

Hodag Sno-News

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Trail News:

Trails:

- Intersection Signing:

Signs are being placed.

Thanks to Bob Goodin, Lenny Gescheidle, Dan Skinner

- Trail Work and Brushing:

Eight volunteers met at the Ice Arena for the Trail Maintenance Workday on 10/19/13. It was very wet in some areas, however, the day was still a success.



L to R: Mark Steinhardt, Jerry Baker, Bob Goodin, Terry Miller, Tony Seubert and Jim Wimberger. Not shown: Dick Emerick, Scott Hetland.

The beaver problem on the Holiday Acres trail bridge is being taken care of by Keith Bohlman.

- Pelican Lake:

We still need a Trail Boss for Pelican Lake.

The barrels for Pelican Lake are being donated to area businesses. It will be up to them to put them on and take them off of the ice. Gary Gerrits has offered to keep the barrels at his place.

- Land Use Agreements:

Many volunteer hours are being donated to solving trail issues and getting the land use agreements up to date. We may need more volunteers because this is crunch time.

Thank you to all who are working on the LUA's. PLEASE bring agreements to the November meeting, if you have not already turned them in. Two copies are needed, one for the County and one for the Club tracking book.

- Trail Signs:

Thanks to all who are working on getting the trail signs put back in place.

Club Business:

October Meeting:

Jim chaired the October Club meeting, held at Hodag Lanes. There were 24 people in attendance.

- Need to look at a trail reroute near Pine Lake Road and Spruce Meadow Lane.
- There are 40 new Land Use Agreements needed.
- Barrels are being donated to Pelican Lake businesses for their use.
- Terry will take care of Boom Lake marking.
- Need to look at groomer routes to avoid double grooming.
- Another Spruce Meadow Lane issue was resolved by Larry.
- Vance completed the Hwy C driveway issue.
- Need to reroute 13N around the TV tower and sawmill to avoid the tree farm.
- We have permission to clear the trail behind Taj Mahal for the groomer.
- Fund Raisers: There were discussions on Meat Raffle, HST shirts, Shoeder's hot dog roast.
- Expense reimbursements were authorized for Club reps attending the AWSC Convention.
- Terry will look into a microphone for Club meetings.
- There was no 50/50 raffle.

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. This is the second posting.

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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- HST Vintage Race:

Mark your calendars for February 1st, Lakeview Inn Pelican Lake. Volunteers will be needed for both the concessions stand and race track. To volunteer contact Mary Sweo sweo@frontiernet.net for concessions and Scott Hetland Shetland@Printpack.com for working the race track.

Membership:

Only 39 members have renewed thus far!

The membership year is now October 1 thru September 30. **The deadline for Annual dues was October 1.**

Those not paid up by December 31, will need to be dropped from the roster.

Join the Club. It is the only way trails can remain open in this area. No club, no trails. When you think of it, the dues are a great bargain providing approximately 150 miles of trails.

Talk to your friends and fellow snowmobilers. Ask them if they belong to a club.

HST Website:

You can now Apply for or Renew your HST Membership and **pay your Dues online** at <http://www.hodagsnotrails.com/apply.html>.

County:

The Clubs still need to get ready for season. The number 1 issue is getting in land use agreements. All clubs must have the list that Eric distributed before last season completed prior to trails opening. The grace period was last 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:

- The Governor's Snowmobile Recreation Council is handling projects differently. They will only distribute funds in-hand, rather than trying to forecast the amount of registrations that may come in.

In order to get the system switched, money for projects was severely limited last season and this season. Also, some money from the project program was moved into the supplemental fund. As a result, preliminary figures for supplemental funding will move from approximately 60% to around 80%. This still needs to be finalized.

- CAP/STEP: LRB 2943 is now Assembly Bill 407 & Senate Bill 343.

Highlights of the bill:

Keep current registration cycle of \$30/2-years. Continue registrations as the basis for appropriations. Trail Passes to be purchased annually, \$15/sled for a member of snowmobile club and AWSC, non-members would pay \$35/sled. Raise non-resident trail pass from the current \$35 to \$50 per year. There would be a late fee of \$5 accessed if trail pass is purchased after December 1st. Provide a free annual trail pass on sleds 30 years and older. There is a public hearing on AB407 in Madison on November 14.

- Snowmobile fatalities 2013-2014 Season:

State: 0

Oneida County: 0

- There has been discussion regarding the tragic death during snowmobile safety training on the road test. Investigation is still on-going. There may be changes to the training courses in the future. The road course portion is optional at this point.

For sale: Polaris 2010 600 IQ, 1674 miles \$5500 and Polaris 2010 800 IQ Dragon 1075 miles \$5900. Both sleds like new. Contact Vance Baker 715-369-0331.

Coming Events:

- Women on Snow:

Women on Snow Weekend: January 24 - 26 in Eagle River.

Women on Snow Tour: January 27-29 in Eagle River.

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

Tues. November 19 - HST Monthly Meeting: 7:00 PM at Rusty Nail. "Snowmobile Special" dinner price.

December 9 – 19 Snowmobile Safety Course – Minocqua

December 10 – 14 Snowmobile Safety Course – Tomahawk

Tues. December 17 - HST Monthly Meeting: 6:00 PM at Judy's Twin Pines.

Tues. December 17 - HST Christmas Party: 7:00 PM at Judy's Twin Pines.

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