

**Minutes of the Merrimack Sno-Buds,
02/27/08, Wasserman Park, Merrimack, NH**

Meeting called to order at 7:30 by club President, Sheldon Kolansky. 13 members present.

Secretary's report:

- Motion by Rick DiOrio to accept Secretary's report as emailed, 2nd by Dave Connelly; motioned carried.

New bills:

- \$89.45 for website. Motion by Dave Connelly to pay bill, 2nd by Rick DiOrio, motion passed.

Communications:

- Letter from NHSA about annual meeting
- Letter from NHSA soliciting motions for awards:
 - Best Groomer
 - Snowmobiler of Year
 - **Sheldon to send out email to members requesting suggestions.**
 - Rick received email from Verizon Wireless Arena – hockey game, he will attend and invited others
 - Saturday, April 12, 7:05 PM , \$11/person, \$2 to Easter Seals
 - Nashua Telegraph had article on Merrimack Winter Carnival

Treasurer's Report: None. Per President, Treasurer did not have permission slip.

Membership report

~62 paid members for 2007/2008 season

Trailmaster's report: none, Trailmaster heading to Arizona for 2 months

Activities Committee:

- Rick DiOrio new committee chairperson, will check with Chuck
- Quebec next weekend, George
- Littleton next weekend, Scott & Sandy
- Tower Hill ride last weekend, Rick w/family and Denny. Per Denny: "We rode more miles than they drove!"
- Spring Fling may be at Bear Brook possibly 4/22
- No local riding this weekend.

Safety:

- Discussion and agreement on always wearing helmet when driving at Winter Carnival.

Fund Raising:

- Winter Carnival snowmobile rides raised \$216. In past years, it was \$80-90

- Bob Scarchilli sold \$55 in raffle tickets inside at Carnival for Hillsborough County basket
- A 'Thank you' to Nick DiOrio for cooking at Carnival
- A 'Thank you' to Rick DiOrio for providing 3-up sled for rides
- A 'Thank you' to Scott for providing brownies from Sandy

Webmaster report:

- ~\$50 raised in Google ads from website to date
- No record on hits
- Trip reports now on Website again

NHSA Cty meeting report, John Livingston:

- Long meeting
- Belmont problems w/4WD vehicles and w/ATVs
- Thank you note received from Easter Seals for NHSA Ride In donation to Easter Seals
- Ride In report – some complaints, but attributable to new committee. Ride In attendance appeared down from past years. There may need to be a revamping.
- Recent groomer through ice is covered by insurance
- ASCA money due
- NE Chapter meeting at The Forks
- NHSA Super Raffle lost \$2300, cost \$17,000
- NHSA memberships should be sent in
- Recommend keeping groomers off water
- There will be payments on over-runs for grooming
- \$5700 back from insurance, Liberty Mutual
- Roger White is new Chair of Grass Drags, knows nothing, wants volunteers
- Crossing on Rte 10 near Keene fixed
- Ladies Ride next weekend
- Trail signing in western NH not good
- Rules for Grant In Aid up for review
- 3/31 Snow show at Radisson, Manchester, all 4 manufactures
- NHSA golf tournament, Sept 6th, funds will go to NHSA legal fund
- July 19, NHSA invited to Camp Snow-Mo for BBQ
- Dalton club being fined \$1700 by DES
- Colebrook in same position, also possible fines
- No NHSA scholarship requests have submitted
- \$130,000 ahead on NH registrations this year
- No location for next year's Ride In selected yet
- New NHSA Secretary
- Lots of handouts

Unfinished business:

- Discussion of possible merger of Sno-Buds and Hollis and Brookline – no action
- Sheldon to visit Hollis club on March 11 to discuss Grass Drags

New business:

- Motion ***by Rick DiOrio*** to allocate \$100 for Sheldon to buy rollup plastic sleds, 2nd by ____, motion carried.
- John Livingston discussed that Hall Mahoney has not received payment for trail signs. However, Hall does continue to create new signs for John. Sheldon will look into previous payment when he was Treasurer. Sheldon recalls \$150 payment.
- Coupons for Common Man for ½ off entrée
- NHSA office has 2-year lease. Discussion if they will move or not.
- Next meeting's refreshments to be provided by Bob Scarchilli.
- This meeting's refreshments provided by Scott and Sandy. (Thanks, Scott!)
- John Livingston to speak after next meeting on Scorpion snowmobiles.
- Denny won 100/0 raffle

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 .

Respectfully submitted,
George Lyon
Secretary, Merrimack Sno-Buds

Officers:

1. President – Sheldon Kolansky
2. VP – Eric Mortenson
3. Secretary – George Lyon
4. Treasurer – Newt Coryell

BOD:

1. Rick DiOrio, from 3/28/07 minutes, Immediate Past President
2. Scott Simons, elected 3/28/07 , expire Nov 2008
3. Paul Moran, elected 3/28/07 , expire Nov 2008
4. Pam Gelette, elected 3/28/07 , expire Nov 2008
5. John Livingston, elected 3/28/07 , expire Nov 2008
6. Phil Wetzel, elected 10/10/07 , expire Oct 2009
7. Bill Clendennin, elected 10/10/07 , expire Oct 2009
8. Marc Belland, elected 10/10/07 , expire Oct 2009