



**Fifield Sno Drovers**  
***CLUB NEWSLETTER***

**Mike Sloane – President**

**W761 Whitmore Rd, Park Falls, WI 54552**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 13th at 7:00 PM**

Below are the minutes from the April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting at Merri Cassidy's.

Meeting called to order by President, Mike Sloane at 7:00 pm.

There were 25 people who attended the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all members.

**SECRETARY REPORT**

Minutes from the previous meeting were emailed to all members. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Joan Harvey/2<sup>nd</sup> by Margit von Frankenberg. Motion carried.

**TREASURER REPORT**

Ryan Howe reported the beginning balance, expenditures, deposits, and ending balance. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Dave Harvey /2<sup>nd</sup> by Clarence \_\_\_\_\_. Motion carried.

**Membership: 256**

**TRAIL AND EQUIPMENT REPORT**

All gates have been closed and barrels, posts and signs removed off lakes.

The Forest Service will be providing a gate to be installed at the East county line. Work to be completed by the Sno Drovers.

Bridge repair is needed on Trail 102 to include railings and post repair.

Barrels and lake markers will be inventoried and inspected for any needed repair of the reflective tape.

Trail and intersection signage to be reviewed.

Brady Howe is leaving his current position with the Forest Service and will be replaced on an interim basis by Steve \_\_\_\_\_. The Forest Service will be looking for a full-time trail coordinator.

The double culvert on Trail 120 South to be replaced this year per Steve \_\_\_\_\_.

The Forest Service disclosed that work to be done should get on their docket as it is taking 8 years to push work through their protocols.

Highway 70 bridge needs to be elevated in priority as it doesn't seem the Forest Service will complete this project.

The owner of the property located at the North end of the Pike Lake trail will be consulted to determine if this short stretch of trail can be straightened and widened to correct some of the poor trail conditions.

### **GROOMER UPDATES**

Mike Ida, Groomer Coordinator, has asked for feedback on groomer operations, both constructive and positive, from the 19 groomers currently volunteering.

The Accident Report developed by Mike Ida was well received by the Price County Association and is being used as an example for other clubs.

The Sno Drivers should receive full supplemental payment for our grooming efforts.

The hydraulic leak on the tractor will be repaired this Spring by the dealer under warranty. The Club will have to pick up the expense of transporting the tractor to and from the dealer, however.

A larger fuel tank is needed for refueling the groomer. The Town of Fifield will need to be contacted before proceeding with installation. A free tank rental may be available from some vendors. Mike \_\_\_\_\_ to check with Ritchie Lakeland Oil and Propane in Minocqua regarding their offering.

The GTS tracker worked very well this grooming season. The tracker records time spent while the groomer is moving. It is believed that about 10% of the hours were lost this year over the manual method previously used.

A suggestion was made to have a few snowmobiles follow the groomer next season for the purpose of removing rocks from the trail.

### **COUNTY MEETING**

Mike Sloane and Clarence \_\_\_\_\_ attended the County Association meeting on Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>.

The County Association has purchased a new Tucker to be used for the Phillip's clubs.

The new Mogul Master drag proved to be a great purchase for the Sno Drivers. The Association has purchased an additional one.

The State has raised recreational law enforcement funding from \$396,000 to \$800,000. These funds included expenses related to enforcement education and training.

DWI legislation has not been passed. This legislation connected a DWI received while operating a snowmobile to the individuals driver's license. It is assumed this legislation will be seen again.

SNARS must be updated by next meeting.

### **MARCH AWSC CONVENTION**

Mike/Ann Sloane and Jim/Michelle Clemmons attended the AWSC Spring Convention March 25-27 in Green Bay representing the Sno Drivers. They delivered the KAOS donation basket to the convention.

It was noted that new and younger attendees were at the convention.

The State is attempting to recognize the economic impact of snowmobiling to Wisconsin's tourism industry.

Various clubs made contact with Sno Drover attendees regarding our Club. We have a very good reputation not only for the Club activities but for our trails.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A discussion took place regarding a Thank You gift for our outgoing President, Rick Sironi and Secretary, Sandy Sironi. A motion was made by Dave Harvey with a second by Ann Sloane to authorize a \$150 dollar reimbursement for the Sironi's.

Mike reminded the group of the officers:

President	Mike Sloane
Vice President	Jim Clemmons
Secretary	Peggy Kuss
Treasurer/Membership	Ryan Howe
Groomer Coordinator	Mike Ida
Trail Boss	Roy Funk
Board position	Margit von Frankenberg
Board position	Barb Bliefertich

The Board is preparing the summer mailing which includes Club activities. Normally distributed in June, they may be slightly later based on new owners at one of our partner establishments. October's meeting will be moved from Musky Jacks to the Dam Bar.

Mike Sloane has been working on establishing a new "administrative" email account for the Club. Please be sure to update your personal email addresses so any Sno Drover communication reaches you. The new address will be [snodrovernews@gmail.com](mailto:snodrovernews@gmail.com). This will allow more efficient communication with the membership.

Ryan Howe reported memberships can be submitted beginning May 15<sup>th</sup>. A reminder that your AWSC number remains the same year after year and can be found on your Wisconsin Snowmobile News magazine.

Thank you to Merri Cassidy's for hosting and for the great lunch.

MTA by Dave Harvey /2nd by Pat Ley. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peggy Kuss