

**Minutes of the Merrimack Sno-Buds Snowmobile Club**  
**Wasserman Park, Merrimack, NH**  
**9/24/08**  
**Approved**

Meeting called to order at 7:30 by club president, Sheldon Kolansky. 16 members present.

Motion by Bill C. to accept the Secretary's report of the 9-10-08 meeting as emailed, seconded by Phil W, motion carried.

New Bills: None

Communication:

- ACSA letter to thank the club for support, membership is due \$25.00, snowmobilers.org is their website, raffle \$100/ticket, four 2009 sleds, a motion by Rick D to purchase one raffle ticket as we did last year, 2nded by Phil. Motion carried.
- Letter from Grass Drags and Water Crossing committee requesting help, discussed changes, camping costs increasing, camping changes will not be published until Sept, again requesting help, 603 543-3669 Roger Wright. Club Labor guidelines must be signed by each worker, swap meet both Sat and Sun
- Snowmobilers for McCain contacted Sheldon to hand out flyers, etc. Sheldon did not call them back, but John Livingston did call back.
- Austin Ride for Cystic Fibrosis, Feb 21, non-residents may ride NH that day w/o NH registration
- Deerfield Fair contacted Rick about helping w/parking for the Fair
- 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Vintage Show & Swap, Lancaster, MA, Oct 4, Easy Riders Snowmobile club
- Uncanoonic Vintage Show, Oct 25
- Snowmobile Hill Climb, Pats Peak, Apr 4
- Oct 16, Turner Maine Vintage Show & Flea market

Membership report:

- 16 members have renewed
- Club membership expires November 1
- Those not renewed will be dropped from sbuds email.

Publicity report:

- Articles submitted by Eric to Nashua Telegraph

Trail master report:

- no trails, no snow
- Discussion by John Livingston in regards to Miles Slip, Milford, between Wilton and Brookline and our previous offer to help w/grooming that trail.

- Newt discussed Horse Hill and that he personally grooms with his own machine. The club's groomer has not been run in 2-3 years and is now at Newt's. Needs full tune-up. Although it was suggested that Lenny in Hollis perform the tune-up, Roland offered his services, and old gas will go into Rachel's car (!) Groomer can be parked across from HH and we provide an enclosed shelter.
- We no longer keep a drag at Wasserman Park.
- Newt talked with Chief Milligan of Merrimack PD in regards to possibly assisting in rescues at HH
- Rick motioned we correctly sign HH for snowmobiles. Newt cautioned on freely signing HH and said the HH Committee needs to approve all signing. No 2<sup>nd</sup> on Rick's motion. Dave C. motioned that Newt take care of signing. No 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### Activities:

- Deerfield Fair, Thursday – Sunday
- Hockey Game 10/18, not 9/18 as previously recorded
- Vermont registration fees discussed by George and his and Don's intention to ride Vermont this winter, not Maine, not Quebec.
- Snow Show Nov 7-9 as previously reported

#### Safety report:

- OHRV snowmobile safety class is scheduled and donation checks for registration are arriving. Sheldon smiled.

#### Fund raising:

- NHSA raffle tickets are available, Arctic Cat Crossfire, trailer, \$1000 Irving gas card, \$500 Irving gas card are the grand prizes
- Donation letters available from Sheldon

#### Webmaster report:

- \$86 due from Google to date for ads
- April 187 hits/day
- May 168 hits/day
- June 139
- July 139
- August 110
- September 114

County meeting is Monday in Weare at church on Center Rd

#### Unfinished business:

- Dave C. thanked Newt for card received for his brother-in-law's passing who was buried last Friday.
- NHSA has sent letter to Dave Copeland requesting all grass drags paperwork. They are not yet suing Dave, but Dave has invested \$1200 so far in lawyer fees.

- Rick motioned we verbally support and offer to help financially. Sheldon has already offered both, and Dave Copeland has thanked Sheldon for our support, but refused our financial support. No 2<sup>nd</sup> on the motion.

New business:

- Reviewed BOD meeting briefly and the possible 100% increase in NH snowmobile registration fees this year currently being drafted by NHSA. NHSA is spending \$50,000 to draft this bill. Federal funding is ending, hence the apparent need for the increase.
- Next Sno-Buds meeting Oct 8.

For the good of the club:

- Phil suggested we consider making cards for inclusion in the Snow Show handout. Per Rick, that's probably not worth it money-wise.
- John L. mentioned new registration agent in Brookline, Sunoco station just south of Brookline, needs 300 registrations to break even because of required bond.
- Per Dave B., Wentworth club says the silver bridge down from green camp and near Rte. 25 where the trail crosses is condemned. Cars still allowed over, but emergency vehicles will not cross.
- Per Rick, SNHSS club will need help with work parties. They also need help with Snow Show at Rockingham Park.
- Dave B. mentioned the SNHSS may seek other non-profit organizations to run the SNHSS clubhouse kitchen
- Dave B. mentioned possible re-decking of RR bridges near Campton that he and Chuck helped with last time. The Hobo railroad offered their train to help.
- Bill C. will bring refreshments next time.
- 'Thanks' to Sheldon for pizza for the BOD meeting and for refreshments for the general meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30, motion carried.

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. Scott Simons, elected 3/28/07, expire Nov 2008
2. Paul Moran, elected 3/28/07, expire Nov 2008
3. Pam Gelette, elected 3/28/07, expire Nov 2008
4. John Livingston, elected 3/28/07, expire Nov 2008
5. Phil Wetzel, elected 10/10/07, expire Oct 2009

6. Bill Clendennin, elected 10/10/07, expire Oct 2009
7. Marc Belland, elected 10/10/07, expire Oct 2009
8. Rick DiOrio, from 3/28/07 minutes, Immediate Past President