

Minutes of the Merrimack Sno-Buds General Membership meeting

10-22-2008

Wasserman Park, Merrimack, NH

Approved

Meeting called to order at 7:30 by Club President, Sheldon Kolansky. 15 members present.

Secretary's report: Motion by Paul Moran to accept secretary's report of 10/8/08 meeting as recently emailed by George, 2nded by Bob S, motion carried.

Communication:

- NH Sustainable Forest Meeting
- Trails Mtg, Nov. 22, at Plymouth State University; we will not send a delegate.
- 'Thank you' card from Colette Connelly for the flowers for her brother's passing, Father George
- Down East Realty
- Snowmobile Flea market, Sat. Nov. 1, Derry Pathfinders
- ACSA Grand Raffle
- Toyota Trucks and Marketing will pay \$250 to be part of club events, BBQs, etc
- Manchester Monarchs game, Sat. Dec 13, \$12, \$2 goes to Easter Seals

Membership: 21 paid or honorary members for 2008-2009 season

Publicity: As Eric Mortenson is not renewing, Phil Wetzel will be the new Club Publicity Director.

Trailmaster's report: None

Activities Report, Rick DiOrio:

- Jan 16, 17, 18 Pittsburg ride with SNH Snow Slickers
- Oct 25, Sat, Children's Miracle Network Ride, Pawtuckaway State Park w/ATVs, \$25 benefit ride
- SNHSS Oct 25, 10 AM – 2 PM, Open house, Tower Hill clubhouse, hot dogs, burgers, NH registrations
- SNHSS Oct 25, 10-2, work party
- Sat Nov 1, SNHSS bridge redecking
- SNHSS Safety class – they will take any overflow students we may have at our safety class. They do not charge; we request a donation to NH Easter Seals up front to register.
- Sportsman Lodge, Dec 26, 27
- Chuck Stata has talked with Hebron B&B, they have 10-12 rooms, possible club weekend ride late March, early April.
- Trailside Lodge, Wayne Labatte informed the club the lodge in N. Stratford is trailside w/lodging.
- Nor'Easters BBQ Nov 15, Saturday, Hollis across from Brookdale Farm at Chip Hardy's farm.
- Snowmobile/ATV show Nov 6, 7, 8, Rockingham Park, all booths are filled; ATV rides by Can-Am and Polaris and Yamaha.

Fund Raising: Newt has NHSA raffle tickets and printer cartridges are being accepted by Dave Connelly

Webmaster's Report: None

Cty Mtg report: none

Unfinished business:

- Plastic sled to Scott for winning (!) the previous 100/0 raffle.

New Business:

- Sheldon attended NHSA President's annual meeting last night.
 - Bridge in Contoocook by Townline Snow Drifters is being installed this weekend in Boscowen across the Contoocook River. Rick motioned to re-commit our previous \$500 towards this bridge. Wayne 2nded, motion carried.
 - NHSA contributed \$4000 to Sleepers Cemetery where Mr. Peterson is buried
 - Jeff Balch is stepping down except as Trailmaster
 - Someone too young was using vibrating compactor at Grass Drags.
 - NHSA golf tournament generated \$2-3K profit
 - Easter Seals Camp provided for over 100 kids to attend summer camp last summer
 - Allied Insurance is now covering liability insurance for 106 NHSA clubs
 - NHSA trails maps available ~Dec 15
 - NHSA Membership – they went to Big E in Springfield MA
 - NHSA Raffle sled available
 - Golf tournament - 10 teams next September
 - Sno-Traveler: 21,119 newsletters sent, \$7000 postage periodic rate, \$9764 postage last year, \$1900 saved
 - Ride-In will again have Cty baskets
 - NHSA advisory board meeting Friday
 - NHSA annual meeting at Margate , no date yet
 - NHSA scholarships – nothing
 - Grass Drags report: down on labor, camping down, no report on parking but an apparent fiasco, only 3 people doing parking, Bart Witham walked in w/o paying, others were selling their used wrist bands for \$5.00 after leaving
 - NH registrations: special committee formed of club Presidents; it now costs 3-4x to groom. This committee will investigate the possible increase of NH State OHRV registrations
 - NHSA meeting minutes are still not posted so people can review
 - Peterson's have been paid the full \$20K for the Grass Drags event
 - Sheldon asked NHSA how much they expected to pay to sue Dave Copeland. They're spending \$5700 to get paperwork from Dave Copeland.
 - Weare Winter Wanders will pay NHSA \$400 for their booth at the Grass Drags
 - Monthly budget for NHSA \$182,748 currently in bank
- Motion by Paul Moran to change the Sno-Buds By-Laws to allow President and VP to serve four (4) consecutive 1-year terms, seconded by George, motion carried. To be voted on at next meeting.
- Need new VP as Eric has not rejoined. Motion by Rick to appoint Scott. Scott declined. Motion by Rick to appoint Roger Blais, Roger accepted. Per the By-Laws, we will vote at next meeting. George to send e-mail now of upcoming By-Law change and the appointment of Roger as VP.
- Motion by Dave C. to have Eric be granted an annual free membership. Discussion by Bob S. to instead have Eric be given an Honorary Lifetime membership in the Sno-Buds for his dedication and great newspaper articles and in the Sno-Traveler, Rick re-motioned for lifetime honorary membership, Paul Moran 2nded, motion carried with a unanimous vote, none opposed!
- Our 1997 Ski-Doo Super Wide track groomer has been inhabited by chipmunks, carb is junk per Roland, and pistons are seized, green 'stuff' in gas tanks and lines. Roland has worked two weeks, needs new carb and new air box, Bickfords has parts for \$160-\$180, got carb from Al's Snowmobiles, needs 2 new batteries, sled only has 640 miles.

Next meeting Nov 12, Roger Blais volunteered to provide refreshments

Next Cty meeting Mon 10/27 Location TBD

For good of club: Ed Dockham won the 100/0 raffle and received a red plastic sled.
8:45 Denny motioned to adjourn, 2nded by Chuck, motion passed.

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