



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

**Mike Sloane – President**

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

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 14th at 7:00 pm at Idle Hour**  
Below are the Minutes from the February 14th meeting at Riverz Edge

Meeting called to order by President, Mike Sloane at 7:00 pm.  
There were 38 people who attended the meeting.  
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all members.

A moment of silence was held for Kaylee Kohlmeier who died as a result of a tragic snowmobile accident.

**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 Pat Ley. 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 Sandy Sironi/2<sup>nd</sup> by Ann Sloane. Motion carried. Ryan also reported that the Cash Raffle is now profitable.

**Membership: 287**

**TRAIL AND EQUIPMENT REPORT**

Roy Funk reported that as of February 13<sup>th</sup> all trails were groomed. With the rain, grooming has been stopped. Roy will take a wait and see approach with the weather to determine next steps. Roads are bare.

Trail 111 is now closed due to logging operations. This trail is not groomed by the Sno Drivers. The Bushwackers will put up signage regarding the closure.

Leo Kalmerton groomed the approaches to trails from our lakes. Feedback on our trails continues to be very positive.

Trail 106 has been reopened as trail 182 was recently groomed.

A question was asked about flattening the snowbanks along Springstead Road. Other clubs are having success with this in their areas. It was reported that we would need approval from the town to accomplish this. This should be addressed for next season although Town of Sherman and Iron County have responsibilities for this Road.

## **GROOMER UPDATES**

In Mike Ida's absence, Roy Funk reported on grooming operations during his Trail and Equipment Report above.

## **COUNTY MEETING**

Mike Sloane reported that there is a new sign to be used when logging operations are going on. The Club is to document (with a photo) when the sign is up. It was also discussed that these signs must be removed when logging operations come to an end. Roy is the contact when any new signs are needed. Additional signs should be purchased or expenses submitted on or after June 1.

There is a Bill in the Wisconsin Legislature to allow businesses to be advertised on state lands. The Federal government does not currently allow this.

The Spring AWSC convention was discussed. Ann and Mike Sloane have signed up to attend. If anyone is interested in attending, please let Mike know. The dates are March 24-26<sup>th</sup> in Green Bay.

There is a snowmobile safety course being offered in Phillips on February 26<sup>th</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup> and March 3<sup>rd</sup>. At the time of this meeting there were three openings. All classes must be attended and sign up is on the Go Wild website. A motion was made by Sandy Sironi and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Clemens to donate \$40 for this important training. Motion carried.

Peggy Kuss will be working with the PCSTA secretary on a map project for the 2023-2024 season.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Roy Funk provided a BRAAP Fest update. Everything is progressing per plan. The meat order is in, Nescos will be distributed so that the food can be prepared, paper supplies are in and set-up volunteers ready to go for February 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are still needed for raffle sales and cashiering. Sign up on the Sno Drover Facebook page if you are interested.

As Ryan Howe reported in his Treasurer's report, the Winter Run was successful both for the Club and the establishments that participated. The purchase of seven additional hats for those completing the run is in process and will need to be deducted from our profits. A request was made regarding extending the length of the Winter Run. This topic will be discussed during a final review of the 2023 Winter Run. Adding more establishments did not seem popular but will also be discussed.

Mike Sloane will send out an email regarding the status of the Club ride planned for February 17<sup>th</sup> to Jack's in Park Falls.

Nomination Forms were available at the meeting for anyone that needed a paper copy. As a reminder, if you are nominating an individual for one of the open Board positions, please be sure to speak to them and ensure they are committed to fulfill the responsibilities. Forms are due to Peggy Kuss no later than 11:59 pm on March 3<sup>rd</sup> to be considered.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Per the By-Laws, an annual audit must be conducted of the Sno Drover finances. Melissa Dupke has volunteered and will proceed following the season end – June 2023. She will report her findings to the Board.

Cindy Ley made a motion to purchase \$25 gift certificates for the groomer operators that have groomed three or more times this season. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Clemmons. Motion carried. The “All Worker’s Party” will be held on March 12<sup>th</sup> at the Birches. Mike Ida is obtaining the gift certificates.

The donation of a canoe to Fun Day was discussed. A canoe is purchased annually and donated by the Club per an Agreement with the Pike Lake Fire Department for the use of their shed to store our groomer. A motion was made by Cindy Ley and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Clemens to purchase a canoe not to exceed \$700 for this purpose. Motion carried.

Mike Sloane asked the membership to provide their ideas regarding possible Club projects to give back to the “community” that supports us. Some ideas were Coats for Kids, food drives, school supply drives, Christmas gifts for children in need, etc. If you have other ideas, please let Peggy Kuss or Mike Sloane know. This will be addressed in the 2023-2024 season.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Kuss