with mother nature throwing just about everything at us, and the progression of trail work has certainly shown that. From snow and frozen ground in the fall to heavy rain and mud at Christmas time, it has made trail work very difficult but we now have just about everything ready for the snow. I'd like to thank all the trail captains for thier continued help setting up their respective trails and also a big thanks to new people that stepped up to take on trail work. We still need some new people to take over sections of trail in the Niagara County area. All of these trails are currently installed and when the time comes this spring to take them down please feel free to contact us or stop by a meeting and we can direct you to a section of trail to take over if you'd like. Everything is there so take notes on how the signs are so you know what to do next fall. Do the snow dance and hopefully we will see you out on the trail soon !

Thanks,

Trail Coordinator

Al Wolbert

NEW NESS Apparel

You looked over the different ideas for an updated logo, voted, and we got the results. Andy will have some selected items at this months meeting with the new design & logo on them. Come check 'em out, decide what you want, and we are going to put in an order ! Extra thanks to Tayne for heading up this project, from design to production, she's done an awesome job ! Brrapp through 2020 live'n the sled life in brand new, highly fashionable NESS gear !



The NESS Meeting Spot



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Big NESS thanks to Marvin's for hosting our meetings
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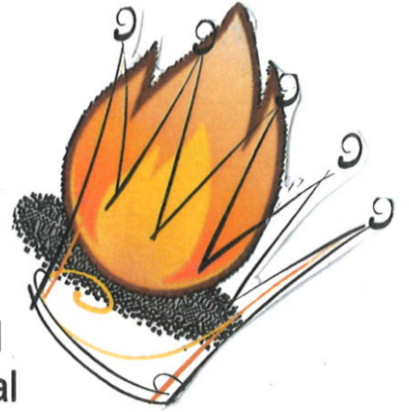
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Club Vintage Chairperson Kevin has put together a club bonfire cookout with a vintage sled show. You will find the complete flyer on the back cover of this esteemed publication. Ron & Jake K. have been working with Kevin to help him get this put together. Kevin has just about everything planned out, but he will need a few folks to help out. If you can help him out, please get in touch with him. He could use some help distributing flyers, set up day of event, help with the kids activities & smores station, ect. Lend a hand and help out please !

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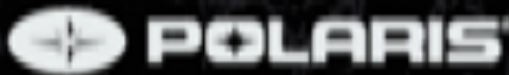
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Combination Board & General Meeting Minutes

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Secretary: Ron D.	X
Treasurer: Rich M.	X
Sergeant of Arms: Jeff G.	
Trail Coordinator: Al W.	X
B.O.D.: Jake A.	X
B.O.D.: Kyle A.	X
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	18
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Date / Time / Location:	December 19, 2019 7:30pm Marvin's
Welcome & Introduction	Andy called the meeting to order at 7:44pm, and welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the crowd for coming.
Previous months meeting minutes	Andy asked for a motion to except last months minutes as printed. Dave L. made a motion, Al W. 2nd, all in favor, motion carried
Committee(s)	
Legal	nothing new to report
Emergency	nothing new to report
Marketing &	landowner #113 was chosen for this months visa gift card, alternate #21 was chosen also
Fundraising	nothing new to report
Social & Public Relations	monitor the webpage for upcoming events, dates, meetings **TRAILS OPENING & CLOSINGS** Only web page, and NYSSA interactive web page the places to monitor trails status JAN. MEETING BEING HELD AT WOLCOTTSVILLE INN
Christmas party	Dave L. reported on the Christmas / Landowner appreciation party., all agreed it went well, thanks to all who helped out, including Eric as our ongoing MC of the evening. Andy reported there were somewhere in the area of 150-160 attendees. 34 landowners attended, last year 80+. Rich reported the attendance numbers were down quite a bit from previous years, but the weather was pretty bad, and there was a shortage of officers due to previous commitments. Many thanks to Andy for anchoring the evenings events. Rich reported we were down on \$\$\$ intake from the event, due to lower attendance. Dave offered to chair the event again next year, all were in favor. Discussion was had about changes for next year. Al reported that we wound up with quite a bit extra wine, and booze, adjustments will be made next year.
Membership	currently 204 members, last year at this time was 255
Groomer & Equipment	Dave reported on the status of the Groomers repair, a lot to talk about here, Dave went over the status of all 3 of them, still working on all of them, each has their own issues, waiting on parts for all 3, seems the more that is repaired, the more issues are found. Some big ticket items that we are working on to get Pisten Bully to cover on #3, because it has under 500 hours on it. So far they have been very corporative with us, and willing to work with us on these big \$\$ items. Its just taking a long time to work through these issues, and we are dealing with home base in Germany. Dave reported that patients is the best corse of action, good results have been had dealing with Pisten Bully as long as we jump through the hoops they throw at us. Dave reported that he thought all 3 groomers and drags will be up and running by the time we need them, some way some how. Dave reported the status of all 3 drags, #2 was complete serviced, ready for snow, #1 is at his house, ready for new rims and tires, and needs to get greased. Ron reported he ordered the new rims and tires, and they were delivered today, and will go to Dave's tonight to be installed. drag #2 is at Jake K's and he said he would service it up as soon as Groomer #2 is re-stationed at his place for the winter, so he can raise and lower the drag to service it. Ron reported that all 3 groomers & drag #3 have been moved to his place, for final service and repair. Al W. reported on the the status of the UTV cub cadet, while out doing trail work, it broke down, it was taken to Curt's for evaluation, motor was scrap, and needed to be replaced. Shortly after that, a phone discussion was had among all the officers, options were discussed, a decision was made to purchase a new Polaris UTV Al W. was put in charge if this purchase, and a budget was set by the officers. Al reported that he shopped the dealers in the area, and purchased a new UTV from Buck's . Al W. discussed what the plans are for the broken cub cadet UTV, the board will consider options, and figure out what the best corse of action is, at this point it's been put on the back burner, much bigger issues to get trails finished, and marked. Ron discussed the update, of fuel pumps for groomer #1 and #2 , electric pumps were decided to be installed, along with electric cords to have all groomers plugged in to keep them warm.

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Trails & Landowners	Al brought us up to speed on current status of marking, signing, trail work. (this was a lengthy discussion to put it mildly) Al reported that we are a long way from being ready for sleds on our trails. The big concern is Niagara county, not much of anything has been marked up there, and to say there is a little water on the trail would be an understatement. Al discussed various other areas with trail captains that were present at the meeting. Al will be doing the bike path with Eric this coming Saturday morning. The barrels are all up there already. Rich reported that he will be out with skid steer brush hog this weekend if any areas are needed. Al reported that we were not alone, not ready for snow, as far as he knew no other WNY clubs were fully marked and ready for snow. Rich reminded everyone to report any trail work to him, so it can be put in the trail grant. Various areas, were discussed, re-routes were discussed. Al reported that we will need more stakes made, Dave said he could cut some up in the next few days, we've gone through 200 so far (new stakes made) and Al said he needed another 200. Al explained how he decided when to open and close trails.
Trail Guides	Rich reported that the trail guides will be available late December
Newsletter	Ron advised that there was a new sponsor, Fat Sal's,
Apparel	The new logos were put up on the internet for voting, and there was a winner, Andy is going to have some t-shirts made up for display and bring to the christmas party, and take orders from members who want them
Safety	nothing new to report
Adopt A Highway	~nothing new to report
Vintage Sled	Kevin is working on a possible event or ride, more details will be available when we know more
President Report	Andy thanked everyone for coming, hoped to see some new blood step up to help us finish up
Vice President Report	The VP was not able to make the meeting
Treasurer Report	Rich handed out a detailed treasurers report, and went over it in detail line by line, he also handed out a list of bills to be paid. Ron made a motion to accept, Ray 2nd, all were in favor, motion carried. New bills were discussed by Rich, and gone over in detail. Andy made a motion to pay bills, Al 2nd. it , all were in favor, motion was carried. Rich also reported on the status of the trail grant, all is good.
Secretary Report	Ron reported he will not be available for the January meeting, so, if someone would like to take notes, or record the meeting, he'd appreciate it.
Other	
For the Good Of The Club	nothing
Next Meeting	Kyle A. reported that he thought it would be a good idea to move next months meeting to a different location, to help support other establishments, and sponsors, it was discussed, and Kyle is going to check with Wolcottsville Inn to see if they would be interested in hosting our next meeting, it was considered to be a good idea to have a meeting up there to try and generate some new help, and new trail captains up in Niagara County. NEXT meeting will be January 23, location will be announced
Meeting Closure	Andy asked for a motion to close the meeting, Dave 2nd, all in favor, motion carried, meeting closed ((see ya' next month))
Entered In & Recorded By:	<i>Ron Dawydko</i> (secretary)

Wintage



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Snowmobile Show

Club Cook-out & Bonfire

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