

(Sheldon, Cliff, Newt, I've **bolded and colored** your action items below)

**Minutes of the Merrimack Sno-Buds**

9/26/07

Wasserman Park, Merrimack, NH

(DRAFT emailed to members 10/8/07)

Meeting called to order promptly at 7:30 by club President, Sheldon Kolansky.

21 members present.

**Secretary's report** accepted as corrected (but the Secretary didn't jot down who motioned and who 2nded...)

**Communication:**

- Big Rock Campground, N. Stratford
- Shannon Warren letter – cancer
- Groomer show in Wisc.
- Pro-Start
- Easter Seals Mtg, Nov. 27, Manchester
- Town of Merrimack Thank You for donation for Norma French – used towards Norma French Playground sign
- NHSA President's meeting Oct. 16, Common Man, Plymouth. Per this evening's BOD meeting, Sheldon will draft a letter to NHSA w/questions and send to NHSA Return Receipt Requested. And Sheldon will publish NHSA By-Laws on Sno-Buds website. Motion to pay for Sheldon's meal at President's Mtg by Eric, Denny 2<sup>nd</sup>, and motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Motion to accept by Dave Connelly, Rick D. 2nded, motion carried.

**Membership report:** None

(Secretary upon arriving home that evening found membership list in briefcase in folder titled 'Membership Lists'. He should be fired.)

**Publicity report:** Eric has formulated an article for the Sno-Traveler

**Trailmaster's report:** None

**Activities committee report:** None

**Safety Committee report:** George reported the 12/1 safety class is scheduled and published and he has 2 signed up (Yes, Sheldon, and checks)

**Fund Raising:** cans were brought to meeting but Newt's Corvette does not have a trunk...

**NHSA Cty meeting report:** George

Mtg held at Advantage Motor Sports, Weare, NH, Rick, George and John attended

Grooming rates increased but surcharge gone

Camp SnoMo had more kids last summer than normal

Camp SnoMo may need maintenance

No NHSA mtg yet on map and trails

Forest Ride w/Ray Burten Feb 22 at Gerico Park, Berlin, Newt scheduled to ride with Ray.

NHSA golf tournament turned a profit of \$2,000

Business membership: request to push for \$50 membership, the business receives a packet

Sno-Traveler advertiser costs somewhat same as Vt. And Me.

Ad prices are up about 3%

8 annual Sno-Travelers may be reduced to 6 publications annually

Super Raffle: V-nose trailer will not be used to let out raffle sleds for show. Instead, a used open trailer will be purchased by NHSA

NH Registrations:

ATV & snowmobile: 79,073

Snowmobile: 50,023

ATV: 29,050

Monarch tickets available: \$13 retail, \$11 for snowmobilers, \$2 for Easter Seals

NHSA Ride In: each cty will produce a basket w/different products from their cty for auction

Penny sale: all new or handmade, nothing used

President's mtg: very few reservations so far, Oct 16, meal 6 PM, mtg 7 PM, RSVP by October 5, \$28 each

Easter Seals Camp Sno-Mo flyers to place your name if you donate

May 10, NHSA Annual mtg, Mtn View Grand, Whitefield

\$1000 from NHSA golf fund transferred to NHSA scholarship fund

Ladies ride from Baker River 1/6 or 1/12

**Cliff** did not know of NHSA cashing scholarship fund bond and legal fund bond. *Cliff will check and get back to all.*

Next mtg: Oct 30, Snow-Slickers

Nov mtg: Hudson

Jan mtg: Sno-Buds

Feb mtg: Hancock (Pie!!)

March mtg: Pelham

Some clubs have not paid insurance. They are not a member of NHSA if they have not paid their insurance

Grass Drags: New road to be constructed for Toyota to attend, Polaris is the main sponsor, volunteer labor is way down by 40% especially Friday and Sunday.

Camp Sno-Mo has made a Wish List. Harold Case has list.

Per Art Charland, Snow-Slickers, groomers can no longer use high sulfur diesel fuel. He requested that southern clubs get their NHSA groomer rates doubled, but when allotted amt is gone, it's gone. He claimed the Snow-Slickers could not have groomed last winter w/o the Snow Snow they run.

Groomer rates with 8' drag: \$59.47/hr, actual received is \$36.87, 60% of rate.

Snow-Slickers only received \$3,000 for grooming last winter and only groomed for 3 weeks.

Law suit filed against NHSA by landlord for breaking their lease in Hooksett. Settled for \$16,000 plus lawyers expenses! NHSA broke their lease to move.

#### **Unfinished business:**

- From Merrimack: Fall Festival, Oct 20, 10 AM – 2 PM, Abby Griffin Park, 20 10x10 spaces, 40 inside spaces. We may be there and sell Super Raffle tickets
- Grass drags need volunteers for admission, security and parking
- Manchester Monarchs game, Oct 27, *Sheldon to send out email*

#### **New business:**

- Refreshments to be served after meetings as before. *Newt volunteered to provide at next mtg*
- Speaker for next meeting is from Liberty Mutual insurance
- Need 3 BOD elections at next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
George Lyon  
Secretary, Merrimack Sno-Buds