

# Hodag Sno-News

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## Trail News:

### **Trails:**

#### **- Trail Opening:**

Due to the Deer Muzzleloader and Antlerless Deer gun seasons thru 12/15, the trails will not open before 12/18. Given the recent snowfall, we expect that opening.

#### **- Trail Packing / Cleaning:**

Starting Dec. 12, we hope to have all gates open. Members are encouraged to start packing on Dec. 12. Please ride a staggered path so that the full width of the trail is packed. Be sure to report your time and equipment on the form

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#### **- Groomer Drivers' Meeting:**

There will be a Groomer Drivers' meeting after the December Club meeting.

#### **- Pelican Lake:**

We still need a Trail Boss for Pelican Lake.

## Club Business:

### **November Meeting:**

Keith chaired the November Club meeting, held at Rusty Nail. There were 23 people in attendance.

- The Club trail from Lake Thompson to Limberlost Road. The property has been sold, and the new owners have not yet contacted us for approval of a Land Use Agreement.
- Trail signs need to be on posts, not trees.
- Barrels were delivered to Gerrits' Lakeview.
- A landowner's trail issue on Shepard Lake Rd. was resolved by marking "No ATV's".
- A separate meeting was held on LUA's.
- A Pisten Bully service call was scheduled.
- The tractor will brush trails after deer season. Dan Skinner will fix the ram. The Husky is ready to go.
- Mary left e-mails to Brad for scheduling Safety classes.
- The Tomahawk club is addressing issues with the Bearskin connector trail.
- Fund Raisers: There were discussions on Meat Raffle, HST shirts, Shoeder's hot dog roast.
- The maps are finalized and we will have by the Christmas Party.
- We will have the AWSC trailer for the race. Tim Knowles will man the sound system. There will be 50 posters to promote the race.
- Larry Dorich won \$27.50 on the 50/50 raffle.

### **Christmas Party:**

This will again be at Judy's Twin Pines on CTH C on Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM following the 6:00 PM business meeting. Judy's will provide the main dish and the Club will furnish two beverage tickets for each member. Members are asked to bring a dish to pass and a small inexpensive wrapped "mystery gift" for the raffle. As we did last year, we are also requesting members to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to the Rhinelander Food Pantry. Last year we donated over 100# of food. Let's try for 150# this year! Come and get your free map.

### **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 third 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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### **Fund Raisers:**

#### **- HST Vintage Race:**

Mark your calendars for February 1<sup>st</sup>, Gerrits' Lakeview on Pelican Lake. Volunteers will be needed for both the concessions stand and race track. To volunteer contact Mary Sweo [sw eo@frontiernet.net](mailto:sw eo@frontiernet.net) for concessions and Scott Hetland [Shetland@Printpack.com](mailto:Shetland@Printpack.com) for working the race track.

#### **- Take Pride and Ride:**

WRJO 94.5 is again running this year's "Take Pride and Ride Raffle" for a 2014 Ski-Doo grand prize.

Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. ***All our ticket money goes directly to HST.***

Tickets need to be returned by February 17<sup>th</sup>. The drawing is February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Tickets are available from Mary Sweo 715 490-0958 and at the Club meetings.

### **Membership:**

There are 61 paid up members.

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 & State News:**

**County:**

- Trails will tentatively open 12/18. The main issue is the clubs getting all of the required paperwork completed. There are only a handful of Land Use Agreements remaining.
- The Recreation officers are looking for Hodags to help with a snowmobile safety course.
- The county officers - Recreation Program will be active again this season (Jim Adams and Brad Fogerty).

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. Enter thru the doors on the North side.

**State:**

- CAP/STEP: Assembly Bill 407 & Senate Bill 343.

There was a public hearing on November 13 on AB407 and amendments. Dale Mayo spoke in support of the bill along with the (21) Vilas and Oneida clubs. There were four hours of public comments with only 2 speakers in opposition.

- Snowmobile fatalities 2013-2014 Season:

State: 0

Oneida County: 0

**For sale:** Polaris 2002 500 XC w/ reverse, 8000 miles. Very good condition \$1800 OBO. Contact Bob Goodin 715-369-9280.

**For sale:** Polaris 1991 500 Indy liquid cooled, 4110 miles. \$600 OBO. Nice shape. No dents, dings or tears. Contact Dick Emerick 715-362-7964.

**Coming Events:**

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

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December 21 – 22 - Snowmobile Safety Course – Lake Tomahawk

December 27 – 28 - Snowmobile Safety Course – St. Germain

Tues. January 21 - HST Monthly Meeting: 7:00 PM at Gerrits' Lakeview

January 24 – 26 - Women on Snow Weekend: Eagle River; Mary Sweo 715.490.0958

January 27 – 29 - Women on Snow Tour: Eagle River; Mary Sweo 715.490.0958

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