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**Fifield Sno Drivers**  
***CLUB NEWSLETTER***

**Rick Sironi– President**

**W300 Rice Creek Road, Park Falls, WI 54552**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at Merri Cassidy's at 7:00 PM**

Below are the minutes from the March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting at Northernaire.  
Please read and review for any additions or corrections.

Meeting called to order by President Rick Sironi at 7:01 pm.  
There were 28 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/2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandy Plyer. Motion carried.

**TREASURER REPORT**

Ryan Howe the beginning balance, expenditures, deposits, and ending balance. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Mike Sloane/2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Bliefernich. Motion carried.

**Membership: 228**

**TRAIL AND EQUIPMENT REPORT**

All Price County trails were closed as of today.

The tractor and drag have happily been housed back in the fire barn for the last few weeks after some rearranging of the fire department equipment.

The feds are planning a chain saw safety class. Send Rick an email if you are interested.

We are looking at getting a new drag provided there is sufficient funding from the Association. Currently the Ultimate is in the lead, but we're also considering the Mogul Master.

**GROOMER UPDATES**

This year our groomers put in 360 hours. Groomers usually groom between three and seven hours per run. We had 18 groomers this year. Thanks to all the groomers who put in their time this year.

**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, and Sandy Sironi attended the County Meeting last night in Catawba. We (and every groomer in the state) will be leasing a GPS this summer for \$250. It can be turned in to supplemental for reimbursement. We could lose some hours as it only counts when the tractor is moving and not idling. Some time spent on roads that are not trails cannot be counted.

Despite a slow start to the snowmobile season the county reached our contracted grooming hours to be eligible for our supplemental reimbursement from the state. Sno Drivers had 360 hours of grooming.

The Association will be purchasing a new Tucker for the Bushwackers and Sno Gypsies, who share the machine.

Map ads are now being sold, as our current maps are three years old. Businesses should have received a letter and should be sending that back with payment by May 1<sup>st</sup>. DO NOT send it back to us; it should be returned to the person who sent the mailing.

The four clubs are proceeding with a loan to complete the buildout of the Maintenance Building in Phillips.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mike Bliefernich purchased a come-a-long for the club and it is now in the barn.

Our first Club Ride was on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Nine members went to Sportsmen's, had a nice lunch, and did some other riding. Our second Club Ride was canceled due to poor trail conditions.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The All-Workers Party is scheduled for next Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 at The Birches. If you have helped with trail work, groomed, marked the lakes, helped with raffles, etc. please plan on attending!

Landowner Appreciation letters are ready to send out.

Jean Nelson is contacting the businesses and setting up our meeting schedule for next year.

A motion was made to repair the damage to the fire barn from the groomer not to exceed \$200 by Dave Harvey/2<sup>nd</sup> by Joan Harvey. Motion carried.

Mike Sloane is going to look in to buying a battery-operated pole saw.

Elections were held and the results are as follows:

Vice-President: Mike Sloane

Treasurer/Membership chair: Ryan Howe

Board Position: Barb Bliefernich

Thanks to Margit Von Frankenberg for doing a wonderful job as our Membership Chair last year and John Schroeder for being on our Board!

Thanks to Dave and Joan for hosting us tonight!! Always fun to be at Northernaire!

**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 Drivers Snowmobile Club!! We also have a web page at [www.snodrovers.com](http://www.snodrovers.com).

MTA at 7:28 pm made Mike Sloane/2nd by Mike Bliefernich. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Sironi