Hodag Sno-News  April 2015

“Sno News is Good News”

The monthly Newsletter of Hodag Sno-Trails Snowmobile Club; P.O. Box 621; Rhinelander, WI 54501

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Trail News:

Trails were only open 79 days compared to a twelve year average of 95. The maximum allowable is 121. Club members need to send Dick Emerick their actual or best estimate of work/vehicle time for the spring sign removal by April 22nd. These need to be submitted to the County for funding.

Equipment:
The Fendt and Husky are both good. The Pisten Bully needed some clean up and detail work along with the drag.

Friends of Hodag Sno-Trails:

Terry Miller of HST presented a 2015 Friends of Hodag Sno-Trails Award to Alan Olds of Rhinelander Country Club. (L-R Eric Eggman RCC, Alan, Terry, Jon Konz RCC) Rhinelander Country Club was instrumental in helping us improve a popular trail between Thunder and Boom Lakes. We had been trying for years to upgrade this crossing.

Dick Emerick of HST presented a 2015 Friends of Hodag Sno-Trails Award to Bart Tegan of Ponsse North America. Ponsse North America came forward to troubleshoot and resolve a particularly difficult breakdown with one of our groomers. Without their help our groomer fleet would have been severely compromised.

A HUGE thank you to Rhinelander Country Club and Ponsse North America. ALSO all who are out there to help our club. We depend on a team effort to maintain trails and bring business to our community. Hodag Sno-Trails club is a non-profit volunteer organization that builds and maintains over 140 miles of snowmobile trails in northern Wisconsin.

Shoeder’s Open House 3/20-3/22:

Open house was a success, donations were great. Thanks to our volunteers who helped distribute brats. Nicole Bartz, Jim Wimberger, Mark Steinhardt, Terry Miller, Dick Emerick, Dan Jolitz, Joel Ohman, Sue Ohman, Scott Demcak and Jill Piasecki.
Ice Golf at Fisher’s 3/28/15:

This Saturday turned out to be a great day to be outside. All teams playing had a great time. Inside Fisher’s after the game, meat raffles, 50/50 raffles and Plinko took place. Thanks all who played the game, bought tickets, volunteered their time and brought food for the pot luck!
**Proposed Bylaw Changes:**

To be voted on during the April meeting along with the nominated Board of Directors. 4/21/15 Haven 7:00 P.M.

**ARTICLE VI – NOMINATIONS/ELECTIONS**

**SECTION I – NOMINATIONS**

Current wording:

4. No member shall hold more than one elected position.

Proposed new wording:

4. *In the event there are no accepted nominations for either Secretary or Treasurer, these two positions may be combined. If the positions are combined, there will be an added member at large to the board of directors.*

**ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP/DUES**

**SECTION I – MEMBERSHIP**

Current wording:

4. A family membership shall consist of any family unit residing at the same address and shall include children under the age of 18. A family membership is entitled to a total of two (2) votes when both adult family members are present at the said meeting and/or election. If only one adult member is present, only one vote shall be allowed.

Proposed new wording:

4. A family membership shall consist of a *legally married couple* residing at the same address and shall include children under the age of 18. A family membership is entitled to a total of two (2) votes when both adult family members are present at said meeting and/or election. If only one adult member is present, only one vote shall be allowed.

**Landowners Dinner Party:**

This was one of the biggest dinner parties the club has had yet with around 150 landowners and members. All went well with many raffles, door prizes and 50/50 raffle. Another thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and donated gifts. It is all so appreciated.
March Meeting:

- There were 31 in attendance. All in all, trails were good this year and people were happy. Still needing volunteers for trail maintenance. There will be needed work on some bridges. Club rides went well and we are planning on doing this again next year. Took nominations for the BOD. Friends of Hodag Sno-Trails were chosen. 50/50 raffle went to Mary Sweo.

Membership:

- There are 138 members currently. Have fun, join a club and become one with this non-profit organization to help keep trails maintained in the area. For anyone you know who would want to join HST, on-line and mail in applications are available at [www.hodagsnotrails.com/apply.html](http://www.hodagsnotrails.com/apply.html)

TELL YOUR FRIENDS!

County News:

- Talked about condition of trails throughout the State and one club was chosen for the best trails for the season.

State News:

- Snowmobile fatalities 2014-2015 Season, (Update since March 2nd):
  
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Upcoming Events:

**Spring Highway Clean Up:**

Saturday May 9th meet at 10:00 A.M. at Pelican Ranch Road. Will be eating lunch after at Rocky’s. If weather does not permit, we will try for the following Saturday, the 16th.

**Tues. 4/21/15 Club Annual Meeting – Haven HST to provide pizza 7:00 P.M.**

Saturday 5/9/15 Spring Highway Clean Up 10:00 A.M.