



Fifield Sno Drovers *Meeting Minutes*

Pat Ley – President

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Below are the Minutes from the **January 16, 2025** meeting

Next Meeting – A&J's Springstead Trading Post/Big Musky Lounge

Meeting called to order by President, Pat Ley at 7:01 pm

A Quorum was met with 28 members attending the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all members.

SECRETARY REPORT

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

TREASURER REPORT

The December 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 Sandy Sironi/2nd by Roy Funk. Motion carried.

Membership: 251 (individual, business and landowner memberships)

TRAIL AND EQUIPMENT REPORT

Roy Funk, Trail Boss, presented the Trail and Equipment Report. The week before Christmas ten volunteers ran the trails to ensure the trails were ready for our opening removing any downed trees, brush, etc. A week ago we had wet spots near the bed & breakfast as reported by Mike and Bonnie Ida. With the frigid temperatures, this should be better now.

GROOMER UPDATE

Mike Ida, Groomer Coordinator, reported that all trails have been panned and a one-inch base exists. We need snow and then panning/grooming operations will begin again.

Mike also reported that Jeff Eibergen had taken the tractor and drag through the trail behind Stein's with no problem.

The demo Tucker was to be here for groomers to test during our Snowmobile Friendly County event but was cancelled due to lack of snow. Secondary dates to test drive the Tucker were January 25th and February 22nd depending on snow.

COUNTY MEETING REPORT (PCSTA)

Jim Clemmons, Vice President, gave a brief update on the PCSTA meeting that took place on January 13th. He confirmed that all Price County trails are closed. The USFS will advise the county when trails can be opened. We were advised to leave USFS gates open for safety reasons.

Jim Walcisak, Price County AWSC Director, told those in attendance at the PCSTA meeting that audits have been underway by the state relative to raffles. A reminder was given to have raffle licenses on hand during any raffle activities. Calendars will be sold next season again and a deadline of July 1st set to have event information to the AWSC. A public notice for trail status must be provided. This could include radio, Facebook, etc. Trail pass purchases were substantially down this year. Please remind family and friends to purchase their trail passes which benefits all Wisconsin snowmobile clubs.

OLD BUSINESS

Pat Ley informed the group that the donation pigs will be installed the week of January 20th. Pictures will be taken and displayed to ensure that everyone understands their purpose.

Mary Dupke-Bourgeois updated all members present on the Winter Run which starts Friday, January 17th. There are 35 establishments on the Run. The Run sheet contains one error which pertains to The Black Bear's breakfast days. They serve breakfast only on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Mary thanked individuals who are helping with this event – donations, folder and poster delivery, etc. A bus will be running on February 1st for the Winter Run. The bus ride is \$10 per rider and you must purchase a Run sheet also. Pick up will be at Moose Jaw at 4 pm. Follow our Facebook posts for further information.

The Snowmobile Friendly County event has been officially cancelled. A brief discussion occurred about whether the Club wants to reschedule. It was decided that the Club would play any rescheduling of the event by ear.

There are eight spots left for the February 16th hands on (no certification) first-aid course. The training will take place at the Pike Lake Fire Hall from 1 to 4 pm. Participants will learn the use of an AED, CPR, splinting, how to stop bleeding, etc. Sign up is on-line and can be found on the Sno Drover Facebook page.

NEW BUSINESS

The first Club ride of the season will take place January 17th at 9 am. Meet at Kountry Kafe in Fifield for breakfast and to get your first stamp for the Winter Run. Please come and support our sponsor.

The Brown Ground Ride scheduled for January 18th has been cancelled due to the cold weather. This event was sponsored by the Flambeau Riders UTV/ATV Club.

Peggy Kuss updated the members that an election will take place at our March 13th meeting. Board position up for election are Vice President, Treasurer/Membership Chair, Trail Boss and Communications Officer. Nomination forms can be found online or at our February meeting and will be due by midnight on March 2nd per the By-Laws. As a reminder, the revised By-Laws require one year of consecutive membership with the Fifield Sno Drovers to be nominated. Also revised in the By-Laws is a requirement that you must have been a member in good standing of the Fifield Sno Drovers 60 days prior to the election. For the 2025 election, this date was by midnight on January 12th.

Melissa informed the group that Forward Bank was making a \$1,000 donation to the Sno Drovers and reminded everyone of the \$500 donation we received from Birch Street Funeral Service. The Big Dipper also had interest in making a donation.

MTA by Rick Sironi/2nd by Cindy Ley at 7:42 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Kuss, Secretary