

Hodag Sno-News

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Trail News:

Trails:

- We have permission to lower the hill where the trail meets the Three Lakes trails.
- Woodchips were added to the trail near Deerhorn road.
- The bridge on the trail by Al-Gen trail was repaired.
- There is a reroute into the ditch on Lakeshore Dr to direct travel away from a nearby residence.
- The trail across Third Lake will be an “L” rather than a triangle this year.
- There was a reroute and smoothing done near Dillon Road along with slow speed signs.
- Terry Miller will check that there are “You are Entering/Leaving the Hodag-Sno Trails System” signs where our trails connect to other systems.

Club Business:

Christmas Party:

Forty-nine people attended the meeting and Christmas Party at Judy’s Twin Pines on Tuesday, December 18th. Everyone brought a gift and a dish to pass while Judy prepared the entrée. The “Mystery Gift” raffle raised \$180. Mark Steinhardt won \$94 as his share of the 50/50 Raffle. Free Trail maps were available to Club members in attendance. In addition, 89 pounds of food donations were collected for the Rhinelander Food Pantry. This is down from the 100 pounds last year.



Working the Mystery Gift raffle are L to R Tammy Bohlman, Sue Wimberger, Mark Steinhardt, Terry Miller and Jim Wimberger.



The members brought a dish to pass and Judy's did the ham.

December Meeting:

Jim chaired the December Club meeting, held at 6PM at Judy's Twin Pines. There were 49 people in attendance.

- We received a check for a share of the Room Tax.
- A Trail Boss is still needed for Pelican Lake to manage trail brushing, signs, and landowner agreements. The Trail Boss need not do all the work, but can schedule work activities. Gene Dallman will train his replacement.
- Northwoods Passage will groom the trail to The Dog House.
- Some of the County clubs have not completed their land use agreements. This could delay their trail openings.
- HST has completed all of our agreements.
- Keith will have the AWSC PR trailer from February 1 -10. HST will hand out info and hot dogs at the Birchwood on Feb. 2. We will also have it at the Feb.9 race.
- There was discussion on a proposal from Lenny to purchase battery powered grease guns for the groomers. It was agreed to purchase one and evaluate.
- Members will be notified when we receive their dues.
- More HST stickers will be ordered.
- The website updates should be done by Thursday 12/20.

Fundraisers:

- HST Discount Card:

HST Discount Cards are still available for sale thru the April meeting. The \$20 Card has (48) coupons for over \$250 of discounts at area merchants. You can recoup the \$20 with only 1-4 coupons.

- HST Discount Card Cont.:

Individual HST Members are selling the Cards. The coupons are good thru 12/31/13, so they can also benefit “summer only” residents. Our goal is to sell 500 Cards.

Businesses can use these as customer appreciation or employee gifts. These can be written-off as a business expense. We are offering a “Six Cards for the Price of Five” promotion to businesses. HST Discount Cards are available for selling. Contact Mary Sweo 715 490-0958 or Tammy Bohlman 715-362-0799. Unsold Cards and money must be turned in before the April meeting.

- HST Vintage Race:

Please contact Mary Sweo to volunteer for the concession stand. sweo@frontiernet.net or 715 490-0958.

Contact Scott Hetland to volunteer to work the track. shetland@interflexgroup.com or 715 401-1600.

- Trail Maps:

Maps are done and available after the meeting. Some new pictures were included.

- Take Pride and Ride:

WRJO 94.5 is again running this year’s “Take Pride and Ride Raffle” for a 2011 450cc Artic Cat 4 Wheel ATV with a Plow. Tickets are \$2. All of the ticket income is kept by the snowmobile club. The drawing will be February 23. Tickets are available from Mary Sweo 715 490-0958. So far less than (100) tickets have been distributed. This is a guaranteed money maker for the Club.

Membership:

There are 109 members. For anyone that wants to join HST, an application is available at www.hodagsnotrails.com/apply.html.

Membership Year:

There will be a discussion at the January meeting to establish the same fixed membership year for all members. This will simplify recordkeeping and significantly reduce the checks and forms sent to AWSC.

County & State News:**County:**

- A County map will be published with funds collected to date.
- The challenge of right-of-way will have a first ruling on Feb. 19th. This has the potential of significant impact on future trail placement.
- There is some question of landownership on Bearskin Trail.
- Funding has again been approved for two officers to periodically patrol the trails this season.
- The new trail signing handbook was distributed. There were not any significant changes to the handbook.

The monthly meeting of the Oneida County Snowmobile Council is held on the 1st Wednesday at the Oneida County Courthouse at 6:30PM. Anyone may attend.

State:

State fatalities thru 12/5/12: 0

Oneida County fatalities: 0

Coming Events:

January 11-12 - Snowmobile Safety Course #55594 – Arbor Vitae, WI

Tues. January 15 - HST Monthly Meeting: 7:00 PM at **Gerrit’s Lakeview**.

January 17-20 - 50th Anniversary Eagle River Derby – Eagle River, WI

Sat. February 9 - HST/NVSRS Race: Gerrit’s Lakeview on Pelican Lake

Sat. February 16 – Stella Enduro: Billy & Mickey's Birchwood

Tues. February 19 - HST Monthly Meeting: 7:00 PM at Forsyth’s Sunlite.