



Fifield Sno Drovers CLUB NEWSLETTER

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

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 15th at Musky Jack's – 7 pm

Below are the Minutes from the January 11th meeting at Idle Hour

Meeting called to order by President, Mike Sloane at 7:01 pm

A Quorum was met with ten members and seven Board members attending 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 Jim Clemmons/2nd by Roy Funk. Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT

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

Membership: 275 (includes individual, business and landowner memberships)

TRAIL AND EQUIPMENT REPORT

The trails remain closed. Roy Funk reported that the trails have been run 3-4 times recently to ensure no trees are down. The Snow Friendly signs are up. The new maps have been put up on the trails. Seals have been done on the groomer track bogies. Roy also reported that the antenna has been installed on the groomer and works inside the groomer shed. Mike Ida did additional gluing on the tracks. The drag has been greased and adjusted.

Only one spot behind the bed and breakfast remains soft. Roy will check again next week following the frigid temperatures. No other problems or wetness exist. Roy will check with his contact from the USFS about beginning grooming operations.

Lake marking was discussed. This should take place later next week and is in line with other lake marking activities. Mike Ida reported that there was 6" of good ice on Pike Lake.

GROOMER UPDATES

Mike Ida informed those in attendance that the groomer operators are ready to go. Mike has been communicating with them. Mike will contact the groomers when Roy provides the go ahead to start grooming. Mike Ida also distributed a YouTube video on grooming.

Mike reported that the Sno Drover sign has been installed on the drag. Shout out to Roy for doing that. A picture of the installation was passed around. It looks great.

COUNTY MEETING

Mike Sloane did not attend the PCSTA meeting on January 8, 2024 due to a scheduling conflict.

Mike Sloane reported that the new County maps have been distributed and old maps will be recycled.

The County first aid kit has been placed in the groomer. Some items require special training. Do not use these items unless trained to do so.

OLD BUSINESS

Derek Dieringer reported that the clothing sale went well. There are a few orders still not delivered. Please contact Peggy Kuss to arrange for delivery if these are your items.

Winter Run hats have been ordered and Derek should be taking delivery soon.

Melissa Dupke-Bourgeois reported that the Winter Run folders and Run Sheets have been distributed to the participating locations. Melissa checked into renting a bus to transport Run participants to the local establishments as a result of the trail closure. The Sno Drover Board liked the idea of sponsoring a bus and are proceeding. The cost of the bus is \$50 per hour. Please see the Fifield Sno Drover Facebook page for schedules, cost, etc. This activity supports our sponsors. Mike Sloane to send an email regarding the bus usage to members. Derek to post bus information on social media for this weekend's schedule.

Melissa has distributed annual raffle tickets to approximately 30 establishments. Tickets are \$10 each and selling now through March 9th. Drawing to be held on March 10th at the Worker's Party.

Melissa has purchased three additional AWSC raffle tickets at a cost of \$100 each. One ticket to be raffled off at each upcoming Sno Drover meeting. Chances to win the ticket will be \$10 each and chances will be sold to ten Sno Drover members. A winning number will be randomly drawn (1-10) and the lucky winner will take possession of the AWSC raffle ticket.

NEW BUSINESS

The Club ride schedule has been posted on social media. The February 4th date will be updated soon. An effort will be made to visit outlying establishments and/or those who have not hosted a Sno Drover meeting during the season. The rides will be led by Mike Sloane if available. Otherwise, volunteers to lead a ride(s) are welcome. Rides will take place weather depending.

Copies of the By-Laws and updates were handed out to attending members. This same information was emailed by Mike Sloane to members for their review on January 10, 2024. A motion was made to accept the first set of By-Law revisions

by Jim Clemmons/2nd by Mike Ida. Motion carried. Per Robert's Rules of Order, the updated By-Laws will come before the membership at our February meeting also.

The annual election will take place at our March meeting similar to last year's election. Bonnie Ida has volunteered to tally the votes.

Thank you to Rita for her hospitality!

MTA by Roy Funk/2nd by Derek Dieringer at 8:01 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Kuss, Secretary