

# 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](http://snoseekers.com), or (716)741-NESS or [snoseekers@yahoo.com](mailto:snoseekers@yahoo.com)



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Trails & Landowners: (OPEN)  
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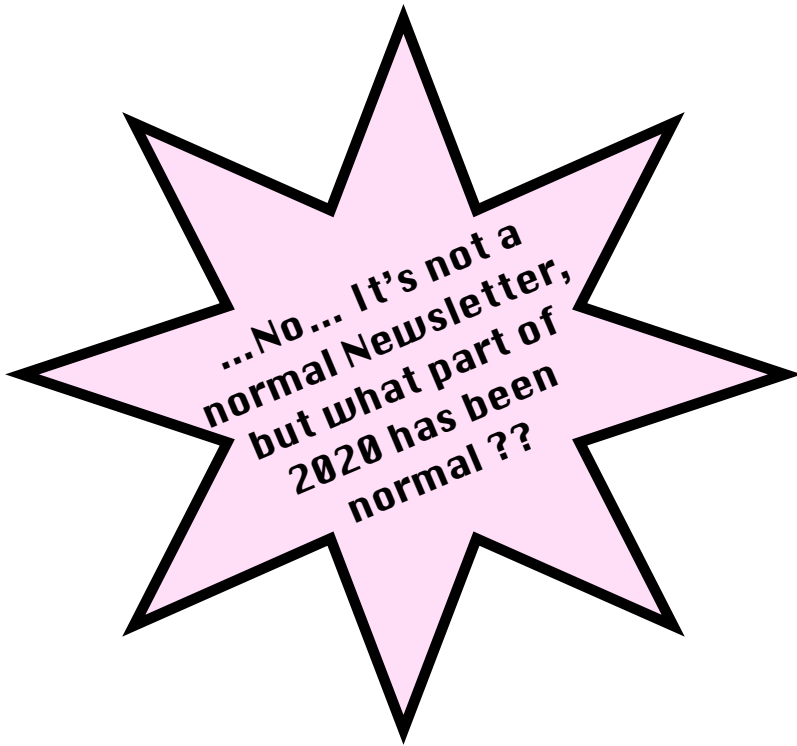
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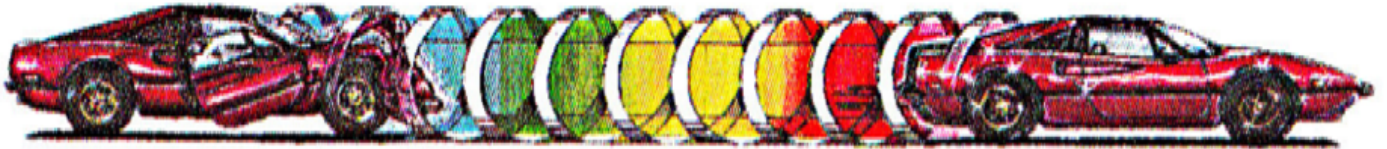
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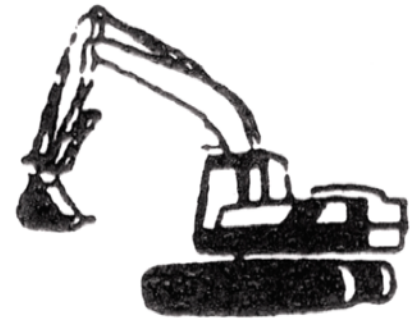


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| <input type="checkbox"/> Trail/Landowner       | <input type="checkbox"/> Trail Guides            | <input type="checkbox"/> Apparel            |
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# Northern Erie Sno-Seekers

## 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 G.	X
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.	
B.O.D.: Ron W.	

Total Club Members Present	<b>13</b>
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Date / Time / Location:	<b>June 25th., 2020 @ Rich M. Office on Roll Rd. (7:00pm)</b>
<b>Welcome &amp; Introduction</b>	<p>On or about June 15th. Rich M. contacted the 2020 officers via text message and asked how everyone thought about having a BOD (Board Of Directors) meeting at our normally scheduled general meeting time for the month of June. We all agreed we felt it was safe under covid rules set down by NYS. Due to ability to only gather in groups smaller than 10 we decided to make it a BOD meeting only. This was to be just a in prompt to meeting to discuss current affairs of the club, bring up to speed current goings on in the club, and begin to tie up unfinished business at our last general meeting in Feb. 2020 This meeting was decided to be conducted at Rich M.s business where we had ample room to social distance, and yet have a useable space to conduct business. We asked everyone to wear masks, but decided we would not enforce that rule to its fullest extent. Rich had refreshments and pizza and wings ordered up for the meeting. This meeting was not conducted in our normal manner, and no real guidelines were followed other than roll call, and attendance sheets filled out. the meeting was audio recorded as all meetings are, and these notes were taken from the recorded audio. This was an abrevated meeting, just to clear up business, and decide how we as a club plan to move forward under covid times. We had not finished elections of new officers, that was to be done in the March meeting. We had nominations, exceptions from nominees but no voting. Due to no ability to have a general meeting for the foreseeable future, the BOD decided to take the nominations and vote as to their placement in the open positions. So, your officers for the 2021 season are as follows: Andy B. president, Jake J. vice president, Secretary Ron D., Treasurer Rich M., Trail Coordinator Al W., Sergeant of Arms Jeff G., BOD (seat #1 1-year remaining on a 2-year term) Luke A.this seat is filled at the request of Ron W. who wished to resign, BOD (seat #2 2-year term)Kevin G. The remaining (2) BOD seats that still have (1) year remaining on their 2-year term are Jake A. &amp; Kyle A. Rich M. starred info from NYSSA that advised all NYS clubs, that due to circumstances, there is already talk of the governor keeping our trail fund money due to lack of funding for NYS, we need to be prepared to not get the money that has been promised to us, and owed to us. Rich M. discussed an idea to invest into 48'sea-can's to place someplace to put club stuff in, signs, all kids of stuff. Rich is going to get prices, and talk to the town of Clarence to see if they would allow us to place these someplace on town property , maybe someplace close or on the bike path. Rich M. advised us we could / would use the groomer house fund to purchase these. Ron D. advised he thought off of Salt Rd. placement on town bike path property would be very nice, and kinda central to our trail system. Rich M plans to meet with town officials regarding this issue.</p>
<b>Previous months meeting minutes</b>	
Committee(s)	
<b>Nominations &amp; Elections:</b>	
<b>Legal</b>	nothing new to report
<b>Emergency</b>	nothing new to report
<b>Marketing &amp; Advertising</b>	~nothing new to report
<b>Fundraising</b>	~nothing new to report
<b>Social &amp; Public Relations</b>	~nothing new to report
<b>Christmas party</b>	
<b>Membership</b>	Rich M. advised us that memberships are all due, and currently there are only 5 members in good standing with the club.
<b>Groomer &amp; Equipment</b>	Ron D. reported the status of the groomers and their locations



# Northern Erie Sno-Seekers

## Combination Board & General Meeting Minutes

<b>Trails &amp; Landowners</b>	<p>Rich M. advised us of a phone call from the NYS thruway, there as a complaint regarding our trail reroute on South Newstead Rd. Rich will stay in contact with NYS on this, and work with them to see if we can obtain a permit to keep the trail in place Al W. advised that we had issues on or very near the Dibble RR with property sold, and new houses being built, Al will continue to monitor this situation and find out if we have options there to re-route the trail. Andy B. advised that he knew that the property on Clarence Center Rd., next to the Town Garage where our trial crosses has been sold, and there will be a house built sometime in the near future, he is going to look into this further. Al advised that there is a need of a new bridge built up in Niagara county on trial heading out to Transit, it has to be a bridge, culvert is not an option. There is a huge need to brush hog that trail (all the trails in Niagara County) sections of that trail(s) are not passable by sled, and no way we can get a groomer through there. This bridge is located between Crosby rd, and Shafer Rd. This needs to be done by Mid August due to how wet it is. it was decided that we will have a work session party to get multiple brush hogs on skid steers up there on a weekend and hack out those trails. We also need to get measurements and build a bridge to place where its needed. Al advised that he thought we may still a section of trail up in Eastern Niagara County, Ron D. questioned this, he has been through there and didn't see anything. Ron D. will check to see if the trail is still up and marked and report back. Dave L., reported the barrel situation on the bike path, and other options were discussed, ideas floated, ...we couldn't come up with any better ideas... more discussion will be held on this issue. It was basically decided to tell Dave L. to suck it up and deal with it !!! other possible trail issues were discussed. Rich M. advised that the yearly bulk sign order is coming up, and NYSSA has sent out the order form, and we discussed if we needed any signs at this time. Seeing how our trails never opened, we feel we have a strong inventory of what we need to mark trails this fall. We set a date of Aug 9th. to get together with multiple units to brush hog the sections of Niagara County trail and prepare to install the new bridge</p>
<b>Trail Guides</b>	~nothing new to report
<b>Newsletter</b>	~nothing new to report
<b>Apparal</b>	~nothing new to report
<b>Safety</b>	nothing new to report
<b>Adopt A Highway</b>	~nothing new to report
<b>Vintage Sled</b>	
<b>President Report</b>	
<b>Vice President Report</b>	
<b>Treasurer Report</b>	Rich M. presented everyone in attendance with a printed copy of the treasurers report.
<b>Secretary Report</b>	
<b>Other</b>	
<b>For the Good Of The Club</b>	~nothing~
<b>Next Meeting</b>	Next meeting will be held at Rich's office again, we will keep it as a BOD meeting only, any club members wishing to attend can do so, as long as you adhere to the NYS rules and regulations regarding meetings in Covid times., Meeting will be July 30th., 7pm
<b>Meeting Closure</b>	
<b>Entered In &amp; Recorded By:</b>	<i>Ron Dawydko</i> (secretary)

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- \* Renew your membership
- \* Big bridge project in Niagara Co., we need to build the frame, transport it there, haul lumber in and deck it. We need steel, lumber, supplies, labor.
- \* We have SERIOUS BIG TIME brushing clearing, brush hogging to do up in Niagara Co., we need brush hogs and tractors / skidsteers (anything to mow down brush) Work session for this planned Aug 8 & 9th.
- \* We have trail stakes to be painted
- \* We have old road signs to be cut up for trail markers

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## Memberships all need to be renewed

With the lifting of SOME of NYS restrictions, the officers & board of directors communicated via group chat message, and decided to meet in late June, on our traditional general meeting date and time. We chose to at a private location, where we could adhere to NYS guidelines, rules and regulations regarding Covid-19. We conducted a somewhat informal meeting, strictly officers and board of directors, to keep our head count low, and not break any rules. We did not have an agenda, or outline for this meeting, we just wanted to touch base with everyone, and go over unfinished business from months ago, discuss any issues we have run across, and decide how we plan to move forward. The meeting was considered official club business, with all officers in attendance and roll call taken. For a more complete run down of what was covered, as usual, please refer to the meeting minutes in this newsletter, and posted to our website.

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## SO..WHAT'S NEXT ??

We decided to hold another officers / BOD (board of directors) meeting in July, at our normal general meeting date and time, and hold it again in a private setting, at Rich's office where we can meet in a safe manner, continue to conduct the business of the club, and start moving forward on this years trails and other business of the club. As usual, there is plenty going on that needs to be addressed, and for trails to open this winter, you all know there is a ton of work that needs to be done. Our objective is clear, we plan to do what we can, meeting in a safe manner, staying within the NYS guidelines. If and when we are able to meet for general meetings, in a public setting, we will start monthly general meetings back up. You would think that Covid has brought everything to somewhat of a stand still, and there isn't much to worry about... We found out quickly that couldn't be further from the truth !!!

### **What can I do !**

...Start by renewing your membership, stay informed on what's going on by reviewing the meeting minutes, and reach out & help out where you can. We have some big projects ahead of us before trails open up !!! Including a big bridge construction project up in Niagara County, and some major trail re-routes due to the National Grid power line expansion project effecting a good chunk of our trail system that starts Jan. 1st 2021.