

Minutes of the Merrimack Sno-Buds, 02/13/08, Wasserman Park, Merrimack, NH
Meeting called to order at 7:33 by club President, Sheldon Kolansky. 12 members present.

Secretary's report:

- Concern that email discussion 'after' 1/23/08 meeting of country basket (and what to do with it) was included in minutes, but not actually part of meeting. Agreed that only motions presented and voted on during meeting would make it to the minutes.
- Motion by Dave Connelly to accept Secretary's report as emailed, 2nd by Paul Moran; motioned carried.

New bills:

- None presented

Communications:

- Flyer for NHSA night at Manchester Monarchs hockey game vs Providence Bruins. Specifics: Saturday, April 12th, at 7:05PM, Verizon Wireless Arena.
- Note from Merrimack CoC acknowledging and thanking us for our renewal and support.

Membership report

61 paid members for 2007/2008 season

Safety

No report

Publicity report:

- Still looking for 'stuff' to fill final Sno-Traveler (May). April story submitted, after modifications to include Ride-In info. NOTE: Sno-Traveler is available on-line at www.nhsa.com

Fund Raising

- What was total donated by 'Sno-Buds' at this year's Ride-In? Approximately \$15,500. Dave Connelly asked to review his notes (at home) and email the actual number to membership. We were 4th in state and 2nd in county. Total donations by NHSA to Camp Sno-Mo went over \$2million with this years Ride-In.
- Bone at Ride-In? No bidding by 'Buds.
- County basket included: stud set; shirts; hat; beer; items from Brookdale Farm; and more; Motion by Newt to pull winning ticket for county basket raffle at last regular meeting in March or season finale dinner (in April). Ticket sales will dictate which. Dave Connelly seconded motion and it carried. Newt C sold some

tickets at the Hollis Tri-Club BBQ. John Livingston will take basket to upcoming Brookline cookout to sell tickets there.

Webmaster Report

- 172 visits/day avg
- www.snobuds.com made \$47.47 from Google ads.

Trailmaster's report:

Phil still getting his kicks on Naticook Lake and keeping trails around Wasserman in shape.

Activities:

- Winter Carnival coming up on 2/23. Eric M to send out request for assistance from members with 2-up sleds. Newt will be contact person. Newt to speak with Sherry at Parks & Rec about having a table inside hall.
- NH Snowmobile Museum gathering to be held 2/17 at Bear Brook. Full details in Sno-Traveler.
- Scott Simons' trip to Littleton (email announcement sent out with details)
- Baker River trip Thursday 2/14 and Saturday 2/16. Watch your email for details.

Unfinished business:

- John Livingston has sold-out of green-yellow lights and believes he's sold all he can. Link to manufacturers website will be added to our website.
- Nothing new on Grass Drags front (sort of)
- Nominating committee presented its list of proposed officers for the next year (having done the appropriate amount of arm twisting to keep current officers in their seats). A motion was made and seconded to accept the names presented by the nominating committee. The Secretary for an Evening cast single vote needed to re-elect officers for another year of service, with no increase in salary, of course. The vote was cast. Done!.

New business:

- Denny T presented a proposal to consider a merger of Brookline, Hollis and Merrimack clubs. Thought was that combined resources could increase participation. Suggestions coming out of discussion: 1- open up our email to other 2 clubs or create a single email that would hit membership in all three; 2- Invite officers of other two clubs to discuss this issue. Newt, who's also a member in Hollis, indicated that they have 255 'family' members (over 400 individuals) and doesn't believe they'd want to give up their 'identity'. Newt will take topic to next Hollis meeting. John Livingston, also a Brookline club member, will take it to their next meeting.

- Scott Simons 'may' have a spare digital projector club could use at gatherings to show videos, etc.
- Maps from NHSA show Warren to Woodstock as trail 155. Trail is physically signed as 14.

Next club meeting 02/27/08. Suggestion made to try for guest speakers at our meetings. Sheldon to contact Gail Hansen at NHSA and Tim Acerno at NH F&G.

Marc Belland provided refreshments for this evening's meeting. THANKS!!!!

Country Meeting Report

- Phil Wetzel sent out summary via email. Thanks again to Phil, and Rachel Labrecque for helping out with refreshments at meeting we hosted on 1/28.
- Next Hillsboro Cty meeting 2/25 in Hancock (aka: Pie Town).

Motion to adjourn at 8:46 PM

100/0 raffle won by Scott Simons (thanks, Scott!).

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Mortenson

Vice President (and Secretary for an Evening), Merrimack Sno-Buds