



Fifield Sno Drovers
CLUB NEWSLETTER

Rick Sironi– President

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 13th at Musky Jacks at 7:00 PM

Below are the minutes from the September 8th meeting at Springstead Lake Lodge.
Please read and review for any additions or corrections.

Meeting called to order by President Rick Sironi at 7:00 pm.
There were 30 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 Sig Kaminski/2nd by Mike Bliefertnich. 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 Shoup/2nd by Sandy Plyer. Motion carried.

Membership: 154

TRAIL AND EQUIPMENT REPORT

September trail workdays are coming up soon! They will be on September 19th (Saturday), September 24th (Thursday) and September 30th (Wednesday). Please meet at Northernaire at 9:00 with an ATV if you have one, a chainsaw, and clippers. The trails could be wet so dress appropriately.

Trail 120 by the four corners is a mess. The rains have caused a large washout north of the four corners. Mike B. will be riding the trail with Brady from the USFS to evaluate culverts needing replacement and hopefully getting the USFS to address those.

The USFS is moving forward to make the 120 reroute permanent, including the extension of 108 and the segment to keep us off Sheepranch Road.

Trail 111 has big mud hole and will cause problems for ATV/UTV riders. It has been brought to the USFS's attention.

We met with the Mercer club about the swamp on Trail 106 just beyond our trails in Iron County. This has been a yearly problem that has kept us from grooming 106 for much of the season. The Mercer club is filling in the big hole with lumber for about 100 feet.

Trail 80 near Dynamite Road needs a culvert where it crosses State Highway 70. There has never been one there and each year the club needs to build a snow bridge through the ditch.

We are looking to put a culvert at 144 and 70 by Stein's Corner. We have a bid of \$2000. If we can get approval this will eliminate the need for the groomer to go out to FR144 to cross highway 70, reducing the danger of issues with high speed eastbound traffic.

The groomer needs a fluid change. Rick will talk to Andy as to when we can get to this. We need to size the tractor and drag to see how it fits with the new Rescue Truck. If we can't make it fit we'll install outside outlets for the heaters and leave the tractor outside except for Tuesday maintenance. We may be looking at a new drag in the future but that will not eliminate this issue.

GROOMER UPDATES

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

Mike Ida will be contacting last year's groomers to confirm their availability for this season. He'll be asking for days, runs, or periods to avoid for each operator. A preliminary schedule will be available in October for review with a final schedule during November based on the feedback. We'll have a groomer refresher course in November/December.

COUNTY MEETING

Rick Sironi, Mike Bliefernich, and Clarence Wagner attended the County Meeting last month in Lugerville. We will not be having new hard copy trail maps this year. Trail Treker will be updated for the businesses and new or changed trails. The timing of our funding is in question for the coming season due to Covid and legislative delays. The Price County Snowmobile Association has a new President (Troy Larson) and VP (Jim Walcisak).

Our supplemental should be coming, but the total amount is in question. Our club submitted a large amount to the state for supplemental reimbursement in June but we may not get reimbursed at 100% this year.

OLD BUSINESS

We have discussed in the past purchasing a come along to aid in extracting the tractor if it gets stuck. A motion was made to investigate the cost of a come along by Leo Kalmerton/2nd by Sig Kaminski. Mike B. will investigate the cost.

Remember to keep handing out those Patron Cards. We need to let the businesses know that Sno Drivers are giving them our business now more than ever!

NEW BUSINESS

We had a July Board Meeting where we mainly discussed the trails.

Our traditional early season events are in question due to Covid and social distancing safety concerns. After talking with Joan and Dave we are suggesting to cancel the Kick Off Party. The next event is the Sportsmen's Banquet in late November which also brings to mind problems with Covid. One suggestion as an alternative to the banquet is to have gun raffles at bars. Rick and Sandy volunteered to purchase the guns if someone would take the lead in rotating the guns to the bars and collecting the money.

Thanks to Craig for hosting us tonight.

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.

MTA at 7:45 pm made Mike Blifernich/2nd by Margit von Frankenberg. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Sironi