



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

**Rick Sironi– President**

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

**Next Meeting: Christmas Party!!!**  
**Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, at Round Up**  
**Cocktails at 5:00, followed by meeting at 6:00 PM, then dinner!!**  
Below are the minutes from the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting at Peninsula Pines.

Meeting called to order by President Rick Sironi at 7:00 pm.  
There were 36 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 Dave Harvey. 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 Mike Sloane/2<sup>nd</sup> by Cindy Ley. Motion carried.

**Membership: 210**

**TRAIL AND EQUIPMENT REPORT**

We have had great turnouts for our trail workdays.

Oil and filter on the tractor will be done in the next few weeks. Thanks to Andy for buying the needed supplies.

Our new drag has arrived, but we needed to switch out our extension hoses for longer ones. They should be delivered tomorrow. The toolbox needs to be transferred from the old drag.

The repair to the bridge area on 70 will most likely have to wait until next year. We have talked with Kevin Fisher from our club who engaged an engineer from his company to look at it and give us an estimate. The cost estimate was such that we will need to get help with funding from other sources. There are monies out there for matching grants from the state that can be applied for next year.

There are beavers in the Cranberry Marsh and their building of a dam has created an approximate three foot flood of water over the bridge. Trappers have been hired to remove the beavers and have asked that we wait to remove the blockage until after the beavers have been removed.

The GPS for the tractor is in and will be installed in the next week or so.

Since there was no previous formal written agreement and no paperwork between the two parties regarding the housing of the groomer in the fire barn during the winter months, the Sno Drovers and the Town of Fifield (who own the barn) have decided to put a written agreement in place. A memorandum of understanding and a simple agreement that lays out how the barn is currently used and how utilities are paid has been unanimously approved by the club officers and is expected to be signed at next week's town board meeting.

## **GROOMER UPDATES**

The groomer schedule is out. There are 17 groomers with two new ones on board. The refresher has been rescheduled for December 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 at the fire barn.

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

## **COUNTY MEETING**

Rick Sironi, Clarence Wagner and Sandy Sironi attend the PCSTA meeting last night in Park Falls.

- It was stressed that we need to do what we can to keep the snowmobiles on the trails. The risk is that landowners become unhappy and bar us from using the trails.
- American Income Life policy which provides accidental death or dismemberment to AWSC members has been reinstated. Contact Stormy if you need to take advantage of this feature.
- KAOS raised approximately \$7500 at the convention. Lance Walcisak is now the Price Co. representative for KAOS!
- The state of Wisconsin added 1400 miles of newly funded trails over the past three years. Price County added 62.8 miles of newly funded trails.
- Supplemental will be paid out at 100% this year. There was \$1.7 million paid out through the state supplemental program. There is a surplus in supplemental this year. There was \$10 million in state projects last year: bridges, grants, new trails, trail relocation, etc. The Drovers should be getting almost \$19K in January.
- The Forest Service wants to know when we are going out on the trails to do trail work.
- The new maps are in print. Hopefully we will have them at our December County Meeting.
- Park Falls was awarded to be a Snowmobile Friendly Community!! Congratulations!!
- 40' rule is just about ready to go to Governor Evers's desk. It will go into effect this year if it's signed.
- It was passed that snowmobiles would be able to ride the mile or two of trail through Blue Mounds State Park. However, a judge accepted a lawsuit from the Friends of Blue Mounds Parks to stop snowmobiles from going through the park, again. So going through the park is put on hold for now.
- Sign Studio is going to start making trail signs.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Our Kick-Off Party last Saturday was a lot of fun!! Joan, Dave, and Amber, as usual, did an excellent job of keeping us full and our thirsts quenched! The meat raffle took in \$970, the table raffles took in \$855 and Island City Dray donated \$75. After our costs for food/drink/meat raffle purchases we basically broke even.

All the tickets for the Cash Raffle were sold and \$4000 (8 @ \$500) in prizes were awarded. The club made \$6000 minus printing costs. Thanks to Barb Bliefernich for spearheading this effort!

We received two thanks you – one for our donation of a canoe to Fun Day and one from AWSC for our booze basket donation for the Scholarship Fund.

PLEASE send your memberships (new/renewals) to Ryan Howe at the address given on the membership card or use the online option of Cheddarup, which is also listed on the membership card.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Our Christmas Party is Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at Round Up. The fun starts at 5:00 with drinks and appetizers. After a short meeting we usually have dinner around 6:30. **Appetizers and desserts are welcome!**

The folks in Springstead help brush trails for the Mercer Club. They will be working on trails at 9:00 on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. They will be meeting at Peninsula Pines if you would like to help them out.

Thanks to Nila for hosting us tonight!!

Also, remember to “Like” us on Facebook at Fifield Sno Drovers Snowmobile Club!! We also have a web page at [www.snodrovers.com](http://www.snodrovers.com).

MTA at 7:31 pm made Mike Sloane /2nd by Cindy Ley. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Sironi