Fifield Sno Drovers

Meeting Minutes

Pat Ley – President

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Below are the Minutes from the November 12th meeting at Bobber's on the Lake

Next meeting is at the Pike Lake Firehall - December 12, 2026

Meeting called to order by President, Pat Ley, at 7:03 pm

A Quorum was met with 19 members attending the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all members.

SECRETARY REPORT

Minutes from the October 8th, 2026 meeting were emailed to all members. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Cindy Ley/2nd by Jeff Eibergen. Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT

The Treasurer's report was presented by Melissa Dupke-Bourgeois'. The report covered the period of October 8 to November 11, 2026, and included expenditures, deposits and ending balance. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Lynne Clemens/2nd by Ann Sloane. Motion carried.

Melissa presented the annual budget for the 2026-2027 season. A motion was made by Otto Kuss/2nd by Jayne Robinson to accept the budget as reviewed. Motion carried.

Melissa has contacted Forward Bank regarding opening a 19-month CD at a yield of 4.5%. A motion was made by Ann Sloane/2nd by Cindy Ley to proceed with Forward Bank. Motion carried.

Melissa reported that IRS form 990 has been filed.

Melissa requested that as treasurer she would like to be bonded to protect the Club. She will obtain additional information on this and report to the members regarding her findings.

The subject of renting a safe deposit box was also discussed.

Membership: 206 (individual, business and landowner memberships)

TRAIL AND EQUIPMENT REPORT

Roy Funk, Trail Boss, reported that Jim Clemmons has entered 205 hours of trail maintenance into SNARS which represents the work of 51 volunteers.

Mowing operations have taken place. Dan Maier has packed down the wet spots with his Sherp. Four loads of fill were placed across from Musky Jack's in low spots. Trails are in excellent shape.

With regard to equipment, the bucket has been repaired and repainted, new blades purchased by the PCSTA have been prepared and will be installed on Saturday, November 21st if you would like to help.

Roy spoke about the future and how the Club completes trail maintenance. He believes that manual labor such as using a chainsaw, clippers, etc. must be updated. He proposes the purchase of a small mower for the Club that can cut up to 1 ½" brush and is suited to be used with several personal tractors. Roy has done some research and is recommending the purchase of a five foot Woods mower from Swiderski Implement at a cost of $3,250. He reminded members that the SNARS reimbursement is greater with a tractor and mower vs using manual tools. A motion was made by Cindy Ley/2nd by Ann Sloane to purchase the mower. Motion carried.

Roy also asked members to approve the purchase of a Dewalt pole clipper weighing 2.3 lbs. The cost would be $239 without a battery (the Club currently has batteries that can be used). Also recommended was the purchase of two electric clippers at a cost of $99 each. A motion was made by Cindy Ley/2nd by Ann Sloane to approve the purchase of these items. Motion carried.

Groomer Update

In Mike Ida's absence, Roy Funk reported that the final grooming schedule has been distributed to the 17 groomers. The groomer refresher training will be held on December 12th at the Pike Lake Fire Barn.

PCSTA Meeting

Pat Ley reported that maps are ready to be picked up. You will find zones indicated on the new map. Price County trails will open as one and close as one and the zones will be used to report the trail conditions.

The BOGO (buy one get one) fundraiser will run again this coming year from January 1, 2027 to June 30, 2027. Establishment applications were sent out to clubs so that bars can be signed up to participate.

Kickoff Party Date

Based on the report given by Melissa Dupke-Bourgeois regarding the results of the Kickoff Party, October was selected for the month of the 2027 Kickoff Party. The Dirt Devils will be advised of the date so that both clubs do not select the same date for a club event.

Christmas Party

This year's Christmas party will take place on December 12th at the Pike Lake Fire Hall. Derek Dieringer is working on an RSVP/Dish to pass electronic signup sheet. The Club will furnish ham, paper products and condiments for those attending. Please bring your own beverages and a serving utensil if needed for your dish to pass.

The Drovers have received an Acknowledgement of Appreciation from Santa's Elves. This year the Board is asking for a cash donation to be presented to Santa's Elves. A "hat" will be passed at the December meeting. If you are interested in

purchasing gifts, tags can be picked up at Kountry Kafe in Fifield and at Associated Bank, Forward Bank, NorthLakes Clinic and True Value all in Park Falls. Other locations in nearby communities are also participating.

Exploratory Build Committee

The Board appreciates Randy Yunk and Chris Pawell volunteering to be part of this Committee. The Board has discussed this subject and believes tabling this work due to a lack of needed volunteers is appropriate. This was to be an extensive fact finding, costing and design project.

Fundraising Committee

Melissa Dupke-Bourgeois indicated no volunteers have come forward to assist her with fundraising. This Committee would suggest new ideas and have limited meetings throughout the year. It is not too late to get involved. Please let Melissa know if you are interested.

Apparel Order

The apparel order closed on November 8th. Although there was limited interest, the members present felt the ability to order apparel should continue in the future. Derek will provide the ordered items at the Christmas Party or through a Board member if you are not able to pick up your items at the Christmas Party. It was suggested that perhaps we could increase communication by directing people to the Drover website during the order period. Please sign up for texts to alert you to important communication. Text sign up is done on the Drover's website.

By-Law Changes

Following a review of the proposed By-Law changes at both the October 8th and November 12th membership meetings with no modifications, a motion was made by Mike Sloane/2nd by Lynne Clemens to update the By-Laws as shown below. Motion carried. The By-Laws and Mission Statement can be found on the Sno Drover's website.

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.

New Business

The subject of changing meeting start times was discussed with possible ideas of 6 pm, 6:30 pm and 7 pm. This subject was tabled as posters, event cards, etc. all reflect a start time of 7 pm for the current season.

Derek Dieringer recognized Roy Funk and his team of trail maintenance volunteers for their hard work in prepping the trails. Without this team, the groomers would not be able to complete their work.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mike Sloane/2nd by Mary Dupke-Bourgeois at 8:29 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Kuss, Secretary