

# MINOCQUA FOREST RIDERS

## Snowmobile Club

### Opening Season Trail Report



**January 7, 2021**

**Curt Christensen, President**

The Oneida County Snowmobile Council voted 7 to 2 in favor of opening the County trails last night even though the Forestry Department is not in favor of the decision. Our club was one of the two dissenting votes.

There are several dynamics that go into the decision making process in addition to the snow depth of the trails themselves. Unfortunately, those dynamics played a big role in the decision that was made. In addition to voting NO, I expressed my concern that there's simply not enough snow on the trails, at this time, for an enjoyable riding experience.

If last night's decision was made solely on the basis of what's best for the trails, I'm pretty confident that the county would not be opening this weekend.

#### **Trails:**

All trails, at best, are in *Very Poor Early Season Riding Condition*. The club highly recommends that you wait until we get more snow before riding our trails.

#### **Lakes:**

The Lake Trails in the northern section of our system and Willow Lake are marked. Please stay off of Pier Lake until it has been marked.

#### **Trail Issues & Closings:**

- The swamp on Trail 5A, between TIN-651 and TIN-653, had a vehicle break through the ice. There's a barrel marking the spot. Proceed through this section of trail with caution.
- Trail 9/10A is closed from TIN-601 to TIN-671 (swamp issue)
- Trail 5 is closed from TIN-522 south to TIN-511 (trail repairs)

**Swamps:** All other swamps in our system are ready for snowmobile use.

**Grooming:** Will not take place until there's a significant amount of new snow on the trails.

#### **Upcoming Club Event:**

Saturday, February 20th: Snowmobile Raffle Drawing