



Fifield Sno Drivers *Meeting Minutes*

Pat Ley – President

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Below are the Minutes from the **February 13, 2025** meeting

Next Meeting – The Birches on March 13th

Meeting called to order by President, Pat Ley at 7:02 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 January 2025 meeting were emailed to all members. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Rick Sironi/2nd by Jayne Robinson. Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT

The January 2025 Treasurer's report was corrected by Melissa Dupke-Bourgeois. A motion was made to accept the correction with a motion by Rick Sironi/2nd by Jeff Eibergen. Motion carried.

The February 2025 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 David Dick/2nd by Chris Pawell. Motion carried.

Membership: 256 (individual, business and landowner memberships)

TRAIL AND EQUIPMENT REPORT

Roy Funk, Trail Boss, reported that the trails are in early season riding condition. There has been some damage to the drag which has been repaired. Lakes were marked on February 8, 2025 with the help of 8 volunteers.

GROOMER UPDATE

Mike Ida, Groomer Coordinator, reported that groomers are happy to be grooming. Groomers are performing two runs each Friday through Monday and as needed otherwise due to the lack of snow. Mike also indicated that he provides the trail report to the County each week.

COUNTY MEETING REPORT (PCSTA)

Jim Clemmons, Vice President, gave an update on the PCSTA meeting that took place on February 10th. Jim reported that he had met Nathan from GTS Trails. Jim now has access to live data from grooming operations. The groomer must move between 2 and 15 mph to register as grooming on the system.

Jim also discussed what he saw as a concern of alternating funded and non-funded trails as the groomer progressed down funded trails. Nathan informed him that this was an overlap of the GEO fence at intersections which are 700 feet wide and 350 feet each side of the trail.

The GTS Trails system reflects 75 miles of trails groomed by the Club. We have 513 hours of non-grooming hours and we are over the max with the addition of the cost of the grader. There has been 32 volunteers involved in trail maintenance this season.

AWSC annual dues are going up. Randy Yunk suggested that we contact our legislative representative regarding an increase in fees decided by the state such as trail passes, registration fees, etc.

It doesn't appear that the new Tucker the PCSTA is interested in purchasing for us to use in our grooming operations will become a reality this year or possibly even next year.

It was suggested by a member that the trail between The Big Dipper and Idle Hour becomes a funded trail. This trail is approximately one-fourth mile. Rick Sironi informed the members that the process to do so is quite long.

OLD BUSINESS

The Winter Run Grand Finale will take place on February 22, 2025 at The Big Dipper. The drawing will take place at 7 pm. Like the Kickoff Party, each member will be assigned a number when entering and will use that number on the back of their purchased raffle tickets. If you have a Sharpie, please bring it for your personal use. Raffle ticket sales will begin at 6 pm. There are volunteer opportunities available.

It was reported that some businesses were not interested in donating.

There will be a second Winter Run bus on Friday, February 21st which will visit our sponsors in the Mercer/Flowage area. Sign up is required on our Facebook page. If there is not sufficient people to ride, the bus will be cancelled. There was 23 riders on the first bus.

Cash Raffle tickets are still available if you want to sell or purchase them. Contact Melissa Dupke-Bourgeois for this. Sales are ongoing and the winners will be announced at the Worker's Party on April 5, 2025 at The Lanes.

The Sno Drovers are sponsoring a first aid course on Sunday, February 16th at the Pike Lake Fire Hall. At the time of this meeting, there were 8 slots still open. The training is free of charge to participants and is a hands-on training.

Peggy Kuss, Secretary, informed the members that Club elections will take place at our March meeting. Paper Nomination forms were available for members to take and are due to Peggy no later than midnight on March 2, 2025. As a reminder, the Vice President, Treasurer/Membership Chair, Trail Boss and Communications Officer positions are up for election.

The "Feed the Pigs" banks were placed and groomers will be responsible for collecting the donations from each bank. The banks are located at the 101/120, 101/104 and 105/111 trail intersections.

The Town of Fifield Board has discussed the possibility of charging the Club for propane used to heat the groomer barn. Pat Ley, President, is waiting to be contacted by John Schroeder, Town Supervisor, regarding this according to the January 21, 2025 Town Board meeting minutes. Dan Metz, Fire Chief for Fifield Fire Department 2, addressed the group regarding how his budget works. A member suggested that we explore a long-term plan to become independent.

NEW BUSINESS

Peggy Kuss informed the group regarding the Spring AWSC Convention. Interested individuals should contact Peggy for further information. The Board has authorized up to four individuals to attend the Convention which will be held in Green Bay this year on March 28-30th. The Spring Convention is a business meeting versus the AWSC workshop held in the Fall. Peggy asked for funding to put together a raffle basket to donate to KAOS at the Convention. A motion was made by Sandy Sironi/2nd by Lynne Clemens to put together a basket not to exceed \$200. Motion carried.

MTA by Rick Sironi/2nd by Larry Schoonover at 8:00 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Kuss, Secretary