

Fifield Sno Drovers Meeting Minutes

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

Below are the Minutes from the April 10, 2025 meeting

See you next September!

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

A Quorum was met with 25 members attending the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all members.

SECRETARY REPORT

Minutes from the March 2025 meeting were emailed to all members. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Jeff Eibergen/2nd by Cindy Ley. Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT

The April 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 Derek Dieringer/2nd by Mary Dupke-Bourgeois. Motion carried.

Melissa reported that the 2023-2024 season audit had been completed by Lynne Clemens without any findings.

The Club renewed their 9-month certificate of deposit with Forward Bank.

Membership: 258 (individual, business and landowner memberships)

TRAIL AND EQUIPMENT REPORT

Roy Funk, Trail Boss, reported that the barrels and wands have been stored and all gates closed.

Pat Ley, President, brought before the Board an interest in purchasing a roller for sale in Cuba City at a cost of \$4,000. A discussion with the membership followed which included reimbursement from the state for the purchase and use of the roller as well as what is available from the PCSTA for packing the trails. No motion was made to finalize the purchase of a roller. The Sno Drovers will explore the use of the PCSTA equipment to pack the trails.

GROOMER UPDATE

Mike Ida, Groomer Coordinator, reported that all groomers have reported that they are returning for the 2025-2026 season. Mike will be returning the grooming schedule for next year to a Sunday through Saturday schedule.

Jeff Eibergen thanked the Club for the gift certificates and the 2025-2026 season free memberships for the groomers.

COUNTY MEETING REPORT (PCSTA)

Although the monthly PCSTA meeting will not occur until Monday, April 14, 2025, Troy Larson, President of the PCSTA was present and shared some information with club members. The Fifield Sno Drovers is the largest club in Price County. Troy recognized that the final weekend grooming push this past season is what got the Price County clubs into supplemental payments. The Sno Drovers should be proud of their accomplishments.

The PCSTA (10 clubs in Price County) will be discussing an assessment on each club from their supplemental payment to contribute to the finances of the PCSTA.

OLD BUSINESS

Peggy Kuss, Secretary, reported that the landowner gift certificates were prepared and mailed on April 3, 2025. There were 15 certificates mailed out.

Pat Ley, President, reported that he and Peggy Kuss had met with the John Schroeder and Dave Ebert from the Town of Fifield on April 10th, 2025. A five-year rental contract was discussed. This proposal will be discussed by the Sno Drover Board.

The All Worker's Party took place on Saturday, April 5th at The Lanes in Park Falls. The event was well attended by 36 individuals. The menu was similar to previous parties. A special thank you was made to all workers who volunteered their time.

Melissa Dupke-Bourgeois reported that she is still in the process of updating the cash raffle information and that we did have better sales than the 2023-2024 season.

NEW BUSINESS

Derek Dieringer, Communications Director, informed the membership that they would be receiving a survey by email very shortly. The survey asks questions about events, donations, future vision, etc. and should take 10-12 minutes to complete. The survey is multiple choice. Your input is important to the Board. If you choose to include your name in the survey, you will be put into a raffle for a Sno Drover hat. Two hats will be given away.

Peggy Kuss informed the group that the June membership mailing will take place as in previous years through the USPS. At the recent AWSC Convention in March, a vote was taken and passed to increase the AWSC dues by \$5 or to \$17 annually. The Sno Drovers will need to remit this amount to the AWSC. The Sno Drover Board has discussed this and will be increasing annual dues by \$5 for the 2025-2026 season.

Jim Clemmons, Vice President, thanked the Board for their year-round commitment and hardwork to the success of the Club.

There being no additional business, a motion was made by Leo Kalmerton/ 2^{nd} by Troy Larson to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm.
Respectfully submitted, Peggy Kuss, Secretary