



## **Fifield Sno Drovers CLUB NEWSLETTER**

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

**Next Meeting: Thursday, April 11th at Merri Cassidy's – 7 pm**

Below are the Minutes from the March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting at The Lanes

Meeting called to order by Vice President, Jim Clemmons at 7:00 pm

A Quorum was met with 38 members attending the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all members.

### **SECRETARY REPORT**

Minutes from the February meeting were emailed to all members. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Sandy Sironi/2<sup>nd</sup> by Cindy Ley. Motion carried.

### **TREASURER REPORT**

The March 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 Rick Sironi/2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry Mantor. Motion carried.

**Membership: 282 (includes individual, business and landowner memberships)**

### **TRAIL AND EQUIPMENT REPORT**

Our Trail Boss, Roy Funk, reported that there had been no further trail work performed since December 2023. Barrels have been removed from boat landings. All gates should be closed. Roy will verify this over the weekend.

Roy explained that the Price County Snowmobile Trails Association (PCSTA) had placed the Club's New Holland tractor up for sale. In the hope of selling our tractor, prior to a Tucker from another Price County club being sold, a Tucker would be purchased for our use. The tractor will be displayed at Musky Jack's for a short period of time. Derek Dieringer has posted and reposted the tractor on various social media sites as well as many other members.

### **GROOMER UPDATES**

Mike Ida informed those in attendance that 12 groomers had tested out the Tucker and the vast majority chose the Tucker over purchasing another tractor. There are several advantages the Tucker has over a tractor. Terry Mantor briefly

spoke about being able to control the Tucker much better than the tractor as the unit can maneuver corners better based on the design. February's minutes contain further explanation on the advantages of the Tucker.

All groomers, with the exception of one, will be returning next winter.

## **COUNTY MEETING**

Jim Clemmons reminded the Club that we can submit activities to [Wisconsin Snowmobile News](#) to promote the Club. Park Falls has renewed their Snowmobile Friendly City designation. The International Snowmobile Congress (ISC) will be held in Green Bay in April. Troy Larson, President of the PCSTA, will represent us.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

The Winter that Wasn't Club ride was held on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. This was a ride held jointly with the Fifield Dirt Devils. In all, 34 individuals participated in the ride. The ride originated in Pike Lake, traveled to Fifield to support the Fifield Fire Station #1 fundraiser and concluded in the Pike Lake area. Approximately 85 miles were travelled.

Melissa Dupke-Bourgeois was responsible for our annual Club raffle. She reported that 2024 sales surpassed 2022 sales and may have outsold sales in 2023 had the Braapfest event sales not taken place. Very good for a year without snow and without the many snowmobilers who visit our area each winter. A big thank you to members and businesses who helped with the sale of the tickets.

Melissa reported that she would be selling a chance to win an AWSC raffle ticket at the end of the meeting. She would sell 10 chances to win the AWSC raffle ticket at a cost of \$10 each. As a reminder, the Sno Drivers won 2<sup>nd</sup> place last year in this raffle and deposited \$2,500.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Jim Clemmons brought the Landowner Appreciation Certificates before the membership. These are gift certificates that are issued in April to the landowners as a thank you for allowing us to cross their property. A motion was made by Jeff Eibergen/2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick Sironi to issue \$50 gift certificates to our landowners. Motion carried.

Mike Sloane and Melissa Dupke-Bourgeois will be attending the AWSC convention March 22 through March 24. Melissa indicated that each Club is allowed two votes for the slate of AWSC officers. There are two contested positions – Vice President and Treasurer. Based on their profiles which appeared in the March issue of [Wisconsin Snowmobile News](#), Melissa is recommending that the Club support Randy Murdock for Vice President and Steve Clark for Treasurer. A motion was made by Jim Nelson/2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandy Sironi to vote for Randy Murdock and Steve Clark. Motion carried.

The Club's annual election was held. There was only one contested race and that was for President. Pat Ley was successful in his bid for President over Mike Sloane. Peggy Kuss was re elected as Secretary and Mike Ida as Grooming Coordinator. Mary Dupke-Bourgeois was elected Events Coordinator to replace Cindy Ley who did not seek re election. These individuals will assume their roles effective immediately.

Jeff Eibergen thanked the Club for supporting the free membership for the groomers next season.

MTA by Sandy Sironi/2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Clemens at 7:37 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peggy Kuss, Secretary