

Hodag Sno-News

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Trail News:

Trails:

- Land Use Agreements:

Township maps with the GPS'ed trails will be available for viewing at the October meeting. This will identify the landowners, where we still need agreements.

- Trail Work and Brushing:

The Trail Maintenance workday on 10/5/13 was cancelled due to wet weather and the Youth Hunt.

The next workday is October 19, we will meet at the Ice Arena at 9:00 AM.

In the meantime, Club members are encouraged to inspect and work on trails in their area on their own. Be sure to get the landowner's permission.

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. Turn the forms in to Scott Hetland.

On Trail 17 near Tower road, the sharp curve which caused groomer problems was straightened. Thanks to Mike Kuczmariski for the bulldozer and Tammy's dad, Dick Klimek for operating the bulldozer.

Club Business:

September Meeting:

Jim chaired the April Club meeting, held at 7PM at Holiday Acres. There were 25 people in attendance.

- Jim reviewed all of the annual paperwork required by the County.
- Insurance Coverage: There was discussion on insurance coverage thru the County. This resulted in a proposed change to our Bylaws (elsewhere in this Newsletter) to reflect current practices.
- Our request for a portion of the local room tax was DENIED.
- The culvert by Al-Gen needs to be replaced.
- Brushing equipment committee: We will rent this for one week in the Fall and another week in February when the swamps are frozen. This is more effective than buying equipment.
- Hwy W crossover: We will try dumping snow there this year. We will need to stop traffic while the groomer spreads it out.
- Beavers have dammed the bridge on Trail 15 by Forsyth's.
- Bob Goodin and Vance Baker will look at the "launching" driveway on Hwy C.
- Hwy 8 bypass: There's a big rock on the side hill by Rocky's Roadhouse.
- Husky track: We should be able to get one or two more years from the metal track.
- There will be a meeting of the Map Committee at Keith's house on 9/24 at 6PM.
- Fund Raisers: After discussion it was decided NOT to do the Coupon Cards this year. Other ideas were discussed but none finalized.
- We still need a Trail Boss for Pelican Lake.
- Lake markers: Discussed using posts instead of barrels. Larry has a supply of posts and reflective tape. If anyone has any barrels, please let Jim know.
- Keith Bohlman won \$27.50 on the 50/50. He donated it back to the Club. Thanks Keith.

Community Service:

- Adopt-A-Highway:

The next clean-up will be in the spring.

Proposed Change to the HST Bylaws:

The following change to the Bylaws will be published three times in the newsletter and then voted on at a subsequent Club meeting.

Article II-INSURANCE Part 2.

From:

The following insurance coverage shall be provided by HST.

- a. Commercial Liability
- b. Commercial Umbrella Policy
- c. Commercial Automobile Insurance (groomers, tractor, drags, ATV)
- d. Workman’s Compensation Insurance

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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:

-Club Paperwork: Clubs must provide the following forms by November:

- Liability Insurance
- Workers Compensation Insurance, if needed.
- Workers Comp waiver
- Maintenance records
- Review and sign, Oneida County Snowmobile Program outline

- CAP/STEP: Rep. Mary Czaja addressed the group in regard to LRB 2943 on snowmobile funding. The OCSC voted unanimously to back the proposal and not the AWSC proposal. Keith will discuss details at the Club meeting.

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 2013-2014 season:

State: 0

Oneida County: 0

- CAP/STEP: Three groups (Governor’s Snowmobile Recreation Council, AWSC, and Rep. Czaja and Sen. Gudex) and are trying to agree on modifications to LRB 2943. Regardless of the result, nothing will be effective this season.

For Sale:

Utility Trailer 6’ x6’ with new deck. Suitable for ATV or garden tractor. Call Bob Goodin 715.369.9280

Coming Events:**- AWSC Convention:**

The Fall AWSC Convention is in Stevens Point on November 1 & 2nd. We still have 1 room available in the Clubs name. This year's work shop sessions are Club insurance, Club Fundraising, CAP/STEP, Avalanche Safety, Ice Safety and Polaris App Presentation. There will also be a general meeting, Silent auction, and Saturday night banquet with a dance.

This will be the last year the Convention will be in Stevens Point. Next year it will be in Wisconsin Dells.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary or Rick Sweo at 715.490.0958 or 715.490.6836.

- Women on Snow:

Women on Snow Weekend: January 24 – 26 in Eagle River. This is a women only event. This year the cost is \$300 and includes (2) nights lodging, food and gas: the only thing you pay for is your drinks.

Women on Snow Tour: January 27-29 is offered after the weekend for those who want to extend their fun by trail riding for longer distances. The tour is for a smaller group who enjoy more aggressive riding than done on the weekend. WOS Tour is Monday through Wednesday, The cost is \$285 and includes (3) nights lodging food and gas.

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Mary Sweo 715.490.0958 or visit <http://www.womenonsnow.org/>

- Club Meetings:

All Club members are encouraged to join us at the regular monthly meetings (third Tuesday). You will learn more about how the Club operates and be able to participate in decision making on many matters that impact your enjoyment of snowmobiling. All input and ideas are important. It is also a great opportunity to put faces to the names of fellow members.

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

Sat. October 19 - Trail Brushing and Maintenance

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

Sat. November 2 - Trail Brushing and Maintenance

Tues. November 19 - HST Monthly Meeting: 7:00 PM at Rusty Nail.

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