

# Hodag Sno-News

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

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## Think Snow!

Hello all!

Anyone prepared for snowmobile season? Time to tune up, check your track, change oil, check battery... What about any emergency gear for those just in case moments? Jacket needs a new zipper or just purchase another? Upgrade helmet...? Reservations at a hotel and vacation from work?

Some planning, decisions, then wish for **SNOW**.

Our club works year round. We now own a groomer barn that will help us immensely by being able to keep all equipment and supplies in one area, while having a place to work on the groomers, tracks and brusher in a heated, weather free establishment. A place to let the Piston Bully's thaw, and our drivers! Wondering how to become a groomer driver? Or interested in taking an afternoon to paint a little or help organize an area? Please contact us.

We have our busiest time now dealing with outdoor work coming into the fall season. Time to prepare for trail maintenance. We will have work days scheduled soon; in hopes that some of you could help clear out trails, doing some brushing/clearing, placing signs and gates, or packing to help with our upcoming snowmobile season. We are currently working on a calendar for our schedule of events to mark our meetings and activities. We all hope for an exciting season!

We are a non-profit organization run by volunteers. We can always use your help. Please contact us anytime for inquires.

Please see our website! <http://www.hodagsnotrails.com/index.html>

**Strong Membership - Strong Club - Landowner Relationships – Sponsors – Community - Excellent Trail System!**

### Let me introduce your BOD:

#### **Officers:**

*President:* Jim Jungers

*Vice President:* Todd Payne

*Secretary:* Tracey Payne

*Treasurer:* Donna Blamberg

#### **Board:**

Scott Hetland

Trevor Miles

Mark Rolain

*Membership Renewal:* Frank Bennet

*Newsletter Editor:* Jill Demcak

## **Meetings:**

Our first meeting will be held at Holiday Acres Tuesday Sep 17<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm. There is a lot to go over, club members please give us some input by joining! Agendas to include groomer barn, machines and trail status. The map ad committee can always use help along with fundraising. Anyone you know want to become a member? Sign up! As a club member, your votes matter.

The meeting calendar will be brought up. If you have feedback on where to have meetings this season, please attend. We want one held at the groomer barn.

If you own an establishment that can accommodate the club in the surrounding area please contact:

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## **Groomer Barn:**

Work has been done on the groomer barn throughout the summer to make it more user friendly for the groomers and storage of parts. The bathrooms have been cleaned up, updated and will be painted. A wall was built to separate the two halves of the heated storage building, to help support rental opportunities in the future.

The outside of the groomer barn was cleaned up and leveled to help with groomer flow in the winter. Groomers will enter the building from the west side this season.

## **Map Ads:**

The map ad process is just starting out. Tracey will be sending out notification to all existing sponsors. This committee could use some help with the process of putting the ads together, verifying the content on the map and location, proofing the ads, collecting ads and money. Please contact Tracey Payne 715-360-2917 if you can help out. It is just a short period of time needed for this project, but it is critical to complete each season.

## **Trail Reroutes:**

There is a committee working on trail reroutes. The team is working on verifying trail closures and working on possible re-routes. Some of the areas identified so far are: Pine Lake - River Road alternate route, Crossing Hwy 17 by Toyota dealer, Hwy 17 by cedar store, Pine Lake by Pine Lake Rd.

We have had concerns of the roundabout. As stated by Scott Hetland:

“I have spoken with the Musson representative responsible for the project. Here are basic informational points:”

- The trail "South" of Kemp St. (from the Hwy 8/47 bridge to restaurant) should be similar prior to the round-about. I have seen that section of trail, and it is very similar to what it was previously. I don't see any issue with it currently (other than the fact that pallets are normally placed across the culvert outflow at some point).
- The Musson contact said the “trestle” trail would be left similar (functional) to how it was prior to the road work - **upon completion**. He did say the work around the bridge is not yet completed because they are waiting on landscape approvals from the DOT.
- The trail from the hotels, under the railroad trestle to the airport are not Hodag Sno-Trails. That trail is maintained by Northwoods Passage Snowmobile club. Our trail ends at the Quality Inn parking lot.”

If anyone knows of any other trail closures/fixes, please contact Dick Emerick 715-362-7964 [dick.e@live.com](mailto:dick.e@live.com)

## **Brusher:**

The club has purchased a brusher for the tractor. It is being installed on the tractor - in Antigo. This should help open the canopy over the trails - where we have permission to trim them. It should give the club the ability to make the trails much safer.

## **Trail Damage:**

There has been significant tree damage on the trail just south of Pelican Lake. The club has reached out to a local logger for opinions on how to best clear the trail. There are many downed trees, twisted tops, and leaning trees that make the clearing efforts difficult and dangerous.

General trail work days will be coordinated and scheduled via the trail bosses.

\*Trail Boss info attached to email link.

## **Membership & Trail Passes:**

We want all of you to join again to help us maintain our club. 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. Single \$25 Family \$30 Application link:

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

Do not forget you need to be a member of an AWSC club to receive discounts on your trail passes. Our club is one of them. Once you reactivate your membership, your AWSC number will work, just please be patient with us on our end because this is not automatic. You must be a current member to receive your discount. Our membership year goes through October 1 - September 30. Once you have a member number, this will be yours forever, it does not change. You must go on the AWSC website to apply for your trail pass. Please check out the AWSC website for more information. I have included the trail pass application link here:

<https://www.awsc.org/Trail-Pass-Registration/Order-Passes-Online>

## **Time Sheets:**

Dick Emerick will still be taking over time sheets. Contact him at 715-362-7964 [dick.e@live.com](mailto: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.**

As always, please use the attached Timesheet to report your work.

[http://www.hodagsnotrails.com/hst\\_newsletters/\\_files/Trail%20Work%20Timesheet.%202015-16.pdf](http://www.hodagsnotrails.com/hst_newsletters/_files/Trail%20Work%20Timesheet.%202015-16.pdf)

## **Summer Picnic:**

There were around 30 of us who attended the party at the groomer barn. We enjoyed delicious appetizers, and refreshments along with Pizza Ranch chicken, biscuits, mashed potatoes & gravy with coleslaw. It was nice to see everyone and inside the groomer barn. Thank you all who joined us.

More to come!

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