

# Hodag Sno-News

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## Trail News:

### **Breaking News:**

- The Hodag saw his shadow Monday morning and we got six more inches of winter!  
Groomers are out and all trails should be groomed by Tuesday night.



Club Members Enjoying Our Trails.

L to R: Ken Dumar, Lila Dumar, Bob Pederson, Dick Emerick, Harry Hardy, and behind the camera Frank Bennett..

### **Trails:**

- The drivers have been grooming consistently and the trails have been excellent. Thank you.
- The Pisten Bully drag had the pan repaired.
- The Husky had a hydraulic hose leak repaired.
- We have been able to rotate the machines during breakdowns and keep the trails groomed.
- The reroute has been working OK, except for some traffic on a nearby driveway.
- Signage: Members involved in signage: Upon signage collection, please ASSESS your needs so that we can put in an order and have them available for the fall signage picnic work day.
- NOTE: Please turn in your Trail Work reports to Scott or Keith or bring them to the March meeting.
- Get out there and RIDE

## Club Business:

### **February Meeting:**

Jim chaired the February Club meeting, held at 7PM at Forsyth's Sunlite Resort. There were 24 people in attendance.

**February Meeting Cont.:**

- The Tax Exempt Status application needed some adjustments. Donations to the club are tax exempt.
- The river trail did not get marked this year. That committee could not be contacted. Discussed using a drill and orange pipes instead of barrels, and finding volunteers next year.
- We do not need to amend the bylaws to change the Membership Year.
- Discussion on the Race Fundraiser. Attendance was down due to competing events. Racers were about the same, but food and beverage were down from last year. The AWSC trailer, PA announcer, and white boards were definite plusses this year. Possibility of adding celebrity and bikini races next year. (or celebrities in bikinis).
- Payments were authorized for the plows at the Race..
- 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. Most of the people contacted were members of the Elco club.
- A reminder to keep track of trail maintenance hours. Please turn in your sheets ([http://www.hodagsnotrails.com/hst\\_newsletters/files/trail%20work%20form%20Final.pdf](http://www.hodagsnotrails.com/hst_newsletters/files/trail%20work%20form%20Final.pdf)) to Scott.
- The cleats are worn on the Husky. Vance will look at the cost of a rubber track.
- The Landowners' Appreciation Dinner will be Friday, April 5 at Holiday Acres. Bob Goodin will check on the DJ's.
- BOD At Large Director nominations: Terry Miller, Frank Bennett, Larry Dorich. The election will be at the April (Annual) Meeting.
- Donna Forsyth reported that we received a share of the Town of Pelican room tax.
- Mary Sweo, Rick Sweo, and Robin Farris will be attending the AWSC Convention. Mary will vote for HST. Payment was authorized to cover: entry, room banquet and gas.
- Mary reported on the Women on Snow ride. Snow was limited, but still a fun time. It's a good deal for the entry fee.
- Bob Pederson won \$27.50 on the 50/50 raffle.

**Elections of At-Large Directors:**

The (3) At-Large Directors will be up for election during the April Annual Meeting. Nominations can be made up to the time of the vote. Nominees must be Club members in good standing. Nominees must accept/ reject the nomination. Directors are expected to work on at least one Committee.

**Landowners Dinner:**

This will be Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at Holiday Acres. Cocktails are at 5:30, Dinner at 6:30. Club members may attend for \$10 each. To attend, contact Mary Sweo 715 490-0958 before April 1.

**Friend of Hodag Sno-Trails:**

Please bring nominations for this 2012-2013 Award to the March meeting. Voting will take place at March meeting.

**Annual Audit:**

The HST Board of Directors will conduct the annual audit of the Club's finances prior to the April meeting. The results will be shared at the April meeting.

**Summer Picnic:**

This will be discussed at the March meeting.

**Brushing Equipment and Schedule:**

This will be discussed at the March meeting.

**Fundraisers:****- HST Discount Card:**

Please turn in unused HST Discount Cards and money at or before the March meeting to Mary Sweo 715 490-0958 or Tammy Bohlman 715-362-0799.

**- Take Pride and Ride:**

The drawing was February 23. Steve Ray (not HST) won the 450cc Artic Cat 4 Wheel ATV with a Plow. HST sold over 250 tickets.

**- Ice Golf:**

The Hodag Sno-Trails 7th Annual Ice Golf Tournament will be on Saturday March 16. Tee off will be at 11:30 AM at Fishers Resort on Lake George. 18 holes on the Lake. Four person scramble. \$40 per team. All proceeds benefit Hodag Sno-Trails. Snowmobiles or ATV's are recommended as "golf carts".

Contact Russ or Billi Fisher at 715 362-3691 for details.

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**Membership:**

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

HST will provide pizza at the April meeting. This is a good time to bring potential members to a meeting.

**County & State News:**

**County:**

- The second half maintenance monies will be distributed once a club has turned in the minimum bills/mile. There is no funding for trails on roadways.
  - Updated Landowner lists were distributed. The HST Landowner list is the largest in the County.
  - There will be a meeting with applicable parties regarding the connector trail between the Bearskin and Hiawatha trails.
  - County maps were distributed to each club.
- Clubs are encouraged to turn in maintenance and grooming sheets as they are completed.

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

**State:**

There is a proposal from the Governor’s Council for snowmobile trail funding by modifying the Trail Pass fees. AWSC is supporting the CAP/STEP program.

State fatalities thru 3/11/13: 18

Oneida County fatalities: 0

**Coming Events:**

Sat. March 16 – HST Ice Golf - 11:30 AM at Fisher’s Resort

Tues. March 19 - HST Monthly Meeting: 7:00 PM at The Boondocks.  
10% off Appetizers

March 22-24 - AWSC Convention: Radisson LaCrosse, WI

Fri. April 5 - Landowners’ Appreciation Dinner 5:30 PM at Holiday Acres.

Tues. April 16 - HST Annual Meeting: 7:00 PM at The Haven.  
HST will provide pizza for the meeting.