

Fifield Sno Drovers Meeting Minutes

Pat Ley – President N14710 Shady Knoll Road, Park Falls, WI 54552

Below are the Minutes from the **December 12, 2024** meeting **Next Meeting** – January 16th at Peninsula Pines

Meeting called to order by President, Pat Ley at 6:02 pm

A Quorum was met with 62 members attending the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all members.

SECRETARY REPORT

Minutes from the November 2024 meeting were emailed to all members. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Lynne Clemens/2nd by Rick Sironi. Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT

The November 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 Terry Mantor. Motion carried.

Membership: 218 (individual, business and landowner memberships)

TRAIL AND EQUIPMENT REPORT

Roy Funk informed the group that marking the lakes will take place when it is safe to do so. Usually this takes place in January.

On Wednesday, December 18th there will be an unscheduled trail workday. Please meet at the Pike Lake Fire Hall at 9 am if you can help with a final check of the trails with your ATV/UTV or if you are willing to pack down our two swamps with your snowmobile. Both the ATV/UTV and snowmobile use will require a trailer to reach the trails. Pat Ley informed the group that the Pike Lake Fire Department snowmobile is running and ready to be used.

GROOMER UPDATE

Mike Ida, Groomer Coordinator, informed the members present that 16 groomers are ready to begin grooming. Mike is offering a groomer refresher on Saturday, December 14th at 9 am at the Pike Lake Fire Hall. Mother nature needs to provide another eight inches of packable snow so that panning can begin.

The Board is planning a lifesaving skills class in the future. The date will be communicated.

COUNTY MEETING REPORT (PCSTA)

Pat Ley gave a brief update on the PCSTA meeting that took place on December 9th. He informed everyone that our tractor had not been put up for sale yet pending snowfall. The BOGO (buy one get one) fundraiser was also discussed at the meeting. Jim Walcisak, Price County AWSC Director, along with any others interested in being part of the PCSTA fundraising committee should contact Jim at 715-905-0100.

The Phillips and Prentice clubs will be offering a snowmobile safety class in January if you are interested. Please sign up on the DNR Go Wild website at <u>DNR Safety Class</u>.

OLD BUSINESS

Pat Ley displayed the pink pig that is proposed to collect Sno Drover donations at three separate trail locations. The pigs will be placed on steel posts at three map locations. A motion was made by Ann Sloane to proceed with the purchase of three pigs at \$100 each/2nd by Rick Sironi. Motion carried. Two additional suggestions were made. Please label the pig as it being for the Fifield Sno Drovers and look further into placing a QR Code near the pig for individuals not able to donate via cash. The Board will look further into the QR Code per Derek Dieringer, Communications Officer.

Mary Dupke-Bourgeois updated all members present on the upcoming Winter Run. She is continuing to locate a bus for February 1st at a cost of \$10 per rider. Mary thanked all who volunteered to place Winter Run posters and collect donations. If possible, please send Mary a picture of each business' donations so that our thank you PowerPoint presentation can be updated as we collect donations versus the evening of the Winter Run closing party. Pictures can be emailed to Mary at <u>events@snodrovers.com</u> or by text message at 920-901-5551.

Mary also updated the group and solicited volunteers for the upcoming Snowmobile Friendly County event. The event will be held on January 18th from 11 am to 2 pm on Trail 101 near the Oneida County line. The Eisenstein Bushwackers are doing something similar near the chalet (A Frame) on Highway 70.

Peggy Kuss asked for a motion to ratify the updated By-Laws for the 2024-2025 season. A motion was made by Chris Pawell/2nd by Ed Clemens to ratify the By-Law updates. Motion carried. The revised By-Laws will be posted on the Sno Drover website shortly.

NEW BUSINESS

President Ley asked for a moment of silence to remember Terry Schneider, owner of the Round Up Bar, who supported the Sno Drovers for many years and recently passed.

MTA by Lynne Clemens/2nd by Cindy Ley at 6:27 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Peggy Kuss, Secretary