

Minutes of the Merrimack Sno-Buds
3/28/07
Wasserman Park, Merrimack, NH
(DRAFT: emailed to members 4/5/07)

Meeting called to order by President Sheldon Kolansky, 7:30 PM

15 members present

Secretary's report: a motion to accept previous minutes as created and as recently emailed by Eric Mortenson was made by Wayne Labatte. Motion carried.

New bills:

- Dana-Farber Cancer Institute requesting another donation

Communication:

- 'Thank you' letter received from Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. They recently raised \$10,000 in Colebrook

Treasurer's Report provided by new Treasurer, Newt Coryell. A motion to accept was made by Dave Connelly. Motion passed.

Membership report:

- 69 paid members
- Including four new member applications received from RJ's:
Heinz A. Smith, Merrimack
John Sween, Merrimack
Gary Davio, Hudson
Steve Hill, Merrimack

Publicity report: none

Safety report: George Lyon reported no safety issues on recent Quebec loop trip although an unscheduled side-trip to a Ski-Doo dealer and a new computer resulted in a late arrival in Jackman at the motel... 9:45 PM under a clear sky and a full moon. 390 miles in two days, only two wrong turns (that he'll admit to). 3 moose in Pittsburg provided Tom McKee with excitement, meeting one moose after dark on a narrow bridge. And after returning to the trailers in Pittsburg at 7 PM the 2nd evening, Don Lee wanted another 10 miles to make a 400 miles total – he was voted down.

Fund Raising: Newt Coryell reported a current balance of _____?? for Easter Seals.

Webmaster report: Sheldon reported an average of 259 visits per day to snobuds.com.

County Meeting report by John Livingston:

- Lots of discussion on several issues

- Evan Notch trail re-routed
- 73,000 registered snowmobiles, down from 85,000 last year
- better decals next year – some reports of falling off (the decals, that is)
- New snowmobile promo coming
- Wild NH Day, April 21
- NH trails maps may be better next year
- Groomer rodeo: 65 people attended
- Warren to Woodstock trail – logging in operation but trail open
- Safety meeting, 6/21, Concord
- 3 off-trail snowmobile deaths
- NH OHRV Safety classes to be split between snowmobile only and ATV only
- Harold Case – displeasure with ASCA (?? – **those letters may be wrong**)
- Annual NHSA meeting coming
- Easter Seals Ride-In at the Beacon in N. Woodstock next year. Sno-Buds already have rooms reserved at the Notch View just up the street.
- Cliff Russell re-elected to NHSA Hillsborough Cty Director (Thank you, Cliff, for all your work!)
- Possible \$20 registration increase for both ATVs and snowmobiles
- Trail sign orders – order only what you need
- NHSA mailing to club P.O. boxes is a problem – appropriate members not getting info in a timely manner

Unfinished business:

- Snowmobile lights: John Livingston has sold out his first batch and has more
- Fish & Game will be stressing NOT using hand signals when meeting approaching riders, but instead, keeping your hands on the handlebars
- Annual Sno-Buds meeting will be at Newicks 4/22, details via email later by Rachel Labrecque, social hour at 5 PM, dinner at 6 PM, you will need to RSVP to Rachel.

New business:

- Suggestion by Dave Burbank to update the Sno-Buds website with the snowmobile safety class. Reference above - NH Safety classes to be split between snowmobile only and ATV only
- Next club meeting: September 12
- Next Cty meeting: March 26, Pelham, American Legion near police station
- Existing BOD members are:
 - Expire Nov 2007: 1) Phil Wetzell, 2) Marc Belland 3) Bill Clendennin
- New BOD members voted in are:
 - Expire Nov 2008: 1) Scott Simons, 2) Paul Moran, 3) Pam Gelette, 4) John Livingston

Respectfully submitted:

George Lyon
Secretary, Merrimack Sno-Buds

