



## **Fifield Sno Drovers** ***Meeting Minutes***

**Pat Ley – President**

**N14710 Shady Knoll Road, Park Falls, WI 54552**

Below are the Minutes from the **December 11, 2025** meeting

**See you at our next meeting on January 15<sup>th</sup> at The Big Dipper!**

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

A Quorum was met with 46 members attending the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all members.

### **SECRETARY REPORT**

Minutes from the November 2025 meeting were emailed to all members. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Jim Nelson/2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry Mantor. Motion carried.

### **TREASURER REPORT**

The Treasurer's report was presented by Peggy Kuss in Melissa Dupke-Bourgeois absence. The report covered the period of November 13, 2025 to December 10, 2025 and included expenditures, deposits and ending balance. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Cindy Ley/2<sup>nd</sup> by David Dick. Motion carried.

**Membership: 225 (individual, business and landowner memberships)**

### **TRAIL AND EQUIPMENT REPORT**

Roy Funk, Trail Boss, reported that there were 1,000s of trees down from the November storm and that heavy equipment will be needed to clear them. More about this under New Business. Anyone able to help tomorrow, December 12th, should meet at the Pike Lake Fire Hall at 9 am with their chainsaw or other clearing equipment. Roy also said that workdays will be held all of next week, December 15<sup>th</sup> through December 19<sup>th</sup>. A suggestion was made by Lynne Clemens to utilize the local radio station to get the word out on the need for volunteers. Pat Ley, President, indicated that some volunteers may come up from the clubs in southern Price County to help as well.

## **GROOMER UPDATE**

Mike Ida, Groomer Coordinator, confirmed the Sno Drovers have 15 groomers with 4 additional individuals interested. The groomer refresher will be held Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, at the Pike Lake Fire Barn. Following the refresher he hopes to have the groomers help with the trails. Once the debris is removed from the trail, panning will begin.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Clothing Orders**

Derek Dieringer, Communications Director, distributed the clothing orders at the meeting and indicated that Jim Clemmons will take the remaining orders that need to be picked up. If you were not able to pick up your order at the meeting, you will be receiving an email from Derek on how to proceed.

### **Winter Run**

Peggy Kuss, Secretary, gave an update on the Winter Run in Mary Dupke-Bourgeois' absence. This update included that the registration process at the Winter Run will be changed. Eric Barbieri, a member of the Sno Drovers, is set to play. The donation sheets and posters are available tonight and need to be delivered with donations picked up and finally that the Run Sheets may have a new look.

Derek Dieringer spoke about the signup for the Winter Run bus tour on the Sno Drover website. Please sign up if you are interested so we know what size of bus we need to accommodate everyone.

### **Snowmobile Friendly County Event**

Mike Ida, Groomer Coordinator, updated the members on the Snowmobile Friendly County Event. The event will be held on January 31<sup>st</sup> from 11 am to 2 pm at the Oneida County line on Trail 101/Corridor 10. Coupons valued at \$2 off for non-alcoholic purchases at our local establishments will be given out. Mike will visit the establishments to explain the coupon and how they will be reimbursed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Roy Funk and Pat Ley explained to members more specifically the condition of the trails and the need to use heavy equipment. Randy Yunk commented that it is brutal to do the clearing manually.

Pat has contacted Custom Caretaking and Landscaping regarding the rental of two excavators. Pat would be authorized to operate the mini excavator at a cost of \$80 per metered hour and the other excavator would be operated by a Custom Caretaking and Landscaping employee at a cost of \$110 per metered hour. This expense could be submitted to SNARS. Jeff Eibergen also reported that he has access to a mini excavator through Woody's Wood Products at a cost of \$55 per metered hour. Delivery would be \$30 and the excavator would be operated by Jeff.

Pat has spoken to the USFS to ensure the work was approved.

A motion was made by Ann Sloane/2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Nelson to authorize \$10,000 for the purpose of renting heavy equipment. This motion was then amended by Ann to spend \$15,000 for this purpose and finally was amended in its final form to spend \$20,000 for this purpose with Board approval. The final motion was seconded by Jayne Robinson. Motion carried.

Preparing and serving lunches at the Pike Lake Fire Hall was discussed for the volunteers clearing trails. We will look further into this for the week of December 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Raffles**

Terry Mantor was the winner of the 50/50 raffle and received \$224.

The winner of the vintage snowmobile print was Chris Pawell. A big thank you to Murphy's Furniture for this donation.

A motion to adjourn was made by Lynne Clemens/2<sup>nd</sup> by David Dick to adjourn at 6:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Kuss, Secretary