



Fifield Sno Drovers *Meeting Minutes*

Pat Ley – President

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Below are the Minutes from the **November 14, 2024** meeting

Next Meeting – December 12th – Northwoods Supper Club

Meeting called to order by President, Pat Ley at 7:02 pm

A Quorum was met with 30 members attending the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all members.

SECRETARY REPORT

Minutes from the October 2024 meeting were emailed to all members. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Jim Clemmons/2nd by Cindy Ley. Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT

The October 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 Derek Dieringer/2nd by Jeff Eibergen. Motion carried.

Melissa presented a recap of the Kickoff Party financials. There were 88 individuals in attendance at this year's Party. There were 19 paid memberships taken at the door representing both new and renewal memberships. Those in attendance at the meeting offered possible ideas on why the attendance was down. The Board will further discuss this.

Membership: 209 (individual, business and landowner memberships)

TRAIL AND EQUIPMENT REPORT

Roy Funk informed the group that six scheduled trail workdays had been completed. The volunteer turnout was very good and there were new individuals that joined in. A big thanks to all who attended.

Roy also thanked several additional people for their contributions this year. Those individuals included Pat Ley, Josh Wilbert, Terry Mantor, Mike Sloane, Larry Schoonover and others who contributed many volunteer hours. Island City Dray provided gravel on Sloane's corner and on 101 near the bridge. The USFS repaired the washout on Trail 120 ensuring a much safer trail. The USFS is also looking at the water that is accumulating near the bridge on Trail 101 again.

Jim Clemmons provided an update that he had recorded 427 volunteer hours into SNARS. There have been 28 different volunteers. There has been 79 hours of grader usage. The grader invoice will be submitted to the state via SNARS. Custom Landscaping and Caretaking will provide the grader invoice to the Club in January 2025 with possible donations towards this cost.

On Saturday, November 16th the trail workday will be comprised of preparing the lake barrels and wands. The tractor has been moved into the groomer shed.

Frank Dusek has been working with a landowner on Trail 121 to ensure the trail remains open on his property. Roy Funk and Frank will be meeting with this gentleman to ensure his requests are met.

“Now things are up to MOTHER NATURE!”

GROOMER UPDATE

Mike Ida has distributed the groomer schedule to all groomers. It appears to be the final schedule as Mike has received no requests for changes as of this meeting. Each groomer will have 17 runs this season and have an opportunity to groom all trails except for one groomer. Each week there will be one groomer who performs two runs. Currently Mike has 15 groomers with 2 reserve groomers. Morale seems good.

COUNTY MEETING REPORT (PCSTA)

All clubs were asked to check with some of their local establishments to determine if there was an interest in participating in the BOGO fundraising activity that Pat Ley presented to those in attendance.

Pictures have been provided to Troy Larson of the tractor and it is now on Facebook according to Frank Dusek. If the tractor sells, we will have access to a Tucker to complete our grooming for the season.

OLD BUSINESS

Kickoff Party – In Mary Dupke-Bourgeois’ absence, Melissa Dupke-Bourgeois reported that the new way of handling raffles was well received. It was suggested that one-sided tickets be used in the future. There was a bit of a struggle capturing all donations made the night of the Party. There are many individuals who helped in collecting donations, selling, poster distribution, etc. Thank you to all volunteers.

Santa’s Elves – Melissa Dupke-Bourgeois reported that there had been a 30% increase in the number of children signed up to benefit from the Santa’s Elves program. Donations were accepted or tags taken off the giving tree for this program at the Kickoff Party. Melissa clarified that you are not required to choose gift(s) totaling \$75. Thank you to Mark and Teri Fischer for supporting this great cause at the Kickoff Party. Remaining children’s tags will be sponsored by the Club. Please contact Mary Dupke-Bourgeois if you are interested in shopping or donating to this great cause at events@snodrovers.com. Gifts are due to Santa’s Elves no later than December 3rd.

Donation Cans “Feed the Pig” – Randy Yunk was not able to attend the meeting. The members present were reminded that Randy was authorized to build a prototype of the donation can and present it at our November meeting. Pat Ley spoke about the concept and a picture of the “Pig” was briefly shown. The cost for the donation can would be \$100 and it is believed that three are needed. Cans would be placed at three map locations on our trails. The USFS has approved the placement of the cans. A motion to proceed was not made and tabled until the December meeting.

Volunteer Survey – Derek Dieringer reported that members should have received a very short survey from the Club via their email. To date he has received 25 responses indicating that 40% of those responding already volunteer, leaving 60%

of those responding that do not. The primary reason for not volunteering was that those responding do not live in the area. The primary interest for volunteering was to work on Fall trail workdays. Peggy Kuss indicated that she would like to relook at the locations where our members reside.

By-Law Update – Peggy Kuss reminded everyone that the updated By-Laws had been emailed to them on Monday, November 11th and a secondary update sent on Wednesday, November 13th. A motion was made by Mike Ida/2nd by Otto Kuss indicating that the changes made were acceptable. Motion carried. A second and FINAL vote will need to be made at our December meeting to finalize the changes made to the By-Laws for the 2024-2025 season.

NEW BUSINESS

Christmas Party – Melissa Dupke-Bourgeois updated the members in Mary Dupke-Bourgeois' absence regarding the upcoming Christmas Party to be held at Northwoods Supper Club in Fifield on December 12th. The Party will begin at 5 pm. In the past we were allowed to bring hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Mary is checking to ensure that these will be allowed at Northwoods Supper Club this year. A 50/50 raffle may be run.

Snowmobile Friendly County – We remain on track to host this event at the Oneida/Price County line on Trail 101. The event will be held on January 18th, 2025 from 11 am to 2 pm in celebration of Price County being a Snowmobile Friendly County. Winter Run cards will be sold and coupons for \$2 off a non-alcoholic item will be available for local establishments. The Eisenstein Bushwackers are also considering such an event. Volunteers are needed, please reach out to Mary at events@snodrovers.com if you are interested in volunteering.

Winter Run – Melissa Dupke-Bourgeois informed the members that January 17th will be the start of our Winter Run. One bus trip is being considered which would visit the Club's Platinum businesses first.

Lifetime Memberships – Three long-time members were honored with Lifetime Memberships at our meeting and presented a plaque recognizing each of them. Terry Mantor, Andy Calderwood and Leo Kalmerton have contributed greatly to the Club's success for many years. We are grateful to have them as part of our Club.

MTA by Lynne Clemens/2nd by Terry Mantor at 8:18 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Kuss, Secretary