



Fifield Sno Drovers CLUB NEWSLETTER

Mike Sloane – President
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Kickoff Party: Saturday, November 4th at 6:00 pm at Moose Jaw
Next Meeting: Thursday, November 9th at Peninsula Pines – 7 pm
Below are the Minutes from the October 12th meeting at Jack's Corner Bar

Meeting called to order by President, Mike Sloane at 7:04 pm

There were 31 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 Pat Ley/2nd by Joe Carper. Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT

The Treasurer report was presented by Peggy Kuss in the absence of Melissa Dupke-Bourgeois which included the beginning balance, expenditures, deposits, and ending balance. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Bonnie Ida/2nd by Jayne Schoonover. Motion carried.

Membership: 169

TRAIL AND EQUIPMENT REPORT

Roy Funk reported that there had been three trail workdays so far with an average of 10-12 people working each day. The East end of the trails are pretty much done and the West end of the trails will be worked on October 14th. Mostly brushing needs to be done. There are five more workdays scheduled to ensure the trails are ready. Please come out and join us. The signage that was ordered arrived on October 11th so we can start putting up new signs as needed.

The Forest Service has not responded to our requests to have chainsaw training for approximately 30 people. Waiting for them to get back to us. We also have two bridges that we are waiting to hear from the Forest Service on repairs. This includes the Dalrymple Creek Bridge on 102 and the bridge towards Hick's Landing on 121.

The little drag has been sold as of October 11th.

The treads on the groomer tractor must be repaired or replaced. Glue is used to perform the repairs along with a maxi splice. The Club would need to perform the repair. Marty Ehler volunteered to help out with the repair based on his background with such repairs. Randy Yunk will also contact his colleague to discuss the repairs. Randy will work with Roy Funk regarding this.

Pat Ley reported that the Club's brush hog needs new blades and the needed bolts. A motion was made by Jim Clemmons to purchase the needed items at a cost not to exceed \$300. The motion was seconded by Cindy Ley. Motion carried.

GROOMER UPDATES

Mike Ida recognized Leo Kalmerton for his many years of service to the Sno Drivers as a groomer. A gift certificate was presented to him. Mike also gave a shout out to Frank Dusek, Price County's Hall of Fame inductee who was attending our meeting.

Mike has distributed the rough draft of the groomer schedule and has received the needed responses for changes. Mike will email the final version to all groomers. Please be sure to advise Mike Ida if you are switching with another individual for a grooming run.

Mike Sloane informed members authorized to enter the groomer shed that a new entrance code was created.

COUNTY MEETING

Rick and Sandy Sironi and Mike Sloane attended the October PCSTA meeting.

Mike Sloane reported that the Sno Drivers had the most hours of grooming on unfunded trails last year of all members belonging to the PCSTA. This resulted in lost reimbursements. Troy Larson, President of the PCSTA, will be looking at solutions to this along with Mike Sloane, Mike Ida and Roy Funk. Troy was questioned about the process for funding some of the currently unfunded trails. Troy indicated that with a limited budget and higher priority projects such as bridges that it didn't appear this would be possible.

Troy also discussed that the snowmobile trail records at the Price County courthouse are not up to date in terms of the responsible club to perform trail maintenance such as brushing and signing. The current maps indicate that the Sno Drivers are responsible for 90 miles of trail while only 75 are being maintained. The Sno Drivers appear to have trails all the way into Fifield and some West of Highway 13 and North of Fifield towards Park Falls. The Sno-Gypsies would be willing to take ownership of the trails West of Fifield. Troy recommended that the Bushwackers and Sno Drivers sit down and discuss how to handle the remaining trails. Once this is finalized, Troy can make budget changes.

There will be a Zoom meeting on October 23rd regarding SNARS. Jim Clemmons will attend. If others are interested, please email Peggy Kuss at secretary@snodrovers.com for information.

Taylor County will be offering a Snowmobile Safety Training Course at the Rib Lake Ice Age Pavilion December 2nd and 3rd from 9:00 am to 12:30 each day. To register, go to the DNR Go Wild website and go to Safety Class on the student dashboard. Parents can also contact Stuart Varner at 715-493-2933. As a reminder, if you were born on or after January 1, 1985 and have reached the age of 12, you must complete and receive a snowmobile safety certificate in order to operate a snowmobile in Wisconsin. State law only permits students age 16 and older to complete an internet Snowmobile Safety Course.

OLD BUSINESS

Jim Clemmons presented a draft of the Club's potential new Mission Statement. The Mission is associated with the By-Laws and will be adopted in the same manner as the By-Laws. Please take a look and let a Board member know of any suggested changes.

Draft Mission Statement

The mission of the Fifield Sno Drivers Snowmobile Club, located in Price County, Wisconsin, is to promote safe and respectful snowmobiling for individuals, families and groups who ride our trails. Our values as volunteers are to respect and support our community, landowners and the USFS by maintaining and improving trail quality, safety and signage. This is achieved by trail clean up days and regular winter trail grooming. It is the goal of the Club to deliver a snowmobiling experience that can be enjoyed by all for years to come.

NEW BUSINESS

Mike Sloane inquired whether the change to Thursday night meetings is working out for those attending. There were no concerns voiced regarding the change.

The Round Up has asked us to consider moving our Christmas Party from Thursday, December 14th to Tuesday, December 12th as they are not open to the public on Tuesdays. This date change seemed acceptable to those in attendance. **Mark your calendars for December 12th!**

The Kickoff Party planning is on track for Saturday, November 4th at Moose Jaw. This is always a very well attended event. We are planning for a \$250 meat raffle again this year and a \$250 Kwik Trip raffle. Donations are always welcomed and can be brought to Moose Jaw the evening of the Party or dropped off at Cindy Ley's residence. Her email address is events@snodrovers.com Each member will be issued a wrist band identifying them as a Sno Drover member.

An annual raffle is in the works. Melissa Dupke-Bourgeois will provide more information in the future on this.

Derek Dieringer announced that he would be opening an on-line store this month for apparel orders. You will have one month to place your order and delivery will take place in January. Watch Facebook and the Sno Drover website for the link to the on-line store.

Randy Yunk was given posters by the Bushwackers regarding trail speeds. It was suggested that these be distributed to establishments for posting as a reminder to ensure safe snowmobiling.

Mike Sloane would like to discuss a donation by the Club to the Pike Lake Chain Fire Department #2 to defray propane costs. Mike will provide numbers pertaining to this.

Thanks to Jack's Corner Bar for hosting us tonight.

MTA by Terry Mantor with a 2nd by Merle Schellinger. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Kuss, Secretary