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Fifield Sno Drovers CLUB NEWSLETTER

Pat Ley – President

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See you in September!

Below are the Minutes from the April 11th meeting at Merri Cassidy's

Meeting called to order by President, Pat Ley at 7:00 pm

A Quorum was met with 35 members attending the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all members.

SECRETARY REPORT

Minutes from the March meeting were emailed to all members. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Jim Clemmons/2nd by Sandy Sironi. Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT

The April 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/2nd by Sandy Sironi. Motion carried.

Our Treasurer provided information regarding investing some of our checking account balance in a certificate of deposit. Melissa inquired with several financial institutions regarding their rate of return and term for CDs. Northwoods Community Credit Union had the most favorable terms with a 5.3% rate of return and a term length of 9 months. A motion was made by Rick Sironi/2nd by Cindy Ley to invest Club dollars in a CD with Northwoods Community Credit Union with the terms stated above.

Membership: 283 (individual, business and landowner memberships)

TRAIL AND EQUIPMENT REPORT

Roy Funk provided the trail report. Roy has laid the groundwork with the Forest Service to make a proposal to allow the Club to reduce the banking and level our trails that need it. Roy will work with the Eisenstein Bushwackers and Fifield Dirt Devils on this project. Roy will ride the trails to determine trails in need of this maintenance and prepare a proposal for the Forest Service.

GROOMER UPDATES

Mike Ida reported that this time of year following a “normal” winter that he requests the groomers to evaluate the season and provide feedback on his performance as the Groomer Coordinator. This will not occur this Spring based on the winter we had.

COUNTY MEETING

President Pat Ley delivered a summary of what transpired at the PCSTA meeting on Monday, April 8, 2024. This included a summary of what occurred at the AWSC Conference held this past March. As a reminder, our Club sent four individuals to participate in the Conference. Pat purchased two additional AWSC raffle tickets at the meeting on behalf of the Club. Similar to previous meetings a line raffle was conducted for each ticket at \$10 for each chance. Both tickets were won by Randy Junk.

Other discussions taking place at the meeting included information regarding the sale of the Club’s tractor (see below for this information).

OLD BUSINESS

Pat Ley is performing a landowner review along with support from the Board members. The goal is to complete the review prior to sending any appreciation certificates to Sno Drover landowners. Based on certain trails becoming the responsibility of the Eisenstein Bushwackers, the Sno Drover landowner list will be reduced. An easement review is also being done to ensure all landowners have provided an easement for our trail to cross their property. Pat plans on personally visiting landowners.

The tractor has not sold as of the PCSTA meeting on March 8, 2024. The Club was asked to place the tractor in front of Musky Jack’s again. This was done. Pat Ley discussed providing financial support for a potential buyer who offered less than the minimum sale price with the membership. Mike Ida offered a motion to loan the PCSTA up to \$10,000 to make the sale of the tractor with formal documentation of the repayment terms by the PCSTA. Rick Sironi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

The Club was made aware of the passing of Les Karpinian, a long-time Club member and treasurer for the Club for some 25-30 years. A luncheon will be held on May 18, 2024 to celebrate Les’ life. Following discussion, a motion was made by Jim Clemmons/2nd by Ed Clemens to donate \$200 for this event. Motion carried.

Mary Dupke-Bourgeois, the Club’s new Events Coordinator, will chair a project to celebrate Price County as a Snowmobile Friendly County with the hope of including the Bushwackers and Sno-Gypsies in the project. The Board would like to encourage our membership to get involved in the project.

Merle Schellinger proposed an idea that the Sno Drivers could adopt a section of Highway 70 similar to the Fifield Dirt Devils. There was interest in this project. Merle and Joe Carper, President of the Dirt Devils, will take this project on for the Sno Drivers with initial clean up potentially taking place in October.

Gary Eitrem was introduced as the Eisenstein Bushwacker’s President and new member of the Fifield Sno Drivers.

Mike Sloane was thanked for his service as our President as well as congratulations to Pat Ley for his successful bid for the Presidency.

Thank you to Merri for hosting tonight and the wonderful lunch.

MTA by Cindy Ley/2nd by Lynne Clemens at 7:46 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Kuss, Secretary