



Fifield Sno Drovers
CLUB NEWSLETTER

Rick Sironi– President

W300 Rice Creek Road, Park Falls, WI 54552

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 9th at Northernaire at 7:00 PM

Below are the minutes from the February 9th meeting at Sportsmen's Lounge.
Please read and review for any additions or corrections.

Meeting called to order by President Rick Sironi 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 Mike Sloane/2nd by Joan Harvey. Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT

Rick reported for Ryan Howe the beginning balance, expenditures, deposits, and ending balance. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Mike Bliefertich/2nd by Dave Harvey. Motion carried.

Membership: 227

TRAIL AND EQUIPMENT REPORT

The trails are in good condition. Feel free to pick up rocks when you see them.

The tractor is sitting outside which is not a good option. We are looking into rearranging the fire barn to see if we can fit it in again.

We are looking at getting a new drag. We currently are using a loaner drag from Catawba. We will be getting a demo drag from Ultimate to try out for a week or two. We will be asking for feedback from our groomers!

GROOMER UPDATES

There have been no accidents or incidents. We have 17 groomer operators including two new ones. Because of Covid we are practicing good cleaning protocol before each run.

We are always looking for new groomers. Contact Mike Ida if you are interested, 262-325-6136

COUNTY MEETING

Rick Sironi, Mike Sloane, Mike Bliefernich, Clarence Wagner, Dave Shaw, and Sandy Sironi attended the County Meeting last night in Phillips. Starting next year every groomer in the county will be installing a GPS tracking unit. It will cost approximately \$250 a year, which can be turned in as supplemental.

The Taylor-Price County connector trail should be completed this weekend.

We need to review our signage. On corners, when using chevrons there needs to be three chevrons in a row or an arrow. Having just one chevron is not approved. Stop signs should not be faded and should be at least 12". Aluminum nails must be used when putting signs on trees in the national forest. Please report missing or damaged signs to Mike Bliefernich.

It was a slow start to the snowmobile season. Despite that fact the county is half-way to our contracted hours. We need to get to 2/3 of our contracted grooming hours to be eligible for our supplemental reimbursement from the state.

The clubs worked together after the meeting to clarify trail route ownership countywide.

NEW BUSINESS

Ann gave a thank you to all people who delivered and picked up sheets and folders and helped with making the Winter Run happen. Each of the 29 businesses on the Run were visited between 15-48 times. We will probably use this as a model for future years. A big thanks to Ann and Mike Sloane for making this happen. Twenty-two gift certificates donated from many of our businesses were handed out after the four cash winners were drawn.

The 50/50 Raffle that was held in the fall to replace the Sportsmen's banquet was a big success, making almost as much as the banquet without all the time, effort, and risk. Thanks to Barb Bliefernich for coming up with the idea and making it happen.

The Sno Drover Website is current. Thanks to Ken Rahn.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Idle Hour. A discussion was held as to whether that would be a safe place to hold the meeting because of the size and inability to social distance. Dave Harvey volunteered to open up Northernaire for our March meeting.

The All-Workers Party is scheduled for March 14th at The Birches. We are contacting Keith and Bonnie to see how they feel about still hosting the event in our current environment. In past years we have given the groomers a \$25 gift certificate at this event. A motion was made to give the groomer operators who have been out 3x or more a \$25 gift certificate by Cindy Ley/2nd by Ann Sloane. Motion carried.

Last year we changed how we thank our landowners. Instead of a dinner that consistently only had eight landowners attending we opted to try out sending \$40 gift certificates redeemable at local establishments so as to reach ALL the landowners. So far we have 15 landowners who have redeemed their certificates. A motion was made to again send the landowners a \$40 gift certificate by Cindy Ley/2nd by Ann Sloane. Motion carried.

Our first Club Ride will be on February 25th. We will be meeting at Northernaire at 10:00, heading to Sportsmen's, and doing some other riding.

Our second Club Ride will be on March 4th. Place to be determined. Watch for details.

Elections will be held next month. Bonnie Ida will be accepting nominations. Please contact her via email at cabinbon@gmail.com if you are interested in one of the positions or wish to nominate someone.

Vice-President

Treasurer/Membership chair

Board Position (1)

Thanks to Ann and her staff for hosting us tonight. It is so "sweet" of you to always have those Valentine cupcakes!!

Remember: If you were born after 1985 you technically need to have passed a snowmobile safety class. Fines are \$232. You can do it on-line and get a certificate if you are over 16 in Wisconsin. You can take a class locally in person if you are 12.

Also, remember to "Like" us on Facebook at Fifield Sno Drovers Snowmobile Club!! We also have a web page at www.snodrovers.com.

MTA at 7:50 pm made Mike Sloane/2nd by Mike Bliefernich. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Sironi