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Next Meeting Info:

Thursday April 29th. @ 7pm

April meeting will focus on finishing up 2021 trail season business, and set goals, priorities & objectives for 2022 riding season !!! We need your input & help. We've picked up many new members late in the season, we couldn't be happier you've joined our club ! We'd love to meet you in person. Put it in your phone, and make plans to stop by ! Hope to see you there !

Lee will once again be hosting our April meeting at the Wolcottsville lun. He will be serving up the best wings & Fries North of the mighty Nonawanda. The club picks up the tab for the eats, so come hungry !!!

Snowmobile Club Newsletter



President: Andy Braunscheidel Vice President: Jake Jurek Secretary: Ron Dawydko Treasurer: Rich McNamara Sergeant of Arms: Jeff Glassman Trail Coordinator: Jake Kelkenburg Board Member: Jake Anderson Board Member: Kyle Anderson Board Member: Kevin Gaik Board Member: Earl Schmidt Board Member: Dave Linneborn Board Member: Paul Winkowski Board Member: Luke Anderson

<u>Committees</u>

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

The New Officers

We had a nice showing of club members to take part in nominations & elections at last months meeting. We welcomed some brand new club members, and a returning past president of our club to the elected ranks. It's truly exciting to have some new faces in the leadership positions of the club. We've already started discussing some big projects, and some are already in the works !

...Yup... Believe it or not, we just got the trail markers all picked up, and we are already focusing on 2022 riding season. That's how it works !

Take the time, and make plans to stop out for this months meeting, meet the new officers, find out what some of our plans are for 2022.

We've picked up MANY new club members, we look forward to meeting you all. We keep our meetings to two and a half hours, so it's not too late of a night, we treat you to some damn fine wings & fries, and we have a whole room to ourselves at the Wolcottsville inn. Grab



Created & Edited By:

Ron Dawydko

the wife / girlfriend and take them out for a week night date night !!! We keep it very low key, and family friendly.

Vintage Chapter Chairperson Kevin passed around a signup sheet if you'd like to be on the committee for the 2022 NESS Vintage Sled Snow. If you weren't able to make the meeting, and would like to sign up and be part of this coming years show, please contact Kevin (716)912-2607. Kevin is not only looking for volunteers for the show, but as a committee member, you'll be part of the decision making process, and deciding what we do, and how things will get done. This show started out as a club bonfire, wiener roast, and has quickly grown into destination event here in WNY. Discussions have already started, don't hesitate to hop on board !

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Ok "sled-heads"... Let's hear the numbers... Shoot me a TxT or drop me an email, let's see who's racked up the most miles. (716)622-8121 or snoseekers@yahoo.com





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Great big groomer fuel donation made by King Oil last month ! Just as our groomer fuel bills started rolling in, The Anderson's over at King Oil sent word of a BIG groomer fuel donation !!! All (3) of our groomers are powered every year by King Oil fuel. From helping us set up our fuel storage tanks, to out fitting them with the needed pumps and supplies, when it comes to diesel fuel we need to keep our thirsty groomers out on the trails, King Oil has always been there for us. We can't begin to thank you enough for your generous contribution to keeping our groomers rolling, and the trails flat ! ~THANK YOU~







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MPORTANT TRAIL INFO



As most (if not all of you) are aware of we had a serious trail issue throughout this past season, on a section of trail between Westwood Rd. & Rte #20 (Broadway) in Alden. It's not officially our trail, the trail belongs to our neighbors to the South, The Sno-Mob, but it has huge impacts on our trail system, and or neighboring clubs. The issue was the Norfolk - Southern live rail line. They removed the crossing that was used to cross the tracks on C4B, and there was no re-route available. It caused some safety issues with sleds "renegading" ways to get around the tracks, and homeowners complaining about sleds in their front yards, and on their driveways on Sandridge Rd. Our club was contacted in late Feb. to see if we could help resolve the issue. We've had multiple meetings with landowners, trail captains, Sno-Mob officers, and club members from the area. We called in ECFOSC (Erie County Federation of Snowmobile Clubs) president Dave Waples and Roger McCabe for assistance also. Rich has been "lead dog" on this project, and as usual, he's going at it with both barrels blazing !!! The rail roads are under federal law, which makes them quite difficult to deal with, and they don't have any desire to work with a couple of snowmobile clubs. Rich has been devoting a great deal of time and resources working with the Sno-Mob and all involved parties to get this crossing back in for 2022 season. As one of the handful of NESS officers involved on this project, it's been a real pleasure working with the Sno-Mob to get this problem fixed for the benefit for both our clubs. If you can be of any assistance on this, please contact us.



Your Membership Has Expired !!!

Just a reminder, memberships run from April 1st. - March 31st. Soooo unless you have already renewed, don't put it off, and stay up to date, and renew today !!! ***Gentle reminder, if your an officer or BOD member of NESS, you'll need to keep current with your membership to be eligible to vote, and enjoy officer benefits.***

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Don't forget, the NESS Express takes the spring & summer off. So, this will be the last printed version of this esteemed publication until September. We will still publish our meeting minutes on a monthly basis, but they will only be distributed via email to our current club members. Another good reason to renew your membership now.







As we pack everything up and say good bye to the 2021 season, here are a few facts and numbers, all in regards to New York State snowmobiling.

* NYS registrations were up above numbers we haven't seen in the past 5 years. There were 115,601 snowmobiles registered this year. In 2014 we had 120,000 sleds registered, since then it's been a steady decline, with a few years dipping below 90,000 registered sleds.

* The NYSSA interactive web map continues to gain popularity. There were 6330 downloads of the app. to Apple products (phones). There were 3450 Android downloads of the app. Honestly I found that number to be surprisingly low, I would have guessed higher, but there are other apps. out there that are pre-installed on sleds that are equally as good and useful.

*Unfortunately, as of this report, there have been 13 fatal snowmobile accidents in NYS, resulting in 15 deaths so far this season. 7 (seven) of them have been club members; 1 was on a highway (Interstate 787 in Albany), 3 were drownings, 1 accident was in the person's backyard, and 7 were ON a NYS Parks and/or club- maintained trail. Days of the week: Mon (1); Tues (1); Weds (1); Thursday (3); Friday (3); Sat (4); and Sunday (2). The average age of the victims is 38 years old.

* Club memberships were up 14% across the state, although they were not distributed equally. "Smaller clubs" saw a 6% drop in club membership, while "Larger Clubs" saw the big up tic in club memberships, the demographics seem to point to "the high snow areas" and "Large Clubs" being one in the same. There were 21,870 NON-Club registrations, this is concerning because it's up significantly, and it represents just shy of 20% of all registered sleds. NYSSA is already working on a NON-Club member registration fee increase. There is talk of raising it \$5.



We don't thank you enough. With out you, none of this is possible. We greatly appreciate your permission year after year, providing us the opportunity to install one of the greatest trail systems in WNY. We look forward to working with you in the future, to provide families with a safe, enjoyable winter recreation sport. Please remember we are here throughout the year, and not just for the snowmobile season, if you have any questions or concerns. Thanks *

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We have added quite a few *NEW* members over this past season, and we've already added a few new members in 2022 !!! It's great to see new names in the club register. We look forward to meeting all you. As secretary, I just wanted to take a moment to welcome you to NESS. We are always looking for feed back from our club members on how to make our trails, and our club better. We are always just a few key strokes, or a phone call away. We still have many open positions in our committees, and would welcome some new faces and new ideas !!!



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Combination Board & General Meeting Minutes

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE		Date / Time / Location:	March 29th., 2020 @ Wolcottsville Inn (7:00pm)
President: Andy B.	x	Trails & Landowners	Al, reported that most trails are down, a few remain, Rich reported on the meeting with the landowners and club members from Marrilla in regards to the trail from Dibble RR to Rte #20 a important, next meeting will be held with Marrilla board members and any officers from their
Vice President: Jake J.	X		club will be held at a landowners house next week to further discuss this issue Rich reported
Secretary: Ron D.	X		that Ron, Rich, and AL met and updated the landowner list, and trail captain list. Trail captains, please don't put anything in the old truck bodies, storage sheds by the old trooper barracks, we
Treasurer: Rich M.	X		want to clean them out, if you need someplace to put stuff, contact Ron. Ron reported that
Sergeant of Arms: Jeff G.	х		former president Eric, contacted him, and offered / added \$250 to the reward offered in regards to the person(s) responsible for running over our trial markers back in late Feb., there have been
Trail Coordinator: Al W.	х		no lead or further information on that issue. King Oil has made a \$400 groomer fuel donation
B.O.D.: Jake A.	х		to the club, a thank you card will be sent out to them for that generous donation !!!! A gift card will be sent to Michel Stall, who was kind enough to pull groomer #1 out to the road in when it
B.O.D.: Kyle A.	x		broke down last month. Rich reminded everyone that trails need to marked, with thoughts of
B.O.D.: Kevin G.	x		the groomer coming through, the placement of stop signs, corners, trail in general need to be wider. There are just to many tight places where it's almost impossible to get our 40' long
B.O.D.: Jake K.	x		groomers through.
B.O.D.: Dave L.	X	(Power Line Project)	Rich reported that work has started on this project And reminded everyone that the project will effect our trials for the coming year
B.O.D.: Matt W.			Rich reported on a idea to set up something to honor past outstanding club members, officers
B.O.D.: Luke A.	x		and such. We need ideas from club members. This will take much discussion over time, looking for input from everyone on this issue.
Total Club Members Present	20	Groomer Barn	Rich reported he has talked with the town of Clarence supervisor, also the Town of Clarence HWY superintendent, he had good conversations with both, and interaction with all involved will continue, the location of Salt Rd on the bike path was discussed, along with other possible areas that the town has mentioned.
		Treasurer Report	Rich presented all attendees with (3) yes (3) treasurers reports, he found a clerical error 2 months back, and had to re-do that report, and the following reports to make sure everything was correct. He went over in detail the reports, and asked for questions, he than asked for a motion to except the reports as printed, Trenton 1st., Jeff2nd., all in favor, motion carried. Rich forgot to bring the check book, so he was unable to write any checks at the meeting.
		General Meeting(s)	Andy reported that we will continue to hold general meetings monthly unless Wolcottsville Inn will not be able to host us. Staying up in Niagara County is a good plan going forward
		President Report	~nothing
		Vice President Report	~nothing~
		Secretary Report	Ron had nothing,
		Other	Jake A., commented on the trails in Niagara county, and some of the areas we need to address in Niagara county, including bridges that need to be replaced or re-decked. Trail captains are all encouraged to take notes of what needs to be done in the off season. There will be a good deal of focus on Niagara county before the snow flies.
		For the Good Of The Club	Kevin spoke about the potential of working on a new trail or an additional trail into Wolcottsville, and out. He offered that the Orleans Co. club would offer help to put in such a new trail. He talked about approaching the DEC about a new trail on the dike system to line up with Wolcottsville Inn, he will continue to work on this issue. Carson reported other trails that had been installed in years past into Wolcottsville, and out, he had some valuable input, and offered to help with what's possible or not due to land conditions, swamps, low areas, and landowner issues.
		Next Meeting	Thursday April 29th, 7pm @ The Wolcottsville Inn
		Meeting Closure	Andy asked for any further club business, or any questions, than asked for a motion to close the meeting, Rich 1st., Ron 2nd., all in favor, motion carried
		Entered In & Recorded By:	Ron Dawydko (secretary)

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to Ron's for the summer, and we need to do some work on that unit. #2 will stay at Jake K's for

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE		Date / Time / Location:	March 29th., 2020 @ Wolcottsville Inn (7:00pm)
President: Andy B.	x	Welcome & Introduction	Sergeant of Arms Jeff G. brought the meeting to order at 7:16pm Andy welcomed everyone to the meeting.
Vice President: Jake J.	x	Previous months meeting minutes	copies of the Feb. meeting minutes were available to those in attendance, Andy asked for a
Secretary: Ron D.	X	•	motion to except the Feb. minutes as printed, Gary 1st, Kevin 2nd., all in favor, motion carried
Treasurer: Rich M.	х	Elections / Nominations	Andy asked for further nominations for open positions, none were offered, Andy asked for a motion to close nominations, Dave 1st., Jake Anderson 2nd., all in favor, motion carried. Andy
Sergeant of Arms: Jeff G.	x		asked for a motion to close the meeting for voting purposes, Ron 1st, Jeff 2nd., all in favor, motion carried. Ron read off the official ballot. because there was only one member running
Trail Coordinator: Al W.	х		for any / all of the open positions, it was decide that the secretary would cast one vote for all
B.O.D.: Jake A.	x		nominations, and that would spare all the club members from having to fill out a ballot and then count all the ballots. Ron asked if there were any questions regarding the elections, or the
B.O.D.: Kyle A.	x		process. Andy made a motion to reopen the meeting, Rich 1st., Andy 2nd,. all in favor, motion carried
B.O.D.: Kevin G.	x	Antique Sled Show	Kevin reported, he set the date on Feb 13th. for next year. Kevin asked for a motion to make a
B.O.D.: Jake K.	x		donation to Akron Acres for allowing us to use their facilities., Earl made the motion, Andy 1st.,
B.O.D.: Dave L.	X		Kyle 2nd., all in favor, motion carried. A signup sheet was passed around for a committee to organize next years show, parking was talked about, food was talked about, Rich gave a
B.O.D.: Matt W.			treasurers report specifically on the show, we made a few dollars. a lot discussion on the pro's
B.O.D.: Luke A.	х		and con's of the whole show. Kevin will contact the committee members for a meeting to start the process of setting up next years show.
Total Club Members	20	NYSSA / SLEDNY	Gary gave a report, not to much going on, some talk about the hunting season extension and how its going to negatively impact snowmobiling and especially marking trail for us
Present	20	E.C.F.O.S.C.	Ron gave a report, NYSSA interactive web map was discussed, and POI's and what to charge them to be on the map was talked about, physical paper maps were discussed in much detail. deadline for 1st phase of new year trail grant was talked about
		Niagara Co. Fed.	~nothing to report~
		Genesee Co Fed.	Rich reported there was no new news
		Committee(s)	
		Newsletter	Ron reported that April will be the last printed newsletter sent out, it will start back up in September.
		Website & Social Media	~nothing to report~
		Membership	Rich reported we are at 350 members,
		UTV's & Equipment	Ron reported the club UTV's are at Ron's if anyone needs them for trail work. Jake & Kyle offered to service the UTV's when we are done for the season.
		Groomers & Drags	Ron reported that #3 has been moved to his place for summer storage, #1 will need to be moved

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