



## **Fifield Sno Drovers Meeting Minutes**

**Pat Ley – President**

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

Below are the Minutes from the **January 15, 2026** meeting

**See you at our next meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup> at Riverside Bar & Grill!**

Meeting called to order by President, Pat Ley, at 7:06 pm

A Quorum was met with 35 members attending the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all members.

### **SECRETARY REPORT**

Minutes from the December 2025 meeting were emailed to all members. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Mary Dupke-Bourgeois/2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Clemens. Motion carried.

### **TREASURER REPORT**

The Treasurer's report was presented by Melissa Dupke-Bourgeois. The report covered the period of December 11, 2025 to January 14, 2026 and included expenditures, deposits and ending balance. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Jim Nelson/2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Eibergen. Motion carried.

Melissa also reported the recap of the Santa's Elves donations. The Sno Drovers donated \$99.20 to this children's Christmas charity with members providing the balance of the donations.

**Membership: 245 (individual, business and landowner memberships)**

### **TRAIL AND EQUIPMENT REPORT**

Roy Funk, Trail Boss, reported that our damaged tractor has been repaired and is being returned today (January 15<sup>th</sup>). Roy also reported that three pieces of equipment were rented for a full week to clear the latest storm damage. Also used was personal equipment along with many volunteers. After 8 to 10 days of cleanup, the team is back to grooming. Sandy Sironi offered a thank you for the donation of refreshments to the cause by The Big Dipper.

Jim Clemmons, Vice President, reported that 1,000's of volunteer hours had been done, 380 hours of ice disaster cleanup and 50 volunteers helped. We would still be closed without the use of large equipment.

A special thank you went out to the team that was able to remove the damaged tractor from the trail so that it could be loaded and transported to Lulich Implement for repair.

Roy also reminded the members that the reroute around 182 from Springstead to the Flowage had been completed by the Mercer Sno Goers and that it was great now. He asked us to promote this change.

### **GROOMER UPDATE**

Mike Ida, Groomer Coordinator, reported that there were 18 groomers now trained. Two new groomers have been trained and two new additional groomers are coming on.

Grooming is conducted 7 days a week doing both am and pm runs. As an example of the time it takes, Mike reported that some runs take 8-9 hours to complete.

The lakes have been marked and barrels placed.

### **COUNTY MEETING REPORT (PCSTA)**

Peggy Kuss offered the PCSTA meeting report. She emphasized the importance of contacting our Senator, Jesse James and our Assemblyman, Rob Summerfield to support Bill SB700 and AB704, respectively. Both of these support the increase in fees for registering a snowmobile in Wisconsin and purchasing a trail pass. The last increase for these items was 2013. Please support this legislation as all Wisconsin snowmobile clubs rely on funding which is attributed to funds from the sale of snowmobile registrations and trail passes.

Senator Jesse James – [Sen.james@legis.wisconsin.gov](mailto:Sen.james@legis.wisconsin.gov) 608-266-7511

Assemblyman Rob Summerfield – [Rep.summerfield@legis.wisconsin.gov](mailto:Rep.summerfield@legis.wisconsin.gov) 608-237-9168

The AWSC reported that they received requests to issue 25,000 trail passes in December setting a record. Don't wait until the snow comes, order early to receive your trail pass in a timely way and to support the sport of snowmobiling.

Four deaths have been reported in Wisconsin this season. Sled Safe patrols will be conducted January 30<sup>th</sup> to February 1<sup>st</sup> and again February 6<sup>th</sup> to February 8<sup>th</sup> by the DNR and other law enforcement. Please be safe out there – ALWAYS.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Winter Run**

Mary Dupke-Bourgeois, Events Coordinator, gave an update on the Winter Run progress. The Winter Run kicks off today, January 15<sup>th</sup> and runs through February 21<sup>st</sup> ending with our Grand Finale at SugarBush Bar. There will be music by Eric Barbieri and raffles. Donations for raffle prizes have been coming in. We are receiving fantastic prizes to be raffled.

The sheet may look a little different this year as the sheet was broken into four loops. Each loop has a location outside of the Pike Lake area where your sheet can be turned in. If you complete at least one loop, you will be eligible to receive one can coozie. The price of the Winter Run sheets remained \$10.

The Winter Run bus will run again this year and will be leaving from Moose Jaw at 4 pm on January 17<sup>th</sup>. The bus currently has 5 seats remaining. The bus cost is \$10 per rider and the purchase of a Winter Run sheet.

### **Club Ride**

Derek Dieringer, Communications Director, brought us up to speed on our first Club ride scheduled for January 28<sup>th</sup>. There will be four to five club rides this year depending on weather and trail conditions. We will be leaving from the Federal boat landing at 10 am on January 28<sup>th</sup>. Watch Facebook for further information.

### **Snowmobile Friendly County Event**

Mike Ida, Groomer Coordinator, updated the members on the Snowmobile Friendly County event. Riders will be welcomed from Oneida County into Price County which is designated by the AWSC as a Snowmobile Friendly County. 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. Establishments include Moose Jaw, Idle Hour, The Big Dipper, Musky Jack's and Wintergreen Resort. The Club will reimburse the establishments for the redeemed coupons. Please contact Mike Ida if you are interested in volunteering.

### **Cash Raffle Push**

Melissa Dupke-Bourgeois, Treasurer, who is responsible for the cash raffle provided an update. Sales of cash raffle tickets will end with the drawing for the cash prizes being on March 21<sup>st</sup> at the Worker's Party. Prizes include \$1,000 for 1<sup>st</sup>, \$500 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, \$250 for 3<sup>rd</sup>, \$150 for 4<sup>th</sup> and \$100 for 5<sup>th</sup>. If you are a member of the Club and haven't purchased your tickets yet, we are counting on your support. Please promote the sale of our raffle tickets when you are out and about.

### **Elections**

Peggy Kuss, Secretary, gave an update on the upcoming elections. There are four positions that will be included in the election. These include President, Secretary, Grooming Coordinator and Events Coordinator. Elections will take place at our March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting held at A&J's Springstead Trading Post. Nomination forms are available now and must be received no later than March 1, 2026. The By-Laws require that individuals being nominated must have been a Club member in good standing for at least one year prior to the election. Brief position descriptions are available at the Sno Drover website.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rick Sironi/2<sup>nd</sup> by Ann Sloane to adjourn at 7:58 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Kuss, Secretary