



Fifield Sno Drovers Meeting Minutes

Pat Ley – President

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Below are the Minutes from the September 10, 2026 meeting at MT Pockets

Next meeting is at Kountry Kafe on October 8, 2026

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

A Quorum was met with 20 members attending the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all members.

SECRETARY REPORT

Minutes from the April 9, 2026 meeting were emailed to all members. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Cindy Ley/2nd by Crystal Wooley. Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT

The Treasurer's report was presented by Peggy Kuss, Secretary, in Melissa Dupke-Bourgeois' absence. The report covered the period of March 12, 2026 to September 9, 2026, and included expenditures, deposits and ending balance. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Mike Sloane/2nd by David Dick. Motion carried.

Melissa will present the annual budget at our membership meeting in November.

Membership: 117 (individual, business and landowner memberships)

TRAIL AND EQUIPMENT REPORT

Roy Funk, Trail Boss, reported that the Sno Drovers have seven trail workdays scheduled with September 26th being the first workday. Work will be performed on Trail 120 south to the 4 corners. You will need to trailer your ATV/UTV for this work. Lunch will be at Musky Jack's.

The first three workdays will address trails designated as snowmobile only. The Dirt Devils have been working on the dual-purpose trails.

There has been a lot more ATV/UTV traffic on the trails. Individuals working on the trails will be required to wear visibility vests which will need to be returned to Roy following the workday. The members were reminded that there is much to

be done on the trails that does not include operating a chainsaw. Please watch the Sno Drover website, Facebook page or signup up for text messaging alerts on the Sno Drover website to join in.

GROOMER UPDATE

Mike Ida, Groomer Coordinator, reported that all groomers (16) are returning next season with the possibility of adding a few more that have groomed in the past. Mike will be reaching out to each of the groomers inviting them and their spouses to a gathering in October.

It was also reported that we will be keeping the New Holland tractor for at least an additional year or two.

MEETING REPORT (PCSTA)

Pat Ley, President, reported that the Sno Drovers have new map boxes that will be distributed in the future to various establishments.

Pat also reported that the Price County trail system has now been divided into six zones. These zones will be reflected on the map that is currently being printed. Individual clubs and the county will determine the opening and closing of their zone. The public will learn of these openings and closings through the Travel Wisconsin website. Jim Walczak, our AWSC Director, will ensure this update. Each Club's Facebook page and website (if they have one) will also announce the opening or closing. Derek Dieringer, Communications Director, will post the new map on the Sno Drover website once he receives the pdf version of the map. Several counties in Wisconsin have already begun using zones.

OCTOBER AWSC WORKSHOP

Peggy Kuss, Secretary, informed the members of the AWSC Workshop coming up October 23-25 in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. The Board has approved payment for the workshop and hotel for two individuals at a cost not to exceed \$340. Attending the Saturday evening banquet would be at your own cost. If you are interested in attending or learning more about the workshop, please let Peggy know by October 1, 2026.

APPAREL ORDER

Derek Dieringer will be working on an apparel order in the next couple of weeks. As usual the order will be placed on the Sno Drover website. Derek is planning for the delivery of the orders in November. More on this to come.

BY-LAW CHANGES

Per the By-Laws, the Sno Drover President is responsible for reviewing the Club's By-Laws on an annual basis. The President, along with the Board are recommending the following changes to the December 12, 2024 By-Laws.

Article III Section 4

The Treasurer will be responsible for presenting the annual Sno Drover budget to the membership each October at the monthly meeting for approval once reviewed by the Board.

The Treasurer will also safely maintain any legal documents affecting the Fifield Sno Drovers including tax documents, articles of incorporation, etc.

Article V Section 1

These monthly meetings will be held during the second week of each of the months scheduled from September through March. The President with the Board's approval may change a meeting date as deemed appropriate.

Members will do their initial review of the above changes at our October meeting. If there are no modifications to the suggested changes, a second review will be performed at the November meeting with a final motion and vote.

KICKOFF PARTY

The Kickoff Party will be held on October 17th beginning at 6 pm at Moose Jaw. As always, volunteers are needed and donations appreciated. Due to the party being held, there will be no trail lunch following workday.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Sno Drover Christmas Party will be held December 12th beginning at 5 pm at the Pike Lake Fire Hall with a brief meeting taking place just prior to the party. If you are interested in helping with decorating, games or bringing a dish to pass, please contact Mary Dupke-Bourgeois.

EXPLORATORY BUILD COMMITTEE

The Board is interested in looking further into the details and cost of building a structure to house our groomer and to possibly serve as a Club meeting place. We are hoping to engage volunteers with various backgrounds in construction and who have good communication skills to serve on this Committee. This Committee will work directly with the Sno Drover Board to envision the size, type of structure, possible locations, etc. Serving on this Committee will be a longer-term assignment. If you are interested, we would like to hear from you no later than the October Sno Drover meeting. Two volunteers have come forward so far – Chris Pawell and Randy Yunk.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

We are hoping to add two additional individuals to work with Melissa Dupke-Bourgeois on fundraising efforts. These are individuals that would review current fundraising efforts, suggest changes for the future and assist in setting the plan to accomplish financial goals. If you are interested, we would like to hear from you. Please contact Melissa Dupke-Bourgeois for additional information or to sign up.

OCTOBER MEETING

Our October 8th meeting has been moved to Kountry Kafe due to the fire at Sheri's Pub & Grub.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ann Sloane/2nd by Merle Schellinger at 7:50 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Kuss, Secretary