



## Fifield Sno Drovers *CLUB NEWSLETTER*

**Mike Sloane – President**  
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**Next Meeting: Thursday, October 12th at 7:00 pm at Jack's Corner Bar**  
Below are the Minutes from the September 14th meeting at A & J's  
Springstead Trading Post

Meeting called to order by Secretary, Peggy Kuss at 7:00 pm in the absence of the President and Vice President.

There were 29 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 Melissa Dupke-Bourgeois. Motion carried.

### **TREASURER REPORT**

Ryan Howe has resigned as treasurer for the Sno Drovers. Melissa Dupke-Bourgeois has been appointed as the Club's Treasurer. Melissa presented the Treasurer's report which included the beginning balance, expenditures, deposits, and ending balance. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Rick Sironi/2<sup>nd</sup> by Otto Kuss. Motion carried.

**Membership: 169**

### **TRAIL AND EQUIPMENT REPORT**

Mike Ida provided the Trail and Equipment Report in the absence of Roy Funk. The tractor roof has been replaced. Thanks to those who helped. All equipment is ready to use on our workdays. Two electric chain saws have been purchased. **We will be meeting next Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am at the Pike Lake dump parking area for our first trail workday of the year.** Our trails are in pretty good shape according to Roy and Larry. Roy has ordered some additional signs. Roy Funk and Larry Schoonover have inspected the trails on the public land, but not the private land as of our meeting date.

The US Forest Service wants all workers operating chainsaws in the forest to be certified. There will be a training scheduled by the USFS. Terry Mantor suggested we would want the private course, not the forestry course. It is less hours. As a side note, several people concurred that we've been waiting for at least five years for the course to be offered.

It was noted that the front right track on the tractor appears split or in bad shape and is concerning. Lulich was contacted at the end of season. The track will be evaluated to determine if action needs to be taken.

## **GROOMER UPDATES**

Mike Ida sent out an email to last years' groomers asking if they would like to groom again this year and for their preferences on days, trails, and any known vacations/occasions that would conflict with grooming availability. We have 20 on the list from last year.

## **COUNTY MEETING**

Rick and Sandy Sironi and Peggy and Otto Kuss attended the County meeting.

Rick Sironi presented the information from the Price County Snowmobile Trail Association (PCSTA) meeting held on Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> and for the four meetings held over the summer.

- Frank Dusek will be inducted into the International Snowmobile Hall of Fame this Saturday in Eagle River.
- Non-grooming tractor hours were reviewed at the end of the season. Sno Drivers had the most non-grooming hours, which is not good. Mike Sloane will be working with the PCSTA President on reducing this if possible.
- A new Tucker was purchased for the east club.
- An additional wheeled tractor is being rented this year to focus on the area west of Solberg. The Association is trying it for a year to see if it helps.
- Someone will be coming for our old Mogul Master.
- There are three new bridges going to be installed in Price County. They all have to be completed by January.
- Signing for businesses on state land has been approved, but still not on federal land.
- There is no update on the USFS bridges in our area. Mike Sloane will be contacting Dave Grawvunder to apply pressure.
- As an Association we used 20,000 gallons of fuel last season. We looked at prebuying but decided against it.
- DOT will be auditing our SNARS entries for contracts to be sure the rates are in line with DOT rates or the service provider is a registered business.
- The Fall AWSC Convention is in LaCrosse October 20-22. Anyone interested in attending should send Jim Walcisk (jwalcisk@mail.com ) an email with your name and club. He will register you for the banquet. In the past Sno Drivers has paid for the room.
- The new Price County snowmobile trail maps have been submitted to Sign Studio in Phillips. We are waiting for the proofs next month for the final approval to print. They are looking for a volunteer to take over that job in two years.

There was a question about making allowances for changing the opening and closing dates for the trails from the south to the north of Price County. As of right now, we open and close as a county even though an exception was made for the 2022-2023 season.

There was a question about storm damage clean up. Could there be better communication when help is needed for a crisis and other clubs in the county contacted to help out?

## **OLD BUSINESS**

As we start the new snowmobile season, below is a reminder of your Club Board members:

President: Mike Sloane

Vice-President: Jim Clemmons

Secretary: Peggy Kuss

Treasurer: Ryan Howe - resigned, Melissa Dupke-Bourgeois appointed

Trail Boss – Roy Funk

Groomer Coordinator – Mike Ida

Events: Cindy Ley

Communications: Derek Dieringer

### **NEW BUSINESS**

An AWSC attachment was previously emailed to members. It was very interesting reading on snowmobile topics, Fall Conference, etc. It was suggested that members review it.

The KickOff Party is November 4<sup>th</sup> at Moose Jaw. Cindy Ley and Peggy Kuss have met with Jason and Angie to make the arrangements. Desserts are welcome. Donations for the raffle can be dropped off at the Ley's house (N14710 Shady Knoll) or at Moose Jaw the evening of the Party. Make sure your donation is something you would personally like to win. Cindy had a sign-up sheet to drop off posters for the KickOff Party. If you have taken a poster, please ask the business for a donation when the poster is dropped off.

Melissa brought up the raffles that are sold at the KickOff party. We are looking for bigger items if anyone wants to donate things like gift cards. Mike Ida indicated that he had received a donation of a Kwik Trip gift card(s) that would be available for this purpose. Melissa will be renewing our Class A raffle license with the State. Rick brought up the fact that the money we get from the state needs to go towards trails and equipment.

A motion was made previously by the Board relative to a donation to the Pike Lake Fire Department, Station #2. That motion is in the process of being withdrawn.

Jim Clemmons will be presenting a new Mission Statement to the membership at our October meeting.

The By-Laws require that the President review them annually. Some changes will be put forth to the membership in the future.

Thanks to Josh and Ashley for hosting us tonight.

Melissa thanked us for the opportunity to serve as treasurer. If you have ideas, please contact her at [treasurer@snodrover.com](mailto:treasurer@snodrover.com).

MTA by Rick Sironi with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry Mantor. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Sironi on behalf of Peggy Kuss