



Fifield Sno Drovers
CLUB NEWSLETTER

Rick Sironi– President

W300 Rice Creek Road, Park Falls, WI 54552

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 12th at Musky Jack's at 7:00 PM

Below are the minutes from the September 12th meeting at Springstead Lk. Lodge.
Please read and review for any additions or corrections.

Meeting called to order by President Rick Sironi at 6:56 pm.
There were 33 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 Bliefertnich/2nd by Dave Shaw. 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 Bliefertnich/2nd by Barb Bliefertnich. Motion carried.

Membership: 167

TRAIL AND EQUIPMENT REPORT

The groomer is due for an oil and filter change. Andy Calderwood was kind enough to get the supplies from Lulich.

Our new drag has been ordered from The Shop Industrial and should be delivered in about a month. The old one is going down to Phillips to use as a spare.

Every groomer in Wisconsin will have to have a GTS (groomer tracking system) installed for this snowmobile season. Ours has been ordered. The state is leasing them to streamline the process for clubs.

The repair to the bridge on Highway 70 by Riverside is scheduled to be fixed by the state but due to COVID the schedule is being delayed. We're concerned that it will not get done in time for the season. We'll continue to monitor progress and make what slight improvements we can if it doesn't get completed in time.

We purchased two culverts for trail 101 and 80 along highway 70. The culverts are on site and ready to be installed by a contractor.

The USFS will be installing a 3rd new culver along trail 101 east of Smith Rapids Road.

If you are an ATVer stop and pick up rocks, please. Don't kill yourselves but if you see large rocks on the surface that can be moved off the trail, please do. This will help our groomers this season.

Thursday, September 23rd is the first trail workday. Bring an ATV if you have one as well as clippers and chainsaws. The club has two chainsaws that can be used. We'll meet at Northernaire at 9:00. The Feds are way behind in their work and if they allow, we will bring a couple of tractors to smooth trail 107 as their team will likely not get to it before the trail freezes.

The new Trail 108 shortcut hasn't gotten approval so we won't be grooming that as of now.

Access to our businesses will still be groomed but it is not covered under the new GPS tracking system.

GROOMER UPDATES

Mike Ida sent a note out to anyone who groomed for us last year asking for preferences. Please respond promptly.

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

COUNTY MEETING

Rick Sironi, Mike Bliefernich, Clarence Wagner and Sandy Sironi attend the PCSTA meeting last night at the newly renovated PCSTA storage building.

The Bill to reduce the 40' rule to 10' is still in committee but it is expected to pass. Thanks to anyone that wrote their representatives for support.

The AWSC Fall Workshop is October 22-24 in the Wisconsin Dells.

All 478 miles of Price County snowmobile trails are now funded. The exceptions are spurs going to businesses.

New trail maps are coming out this year.

Joe France from Polish Palace is arranging a big Price County ad for the Wisconsin Snowmobile News Magazine to run in November and December. If you're a business and want to get in on this, give Joe a call.

OLD BUSINESS

We held a summer officers' meeting. It was officially decided to NOT have the Sportmen's Banquet and to continue the Winter Run.

Barb Bliefernich is running a 50/50 raffle fundraiser for the club. We need people to buy/sell tickets. The sales are going very slowly. See Barb if you can help out, PLEASE!!!

The Landowner Appreciation Certificates are being turned in to the businesses at a good pace. So far, 22 landowners have benefitted by using their certificates as compared to the eight who normally attended the Landowners' Dinner in the past.

Each year the Sno Drivers purchase a canoe to support the Pike Lake Fire Department at a cost of approximately \$560. This year the canoe made \$1,415 for the department.

NEW BUSINESS

Our Kick Off Party is Saturday, November 6th at Northernaire. As usual we rely on donations from local businesses and donations from club members for our fun raffle. Re-gifting is always good, baked goods, or anything using your creative talents! A motion was made by Cindy Ley to purchase a \$250 meat package/2nd by Pat Ley. Motion carried.

PLEASE send to your memberships (new/renewals) to the 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.

Sandy Plyer is running our sweatshirt sales this fall. The information is on an attachment on this email. THE SALE ENDS OCTOBER 15th.

The Winter Run is on! They are thinking of doing gift cards from the bars that are our business partners and perhaps a few larger raffles. More to come as the season progresses.

Leo has some concern about the blades on the small club drag. He took it to Arrowhead and got a quote for \$150 for two new blades. A motion was made to purchase two blades for \$150 for our small club drag by Mike Bliefernich/2nd by Pat Ley. Motion carried.

Ken Rahn will be contacted about confirming that it's OK to flatten the bumps on his approach to Pike Lake that he so kindly let's us use.

Thanks to Craig 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.

MTA at 7:38 pm made Mike Bliefernich/2nd by Dave Shaw. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Sironi