

# The NESS Express

## Snowmobile Club Newsletter

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Ron Dawydko

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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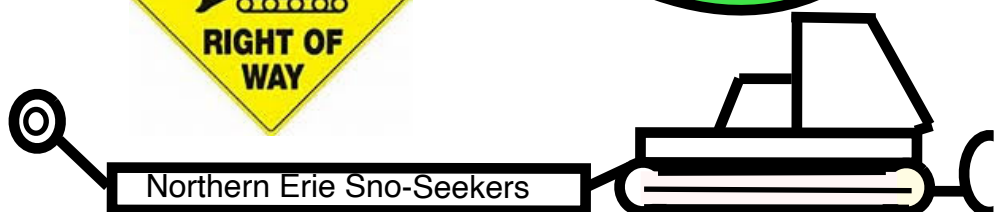
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Northern Erie Sno-Seekers



**...NOT normal, but WORKING on it...**

As we attempt to bring some "normal" back to 2020, the officers and board of directors are meeting again this month on our traditional monthly meeting night, the last Thursday of the month. We continue to meet at Rich's office, where we are able to conduct a meeting that meets NYS guidelines in Covid times. With more and more restrictions being lifted, there has been discussion of a possible near future general meeting. We have to do some checking, to see if a local establishment will be willing to host us. We will keep you all updated !! As the days get shorter, and Labor day approaches, we all know it's that time of the year !! Time for trail work. We have some real challenges ahead of us for the coming season. We have some MAJOR re-routes, that look inevitable in regards to the NEETNY power line project that cuts right through the center of our trail system. There have been multiple Zoom meetings with these folks, and there will be more to come. Keep your fingers crossed we can work something out. Trail Coordinator Al has informed us of a bridge that needs to be built and installed up in Niagara county, and also made us aware that we need to do some extensive brushing up there to get trails in any kind of shape to run the groomer through. ? how about some



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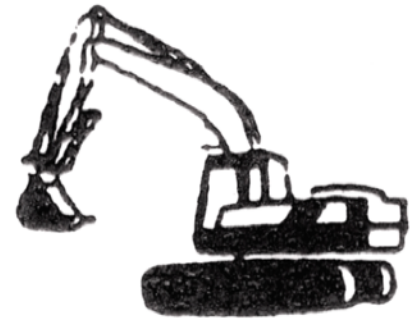


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**How do you want to join in on the fun? Would you like to join a committee?**

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| <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 |
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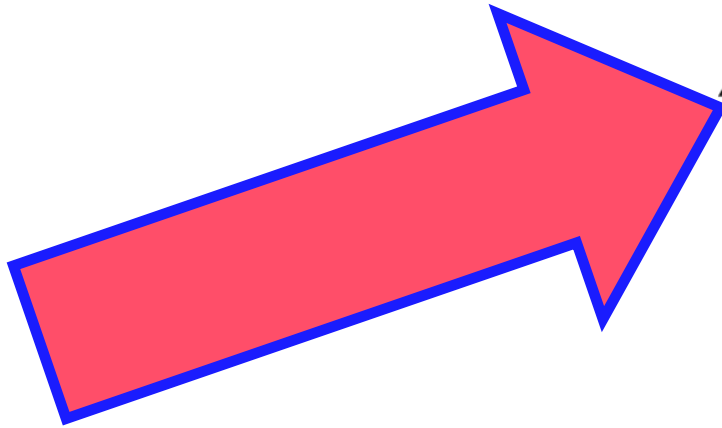
Next Moves & More Updates:

As we approach the end of the summer, as usual, we've got "iron's on the fire", and we are stacking more on weekly !!! I know how you feel, none of the officers or trail captains feel any different. We got shafted by mother nature last season. Only thing to do is put it behind you, and focus on this coming season. It's been a long hot summer, had a record run on 90+ degree days, and that's a total opposite of last summer, when you couldn't leave the house without an umbrella. I'm no weatherman, but I do know one thing... IT CAN'T GET ANY WORSE FOR OUR TRAILS THAN LAST SEASON !!!

Stay up to speed on what's going on, read through the BOD meeting minutes, if you see somewhere you can help out, or have some ideas to solve a problem facing us, reach out to us. If you can spare some time, we have projects that you can help out with, from painting trail stakes to trimming back brush and limbs on section of trail, anything you can do to help will benefit us all when the snow flies, and the trails open. 2020 has been a hell of a ride so far, for those of us who live to pull the flipper on frozen lakes of Ontario, or make the first tracks on white ribbon trails of Quebec, the opening back up of the border is a huge question mark. We may all be forced to get our ride'n fix where we can find the snow here on our own turf. There are rumblings of our funding money being held back by Albany, we hope that's all they are is rumblings. What's the first thing to do? RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP, and then reach out to us, see what you can do to help out.

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OUR NEW V.P. JAKE J. WAS SO EXCITED TO BE ELECTED TO THE V.P. POSITION, HE WENT OUT AND GOT THIS TATTOO !!! NOW THAT'S SOME NESS CLUB COMMITMENT RIGHT THERE !!



## NESS Christmas party Covid casuality



**We held off as long as we could, hoping, hoping, hoping... The reality is we just don't think it's a wise or safe choice to hold our annual Christmas landowner appreciation party.**

*We are working on other options in place of the Christmas party, we need input and ideas from our club members! The only option we have come up with so far is a drive through chicken bbq for our landowners to enjoy. Help us out with some suggestions !!!*

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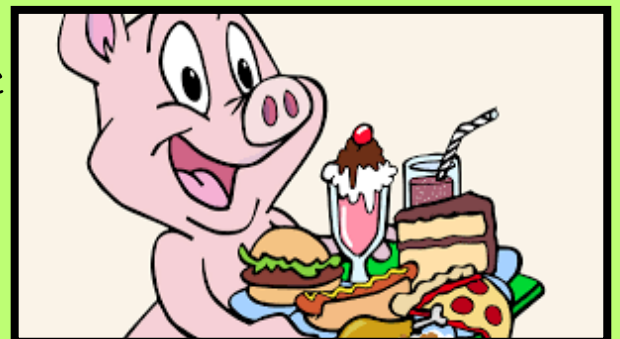
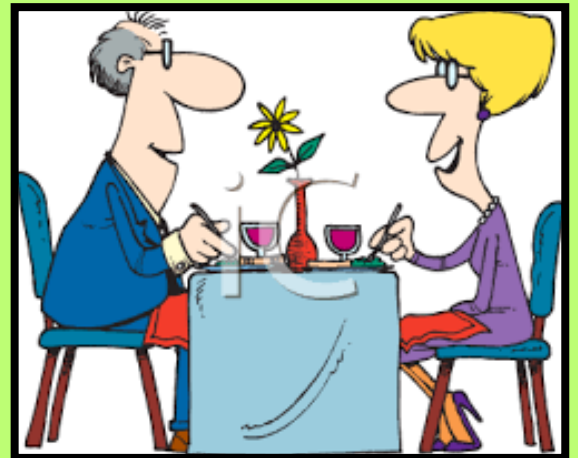


## NIAGARA COUNTY Bridge Project

**Let's not wait until late November to take care of this project, it's located in a section of trail that is not on the highest of ground. Working on it in September, while it's still dry will be much nicer than dealing with mud up to our knees.**

We have an important bridge to replace up in Niagara County, between Schafer & Crosby Rd's. It's a good sized bridge, we are going to need to find some supplies to get this job started, and going to need more help when it comes to installing this bad boy. We are going to need to find some steel to weld together to make stringers, in the past we have used, I-beams, well casing & square tubing road bumper rails. We aren't fussy, if anyone has any idea's of where we can find any of these items, please get in touch with us !!! We are pretty sure we have the lumber for decking lined up.

2020 has been hard on us all... It's been especially hard on a good number of our sponsors of this esteemed publication, the bars & restaurants. Please keep them in mind as we continue to work our way through this crazy year. They have all worked very hard to reopen, and make things as safe as possible, and have put the utmost effort into your safety.



# Northern Erie Sno-Seekers

## Combination Board & General Meeting Minutes

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

Total Club Members Present	<b>6</b>
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Date / Time / Location:	<b>July 30th., 2020 @ Rich M. Office on Roll Rd. (7:00pm)</b>
<b>Welcome &amp; Introduction</b>	Andy brought meeting to order at 7:11pm
<b>Previous months meeting minutes</b>	Those in attendance were handed out copies of last months meeting minutes, along with the agenda for this meeting. Ron D. made a motion to except last months meeting minutes, Dave L. 2nd, motion was carried.
Committee(s)	
<b>Nominations &amp; Elections:</b>	Ron handed out a new contact sheet with phone numbers and email addresses, names and titles for the new officers (there were only 6 officers in attendance at this meeting) remainders will be handed out at next meeting.
<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>	Discussion on status, alternative ideas were presented, much discussion was had on this, a big raffle and drive through chicken bbq dinner was talked about in place of the christmas party. The decision was made to postpone the christmas party this year.
<b>Membership</b>	Rich M. advised us that memberships are all due, 14 currently. We had 21 this time last year.
<b>Groomer &amp; Equipment</b>	we discussed where the UTV's were currently, and we need someone to be in charge of keeping tract of where they are, and where they need to go, service that needs to be done on them. Discussed possible upgrades. Discussed possible sandblasting, and painting drag #1 Discussed wiring issues on drag #1
<b>Trails &amp; Landowners</b>	It was decided to send out landowner permission cards at the October Meeting Al brought us up to speed on the issue regarding the Dibble RR and the lots and houses being built. We may need to do some brushing to create a new access point to get on the RR bed, Billy P. had contacted AL in regards to one of the houses regarding this issue, Al had been to the Alden town offices, and looked at Tax maps, he has some names and contact info. Al also advised of issues up in Niagara county, the bridge we need to build / replace. Also, he advised that we need to do some serious brush hogging on pretty much all of Niagara county trail. Bridge needs to be installed between Crosby & Schafer Rd's NYS Thruway issues were discussed, we may need to obtain a permit to put that trail back where it was, we need to re-evaluate the situation there and go from there.
<b>Power Line Project</b>	Ron & Rich brought everyone up to speed on the (2) meetings they have had with the company that is responsible for expanding the power lines, and adding the new poles and power lines. This effects our trail system in a few areas, and the project starts 01/01/2021, so we will have to work with them through our upcoming season. The biggest effect will be our trail head, trail intersection in the Block church Rd & Rte #93 area. Ron & Rich have another meeting scheduled for Aug 17th This project will be completed in 1 year. There was a great deal of discussion on this topic, this will be an ongoing issue, that will we will have to deal with through this up coming season.

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<b>Gromer House</b>	Rich brought us up to speed on his discussions with the Town of Clarence and HWY department, Rich presented us all with aerial map of the Memorial Soccer Fields park and proposed location of the possible "groomer house" other possible locations were all considered, other ideas were all discussed, building structures were talked about, Ron had prices for some, Rich had prices on container boxes for the base unit with a roof structure overhead / overtop. Other options included possible placement at the "NEW" Clarence town hwy department location. A great deal of discussion on all this. We have a lot to think about and consider. Next moves would be decide on a structure, and present our idea to the town for approval. It was decided that Rich would approach the town Supervisor on this issue, and we may not be able to do anything this year, due to money constrains, but this would be a long term investment in the club and its future.
<b>Website</b>	Ron presented the officers with an idea, and proposal from MJ Marketing, the company that does our website, to update our very old website, do a complete overhaul of it, and bring it up to date. The importance of the clubs website, and its ability to interact with social media was discussed. There are parts of the website that are totally not usable anymore. With limited funds in mind, it was decided Ron would get back in touch with MJ Marketing and see what we can have done to update it for a reduced cost.
<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>	~nothing new to report
<b>President Report</b>	~nothing~
<b>Vice President Report</b>	~nothing~
<b>Treasurer Report</b>	Rich M. presented everyone in attendance with a printed copy of the treasurers report. A great deal of discussion on what are priorities are for the money we have available on hand. Rich asked for a motion to except the report as printed, Andy1st. Jake J. 2nd. motion carried
<b>Secretary Report</b>	~nothing~
<b>Other</b>	Discussion on NYS holding our trail funding money, from last year, and this year, it was also discussed NYSSA's answer to the rumor that NYS parks may not allow us to open our trails this winter. HOT discussion on what possibilities may lie ahead, as far as what our governor may do in regards to the money that is owed to us, and weather or not trails could be kept closed this winter. The big picture, we need to as a club, be very careful how we spend what money we have currently, we may not have any money from the state coming in, there are no guarantees on anything.
<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 Aug 27th., 7pm
<b>Meeting Closure</b>	Andy asked if there was any business that we missed, and then asked for a motion to close the meeting, Jake J. made the motion, Dave L. 2nd, meeting closed
<b>Entered In &amp; Recorded By:</b>	<i>Ron Dawydko</i> (secretary)

# N.E.S.S.

## Top 5 to-do list



- 1) Renew your membership
- 2) Trail Captains, take the time to check your trails inventory your supplies, advise us to any issues
- 3) Take time to get out on that boat or bike and enjoy this amazing late summer sun !!!
- 4) Keep your eyes peeled for bridge construction materials, especially steel "I" beams, or tubing
- 5) Get ready...Cause... WINTER IS COMING...



...THAT'S A WRAP FOR THIS MONTH, DON'T HAVE A COW, THERE WILL BE ANOTHER NESS EXPRESS NEXT MONTH HOSE-HEAD...