

# Fifield Sno Drovers CLUB NEWSLETTER

Mike Sloane – President W761 Whitmore Rd, Park Falls, WI 54552

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 12th at the Round Up – 6 pm Below are the Minutes from the November 9th 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 Pat  $Ley/2^{nd}$  by Ed Clemens. Motion carried.

### TREASURER REPORT

An updated Treasurer's report for October was presented by Melissa Dupke-Bourgeois which included the beginning balance, expenditures, deposits, and ending balance. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Randy Yunk /2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Eibergen. Motion carried.

The November Treasurer's report was presented by Melissa Dupke-Bourgeois which included the beginning balance, expenditures, deposits, overview of Kickoff Party results and ending balance. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Ann Sloane /2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry Mantor. Motion carried.

### Membership: 234 (includes individual, business and landowner memberships)

### TRAIL AND EQUIPMENT REPORT

Roy Funk reported that there had been seven trail workdays with seven attending on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Trail workdays have included all trails. Trails are in excellent shape. Roy gave a big THANK YOU to all who helped in this regard.

There were two options available to correct the tread situation on the groomer. These options were to glue or replace the right front tread. It was decided by the PCSTA to glue the tread. A spare tread is available at Lulich if needed.

There will be discussion at the Groomer meeting in December regarding the unfunded trails plan.

Gary Eitrem, President of the Bushwackers and Mike Sloane met with Jason Tegan, Land Conservation Technician for Price County to change some of the Sno Drover trails over to the Bushwackers so that they will benefit from maintaining these trails which were previously assigned to the Sno Drovers. The landowners for these trails also need to be changed to the Bushwackers. Rick Sironi is to inform Troy Larson on Monday at the PCSTA meeting of these changes.

The blades are in for the Club's brush hog and have been placed in the groomer barn. Roy would like to purchase another set of blades and pins. A motion was made by Ann Sloane/2<sup>nd</sup> by Roy Funk to purchase a set of blades and pins at a cost not to exceed \$225. Motion carried.

#### **GROOMER UPDATES**

Mike Ida informed those in attendance that the groomer training will take place on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the groomer barn. The Pike Lake Chain Fire Department will also be providing one radio for use in the groomer. This will be covered at the groomer training.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Cindy Ley thanked all in attendance for their support of the Kickoff Party. A thank you will be posted on Facebook acknowledging donations from businesses and Club members. Jeff Eibergen suggested that donators be announced at event in the future.

No report was available on the AWSC Fall conference.

Josh Wilbert and Joe Carper are taking the Speed Reminder posters around to various Club businesses for posting. Jeff Eibergen suggested the poster also be placed on our Facebook page. A trail was lost near Eagle River resulting in a complete reroute. Riders must respect where they are riding.

Jim Clemmons attended the recent SNARS training. The presentation is available to review for those interested.

The Sno Drover apparel sale is well underway. Get your orders in as the sale ends November 24<sup>th</sup>. It was suggested we add a gator for future sales.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Cindy Ley indicated that we will be distributing Winter Run posters along with donation packages at the Club's Christmas Party on December 9<sup>th</sup>. The menu will be the same as previous years – shrimp, ribs and chicken.

Melissa Dupke-Bourgeois plans to have the cash raffle tickets printed and distributed by the Christmas Party. The drawing will take place at the All Worker's Party in March.

Bonnie Ida asked what the proceeds of the raffles would be used for. It was asked if the Club should purchase a drag for the lake approaches as Leo Kalmerton will no longer be handling this work.

Mike Sloane announced that the Club had won the 2<sup>nd</sup> place prize on the AWSC raffle. This was \$2,500.

The status of the "giving back to the community" was asked for. There was no update, however a giving tree or lollipop tree was suggested.

Rick Sironi reminded those present that funds received for trail efforts could not be used for purposes other than maintaining our Club trails.

Sandy Sironi, Secretary of the PCSTA, was asked if our Club had pictures that could be provided for the Price County Visitor Guide. If you have suitable pictures, please email them to <u>chamber@phillipschamber.net</u>

Mike Sloane received an inquiry from the Phillips Chamber of Commerce looking for a fireworks donation. If you have thoughts on this, please let Mike know at president@snodrovers.com

Mike Sloane indicated that we are getting a good deal for our use of the groomer barn. This year at Fun Days the canoe the Club donated did not net what was sold in previous years. Perhaps we need to rethink this and see what other options may be available. Perhaps a fishing kayak and/or a cash donation.

Thank you to Nila for hosting our meeting.

MTA by Terry Mantor with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat Ley at 8:05 pm. Motion carried.

Peggy Kuss, Secretary