

## **Merrimack Sno-Buds Snowmobile Club Meeting Minutes 12/13/06**

Meeting called to order at 7:31PM by Club President Rick DiOrio.

**ATTENDANCE:** 17 members present.

**PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Minutes from the November 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting were produced & distributed. Motion made to accept minutes as written. Motion seconded and carried.

**NEW BILLS:** \$85 for Merrimack Chamber of Commerce membership renewal. Motion by Dave Connelly to pay new bill. Motion was seconded and carried. Sheldon writes the check, but mumbles what sounds like obscenities. =;-)

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Rec'd announcement from Ski-Bees for Cystic Fibrosis ride on 2/24. - Letter of thanks from the Merrimack Parks & Rec Department for our donation in memory of Norma French.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**TRAILMASTER'S REPORT:** No report.

**MEMBERSHIP:** 49 paid members.

**PUBLICITY:** Story submitted for January Sno-Traveler and one being formulated for February. Keep those story ideas coming. And since there's nothing to ride on, a lot of alternate activities have been surfacing. What have **YOU** been up to? Let me know: [emortenson57@hotmail.com](mailto:emortenson57@hotmail.com).

**FUND RAISING:** Raffle tickets are available. - Bring your empty aluminum cans to Law Motor Freight. We've not stopped collecting them!

**SAFETY:** Chief Safety Instructor George Lyon once again extended his thanks to all the volunteer instructors who gave of their time at the December 2<sup>nd</sup> OHRV Safety Course.

### **ACTIVITIES:**

NOTE: Turn-out for our holiday parade float was horrible. Only three members turned out. We need member support in order to accomplish the few things we do to spread the good word about the Sno-Buds and snowmobiling! Get involved!!!!- The Sno-Buds Holiday Gathering was held on 12/17 at Rick & Carol DiOrio's home. A great time was missed by all who *did not* attend! -

**REMINDER:** Merrimack Winter Carnival will be on February 24 from 10-3. If we *have* snow, we'll need members with 2-up sleds to come on down so we can give snowmobile rides to carnival goers. If there's *no* snow, we'll need some folks to man a table inside the main building to talk to carnival goers about snowmobiling and the Sno-Buds. Either way, it's easy and a great way to present a positive image to the community. - The Ride-In is fast approaching. - Watch for details of the Hollis BBQ coming the seconded Saturday in February. - A trip to Canada is in the works (mainly to see what Winter is supposed to look like!).

**WEB SITE:** 180 visits per day avg.

### **UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:**

- Four torchlight parade luminary bags are still available. Motion made that the club purchase the last 4 bags we have. Motion seconded and carried. Write a check, Sheldon! =;-)
- Assistance money discussed. Town still has money left over from last year (\$1900). Town asked if our criteria for receiving assistance could be modified to include families with children under 18. Motion made by Dave Connelly to amend criteria as requested by town. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Phil Wetzel. Newt to speak with Pat Murphy on how to proceed considering there's money left over. Discussed holding off on presenting \$2000 voted on at last meeting until we hear back from Newt. For the record, the Sno-Buds have donated over \$5300 to the Merrimack Community Assistance Fund. Bravo!!!!
- Signal lights are available for \$20/pair.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Horsehill Park discussed briefly. Old King's Hwy re-designated.
- ACSA calendars available for \$20.
- Motion made to donate \$100 to the Ski-Bees Cystic Fibrosis event. Motion seconded and carried. Sheldon, you know what to do!

**COUNTY MEETING:** Lots of discussion around the "issues" with NHSA. (We need to get copy of NHSA by-laws. Rick D to work on this). Next county meeting will be hosted by US on January 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM.

**W/E RIDING PLANS:** Watch old sled intro videos, flip through photo albums and read old trip reports on [www.snobuds.com](http://www.snobuds.com). When done with those, work on the honey-do list! ☺

Motion made to adjourn meeting at 8:24. Motion was seconded and it carried.

**---NEXT CLUB MEETING--- January 10<sup>th</sup> at Wasserman Park at 7:30pm.**

Respectfully submitted by:  
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Merrimack Sno-Buds