



Fifield Sno Drovers
CLUB NEWSLETTER
Mike Sloane – President

W761 Whitmore Rd, Park Falls, WI 54552

Next Meeting: September 2023

Below are the Minutes from the April 11th, 2023 meeting at Peninsula Pines

Meeting called to order by President, Mike Sloane at 7:00 pm.
There were 34 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 Ed Clemens/2nd by Cindy Ley. Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT

Mike Sloane presented the Treasurer's report on behalf of Ryan Howe which included the beginning balance, expenditures, deposits, and ending balance. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Jim Clemmons/2nd by Joe Harper. Motion carried.

TRAIL AND EQUIPMENT REPORT

None given.

GROOMER UPDATES

None given.

COUNTY MEETING

Troy Larson, President of the PCSTA, was present and provided information about the activities of the PCSTA. This included the purchase of a new Tucker and maintenance cost information as well as the cost per mile reimbursement for Price and neighboring counties.

Troy indicated that the USFS trails are to close March 15th of each year while the state allows trails to be open through March 31st. Troy asked and received a grant from the USFS to close their trails on March 31st to align state and federal trail closures and has asked that the grant be renewed each year.

There is proposed legislation in California requiring a minimum of 12" of snow cover on Federal land before a trail can be opened. We must work to ensure access to Federal land for recreation purposes. A member present indicated that the

BlueRibbon Coalition is doing just that. The BlueRibbon Coalition is a national non-profit organization that champions responsible recreation and encourages strong conservation ethics. To know more, go to <https://www.sharetrails.org/>

The PCSTA finalized the transaction to rent a tractor from the Cherokee Garage in Colby, WI. This will be a good addition to the PCSTA's fleet of grooming equipment.

Troy also informed the Club about the cost of AWSC membership for businesses. Currently the Sno Drivers are charging \$35 for a business to join the Sno Drivers. Also available is membership at the state level through the AWSC referred to as a commercial membership. The Club should promote membership at both the local and AWSC level. Troy reported that the economic impact in Wisconsin from snowmobile related revenues is \$1 billion.

Groomers were reminded to report any damage to the groomer or drag right away so that it can be addressed.

Troy recognized the Club for the many positive comments he heard this season regarding the county's trails, signage, etc.

OLD BUSINESS

Mike Sloane updated the group on the Club's activities related to community involvement which included supporting the Pike Lake blood drive. Moose Jaw has stepped up to support the Drive by offering a free pint for each pint of blood you donate.

Landowner's Appreciation Certificates were mailed Monday, April 10th following the Board's approval.

The use of specialized equipment was addressed. Although there is no formal policy, all use of specialized equipment by members must be preapproved before the work is done and an associated cost.

The Dam Bar is closing April 22nd. If you have received a groomer appreciation gift certificate and will be unable to redeem it due to the closing, please contact a Board member.

We should learn more about the scheduling of the chainsaw safety, first aid and CPR training required by USFS for those operating chainsaws. Perhaps being offered in June. We will be advised of this.

NEW BUSINESS

Mike Sloane informed the members of Margit Von Frankenberg's resignation and the appointment of Cindy Ley to the Board as the Events Coordinator.

At a recent Board meeting it was decided that the Club would offer one membership level at a cost of \$25. This would include single and family membership. Family membership is defined as an individual, their spouse and dependent children who are under the age of 18.

Price County was successful in their bid to become a Snowmobile Friendly County as announced at the AWSC convention held in Green Bay. This will be communicated through signage and social media.

Next season's membership information will be sent via the USPS and posted on social media. Cindy Ley will be responsible for the event scheduling.

A strategic plan was recently discussed at a Board meeting. More on this along with By-Law changes this Fall.

MTA by Ann Sloane with a 2nd by Cindy Ley. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Kuss