

Hodag Sno-News

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Trail News:

Trails:

- Intersection Signing:

All intersections (trail and road crossings) in the county will be marked with a sign with a sequential number. The purpose of the marking system is to help dispatch units identify a location when a problem or emergency is reported.

Our trails have about 60 signs that need to be installed this fall. Jim Wimberger has submitted the locations for the signs to the county. The county council will purchase all the signs, with the clubs paying for their share.

- Trail Reroute:

The Shawnee and Menomonee reroute has been approved by the City of Rhinelander for the 2013-14 season. Jim Wimberger worked with Tony Gilman, Director of the city Public Works Department to get this approval.

- Trail Work and Brushing:

Mark your calendars for October 5 and October 19.

Club members are encouraged to start to inspect and work on trails in their area on their own.

Be sure to keep a record of time and equipment used so that it can be submitted to the county for reimbursement. Make sure that you identify which trail you worked on since the club only gets reimbursed for funded trails. The timesheet is located at http://www.hodagsnotrails.com/hst_newsletters/_files/trail_work_form_Final.pdf

Club Business:

Elections of At-Large Directors:

Three At-Large Directors were elected at the April meeting: Terry Miller, Dan Skinner, and Mark Steinhardt.

L to R: Terry Miller, Dan Skinner, and Mark Steinhardt.



Community Service:

- Adopt-A-Highway: The spring pickup of the HST section of Hwy. 8 was held on Saturday May 11. There was a little snow. Twelve bags were picked up.

L to R: Bob Goodin, Kim Goodin, Jerry Baker, and Dick Emerick (behind the camera).



Community Service Cont:

- July 4th Parade:

The Tractor Groomer was in the Rhinelander Parade. Thanks to Dan Skinner and Frank Bennett.

- Big Vehicles: Hodag Sno-Trails, along with other municipal and commercial rigs, participated in the July 17 Big Vehicle display in the Rhinelander Library parking lot. This was part of the Library's "Dig into Reading" kids program. Afterwards the tractor groomer was displayed at the BP by Menard's. Thanks to Dan Skinner.



Summer Picnic / Sign Party

About twenty members gathered at Forsyth's Sunlite Resort to repair trail signs. Afterward there was a pot luck picnic with "brats by Donna".



L to R: Jim Wimberger, Lenny Gescheidle at the "boofav".



L to R: Kathy Baker, Jerry Baker, Char Gescheidle, Kim Goodin



CW: Donna Forsyth (back), Pat Wahouske, Carol Pederson, Sue Wimberger, Bob Pederson, Dick Wahouske

April Meeting:

Jim chaired the April Club meeting, held at 7PM at The Haven. There were 28 people in attendance.

- Craig Law from Peoples State Bank explained our loans and line of credit.

- The BOD performed their annual audit of HST, All is in order. Our fiscal year is now May1 thru April 30.

April Meeting cont:

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- Committee of Dan Skinner, Dick Wahouske, Jim Forsyth, Bob Goodin and Jim Wimberger to review brushing equipment.
- Kathy Baker won the Coupon Card Sale drawing.
- A group of Keith Bohlman, Terry Miller, Dan Skinner and Joel Ohman to look at options for the Husky track.
- Pat Wahoushe, Jim Wimberger and Len Gescheidle to work on the Landowners' book this summer.
- Craig Metz, Frank Bennett, Bob Goodin, and Jim Wimberger will look at Hwy. W crossover options by June 1.
- Scott Hetland, Rick Sweo and Jim Wimberger donated their groomer hours to the Club.
- Nominations for At-Large BOD members were Dan Skinner, Terry Miller, Frank Bennett, Larry Dorich and Mark Steinhardt.
- The profits from the 7th Annual Ice Golf Tournament on Lake George were donated to the Club.
- Mike Kuczarski won \$45 on the 50/50.

Membership:

There are 97 members. For anyone that wants to join HST, an application is available at www.hodagsnotrails.com/apply.html

The membership year is now October 1 thru September 30. The **deadline** for Annual dues is **October 1**. Those not paid up by December 31, will be dropped from the roster.

County & State News:

County:

- Snowmobile program funding is the same as last year.
- The county wide intersection signage project is progressing well. All should be ready for this season.

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. Enter thru the doors on the North side.

State:

Snowmobile fatalities 2012-2013 season:

State: 20

Oneida County: 1

- There are no project funds available this year. Supplemental funding is \$500K.
- The CAP/STEP (LRB 1354) has lost some momentum in the legislature. Modifications / alternatives are being discussed, but none are locked in yet. There will be no additional funding, at least thru 2015.
- The state is inventorying bridges on funded trails for insurance purposes.

Coming Events:

Fri. & Sat. September 13, 14 - Vintage Snowmobile Show & Reunion: Eagle River

Tues. Sept 17 - HST Annual Meeting: 7:00 PM at Holiday Acres.

Sat. October 5- Trail Brushing and Maintenance

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Tues. October 15 - HST Monthly Meeting: 7:00 PM at TBD.

Fri. – Sun. November 1-3 – AWSC Convention: Stevens Point

Sat. February 1 - HST/NVSRS Race: Gerrit's Lakeview on Pelican Lake