



**Fifield Sno Drovers**  
***CLUB NEWSLETTER***

**Mike Sloane – President**

**W761 Whitmore Rd, Park Falls, WI 54552**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 14th at 7:00 pm at Riverz Edge**  
Below are the Minutes from the January 10th meeting at Wintergreen

Meeting called to order by President, Mike Sloane at 7:00 pm.  
There were 35 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 Rick Sironi/2<sup>nd</sup> by Cindy Ley. Motion carried.

**TREASURER REPORT**

Mike Sloane on behalf of Ryan Howe reported the beginning balance, expenditures, deposits, and ending balance. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Frank Dusek /2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick Sironi. Motion carried.

**Membership: 269**

**TRAIL AND EQUIPMENT REPORT**

Roy Funk reported that 375 volunteer hours had been reported prior to the ice storm in December and an additional 75 hours were put in to clear the trails after the icing.

On January 9<sup>th</sup> both Pike and Round lakes were marked.

Trail 106 will be closed due to open water. Barricades and signage will be put up to this effect.

**GROOMER UPDATES**

Mike Ida reported that the total number of groomers is now 22. An additional person will be added to make runs on a fill-in basis. Two runs are now being done per day. Compliments on the great trail conditions that the Sno Drovers are responsible for as well as all of Price County.

Mike Sloane read a letter from Ted Fleming, Road Superintendent for the Town of Fifield. The letter indicated that Mr. Fleming was responsible for serving all that use the roads in the Town of Fifield and therefore could not only consider the interests of those using the roads for recreation. Safety was primary.

## **COUNTY MEETING**

Mike Sloane reported that the Sno Drivers were spared from the December ice storm. Southern Price county was hit hard. The PCSTA will be applying for emergency aid for the damage caused on December 15<sup>th</sup>. SNARS should reflect the hours, etc. spent on cleaning up the damage to be included in the emergency aid reimbursement.

Bridges on 103 & Hicks Landing spur have been deemed unsafe for our groomer to cross. Troy Larson is aware of someone with a 5 ft drag and ATV that could support the cleanup of these trails and will reach out to the individual to determine his interest in helping. As an FYI, the Forest Service normally takes 18-24 months to complete such bridge repairs.

Any trail closures due to trespassing must be reported to the PCSTA.

The Spring AWSC Conference will take place March 24-26 in Green Bay. See Mike Sloane for more information.

A motion was made by Sandy Sironi and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melissa Dupke for the Club to purchase an AWSC raffle ticket at a cost of \$100. Additional tickets are available for sale if members would like to purchase one.

A motion was made by Sandy Sironi and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cindy Ley to donate a basket to KAOS with a value of \$150. This is donated at the AWSC Spring Conference. KAOS, Kids and Adults on Snowmobiles, was formed to provide kids with an in-depth understanding of how the total snowmobile program is organized starting with local clubs.

Frank Dusek completed an application for Price County to become a "Snowmobile Friendly" county. There were 7 applicants including Price County. Park Falls received this honor in the past. The designation is for 4 years. Thanks to Frank for applying and completing the 15-page application.

Park Falls made some changes to their trails this winter to limit the need to operate on roads.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

The menu has been finalized for BRAAP Fest. The team is working with Craig at Springstead to obtain the necessary supplies. An electronic volunteer signup can be found on the Sno Drover Facebook page. Some volunteer slots remain open. Please consider signing up.

The clothing order is in. Derek Dieringer will be posting more information on this on the Sno Drover Facebook page. The order for hats has been cancelled as they were backordered until March. Derek will be refunding to anyone who placed an order for a hat by personal check. Ann Sloane has volunteered to help distribute the clothing.

Derek Dieringer also reported stats on the Sno Drover Facebook page. In the past 28 days nearly 30,000 unique people have seen our posts and over 9,000 of those individuals liked, commented or shared some of the content. The site gained 66 new followers in the past 28 days bringing our total number of followers to nearly 2,100 people. Most popular posts were the trail opening post which was seen by 12,000 people and the truck going through the ice by the Federal boat landing which was seen by over 11,000 people.

Mary Dupke-Bourgeois gave an update on the Winter Run. Mary thanked all of the individuals who worked to get the Winter Run underway. The grand finale is set to be held at Moose Jaw on January 28<sup>th</sup>. On Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> (start of Winter Run) a Club ride will take place to Oxbow for lunch with various stops at our partners to receive a Winter Run stamp. The ride will leave from The Big Dipper at 9:30 am.

Sales of Sno Drover cash raffle tickets are in process. Tickets are \$10 each with the drawing set to take place on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Many of our local business partners are assisting us with sales as well as Club members.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mike Sloane updated the members regarding annual elections that will take place on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Per our By-Laws, the following positions will be up for election – Vice President, Communications Director, Events Coordinator and Treasurer/Membership Chair. As a reminder, you must be a member in good standing and present at the meeting to vote. More information to come at the February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

MTA by Rick Sironi with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Clemens. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Kuss