Colder temps have the Wisconsin River and area lakes beginning to freeze over. Snow has been sticking to the ground. However, we may be seeing 40 degrees again and possible rain this week, be safe.

YES to the groomer barn purchase and it’s still in the works. November 28th is the scheduled closing date. The club has reached an acceptable offer on the Bekins building and is working through inspections and financing at this point.  
As always, we thank everyone who helped in all of our projects, do not feel left out if your name is not mentioned, if you have a picture or story, feel free to submit for publication! jillhodagsno@outlook.com

Bridge Maintenance:

Pelican river bridge project is now 90% complete – After two work days to re-deck the bridge (sub-deck and wear-deck). We just need to add a few more fasteners to the wear-deck (ran out of screws). Shout out to those that helped, it was a large project and good to see everyone’s efforts in the final stages.

Thank you Nancy Sattler and Scott Hetland for the pics.

Trails:

Jim Jungers and Terry Miller were working on the Pine Lake reroute. Aspirus reroute – The trail around the clinic has been completed - Jim Jungers facilitated. Enterprise trail beaver issue - Brett Mckinney is working on it.
Trail Projects:

Culvert replacement on Trail 8 (east of Monico). Briggs Excavating is completing the project. 2 culverts had collapsed and needed to be replaced.

Culverts in Pine Lake (Sturm property) needed to be replaced. Ottenger Excavating tackled this project (Mark Rolain facilitating) Scott Hetland provided picture.

Groomers:

Todd Payne facilitated the sending of the Piston Bullys to the dealership for preventive maintenance work and repairs. Both machines should be returned shortly. Todd will be working on the groomer schedule and a meeting time during the first part of December.

Justin Hirman did a significant amount of brushing with the tractor. Great job on making our trails safer for all of us.

Trail Bosses:

Trail Bosses need to get out and inspect their trail sections. If you need support of members, contact Jill Demcak to send out mass emails and/or Facebook postings regarding possible workdays or any need for help. jillhodagsno@outlook.com

Time Sheets:

Dick Emerick will continue to take over time sheets. Contact him at 715-362-7964 dick.e@live.com. Email, scan or mail in your timesheet to 4260 Lakeshore Dr. Rhinelander, WI 54501 OR submit to one of the BOD members. More time sheets submitted - more money club gets reimbursed. Keep track throughout the season. As always, please use the attached Timesheet to report your work. http://www.hodagsnotrails.com/hst_newsletters/_files/Trail%20Work%20Timesheet.%202015-16.pdf

HST Website:

We have been making updates on our website and apologize if it was not functioning properly for you. Thank you for your patience.

Map Ads:

Tracey has been accumulating the map ad requests. Hopefully, they will go to printer by Thanksgiving. Maps should be available at the December meeting.

If anyone wants to be on the committee or help organize in the future contact Tracey Payne 715-360-2918 tpay@charter.net
Graduating High School Senior Scholarship Opportunity:

The AWSC offers a variety of scholarships to graduating high school seniors who are current members in the AWSC. If you plan to pursue further education at an accredited two or four-year institution of higher learning, click on the link for more information:

https://www.awsc.org/About-Us/Scholarships.

Deadline for applications are Thursday, January 10, 2019. Applications must be received at the AWSC office no later than 4 p.m. on January 10 to be eligible for consideration.

Donation:

NVSRS donated HST $1500.00!
Brian Bart graded a new trail through Aspirus to replace the trail by Rusty Nail which was purchased by Aspirus. NVSRS has sold all their assets and is no longer a functioning club. They have dispersed money that they had in their account between 3 snowmobile clubs, Wild Instincts and the Humane Society. Thank you for the support!

MEMBERSHIPS:

Let’s all get our club memberships renewed! The sooner, the better to avoid the rush. Remember, a trail pass is needed, make sure you have your AWSC number handy – once an AWSC member, the number does not change. Our membership year goes through October 1 - September 30.

Please update your membership by clicking on our website link. You have the option to rejoin online or mail in an application. You can also come to a meeting and submit your application and payment there. Membership stands at 315, of which 106 have renewed so far. Single $25 Family $30 Application link:

http://www.hodagsnotrails.com/apply.html

TRAIL PASSES:

This year members who don’t have their AWSC member number can look it up directly on the AWSC website. Go to AWSC.org and click on ‘Membership Inquiry’ and follow the prompts. Your AWSC number is needed to purchase discounted trail passes. Be aware that our club is listed as “RHINELANDER HODAG SNO TRAILS.” You can also find your member number on your AWSC card or magazine label.

Here is the link to order your trail passes once you have your AWSC member number: https://www.awsc.org/Trail-Pass-Registration/Order-Passes-Online

October Meeting:

Meeting was held at Hodag Lanes Oct 16th. There were 24 members present. We had discussion over purchasing a groomer barn, deliberating on the pros and cons, improvements for the building and our financial responsibilities. The pros such as keeping all of our equipment in one place and being able to warm up our groomers for maintenance were very adequate. The vote was YES 23-1. Everyone agreed we need a budget plan put in place. Trail reroutes and work, plus bridge maintenance gatherings were brought up. Mark Steinhardt won the 50/50.
County Meeting

Collecting of typical pre-season paperwork. Contract with the County to maintain our section of trails. Handing in insurance information. Completing of landowner land use agreements (thank you to Dick E. for facilitating)

There is discussion of Oneida County going to Vilas County for map organization starting next season. Scott Hetland will discuss at the next club meeting. It looks like a better process than the current one for all clubs in the county. It will consist of the club map and ads on one side, and county map and ads on the other. Each club in county 9 would have the same consistent look on the county side of the map. The clubs would get all the club side map ads and a percentage of the ads from the county side. The county side ads would all be completed by one person (for the entire county). Please come to the meeting for more detailed information.

The monthly meeting of the Oneida County Snowmobile Council is held on the 1st Wednesday at the Oneida County Courthouse at 6:30 PM September through April. Anyone may attend. Enter through the doors on the North side.

November 20 Tuesday Club Meeting 6:30 pm Hodag Lanes (Revision)

December 13-16 Thurs.-Sun TBA Trail Packing Workday

December 15 Sat Women on Snow – Registration Deadline (Mary Sweo 715-490-0958)

December 18 Tuesday Club Meeting 6 pm Twin Pines (Christmas Party)

January 15 Tuesday Club Meeting 6:30 pm Boondocks

Happy Thanksgiving