

**Minutes of the Merrimack Sno-Buds General Membership meeting
11-12-2008, Wasserman Park, Merrimack, NH
Draft**

Meeting called to order at 7:30 by Club President, Sheldon Kolansky, 17 members present.

Secretary's report: Motion by Rick D. to accept the minutes of 10/22/08 as recently emailed, 2nded by Paul Moran, motion carried.

Bills:

- Newt reports the groomer is running. Roland is the responsible mechanic that brought it back to life for ~\$400. Newt motioned we pay Roland \$200 for his labor. Rick amended that motion that if Roland won't accept the \$200; we pay for 2 nights lodging at the Ride In for Roland and Rachel. Pam 2nded, motion carried.
- Newt reports we are committed for \$100 for the Hollis Nor'Easters BBQ this Saturday. Wayne motioned to pay, 2nded by Rick, motion carried.

Communications: none

Membership report: 39 paid members for 2008/2009 season

Publicity report: Phil talked w/Eric on his contacts and articles. Safety class article in process for Telegraph and WMUR may be contacted to cover Safety Class.

Trailmaster report: Roland says snow in the North Country.

Activities: Rick DiOrio

- Saturday: Hollis Nor'Easters BBQ, Chip Hardy's farm, Hollis
- 11/22 – groomer training
- 11/24 – Cty Mtg, SNHSS, Tower Hill, Manchester
- 12/13 – Manchester Monarch's game
- 11/23 – SNHSS open house, 10 – 3
- 4/4 – Hill climb, Pat's Peak, Henniker
- 12/6 – safety class
- 12/7 – Bear Brook ATV ride – Toys for Tots
- 12/7 – Merrimack Parade
- 12/14 – SNHSS Holiday Party, 4 PM, all are invited

Safety report: George reports there are 33 students currently enrolled for 12/6 class at Law Motor Freight, Nashua. Hollis safety class is 12/13, and they will take our overflows. SNHSS will also take overflows.

Fund raising: Newt reports NHSA raffle tickets are coming in.

Webmaster report: Sheldon reports 150 hits/day in October, 140/day average so far for November, >\$100 from Google ads on snobuds.com coming in shortly.

Cty meeting report by John Livingston and George:

- 10/27 @Hollis Nor'Easters, Lone Pine F&G club, Hollis, Cliff Russell, Hillsborough Cty Director
- At annual Easter Seals meeting 12/2, NHSA will receive an award
- Rte. 128 Clarksville trail is saved for future use
- Forest Service Ride, Nash Stream, Date TBD

- Safety meeting, Nov. 13 @F&G
- ATV associations are now represented at that safety meeting
- NHSA golf tournament made >\$2000
- NHSA Cty baskets @Ride In again, all counties are encouraged to create with items manufactured in their county
- NHSA Easter Seals Ride In is at the Balsams Feb. 2009, rooms still available
- NHSA Advisory Board meeting last Friday evening reported by Harold Case of Hudson. Advisors and NHSA directors discussed topics recently on SledNH.com that are appearing before they should appear. Apparently submitted by NHSA Directors
- No registration increase this year
- NHSA Grass drags reportedly went very well
- Grant & Aid mtg this Wednesday night, lots of requests for aid. Grooming hours and projects will be determined.
- Map & Trails meeting Nov 22, Plymouth. Jeff Balsh resigned from May & Trails but will complete the year
- Jim Strickland also resigned.
- Trail patrol will continue but under the direction of the Safety Dept, not under Trails Dept.
- NH Trails maps should be available by Dec 5 (Note the new trail maps are included in the Safety class packets that George already has.)
- Trails signs to be passed out at Trailmaster's mtg
- NHSA is not suing Dave Copeland for money; NHSA wants paperwork for last year's Grass drags
- NHSA voted to donate \$4000 to Sleeper's Cemetary for upgrades
- NHSA scholarship will be coming out shortly for \$1,000
- ASCA grand raffle: 4 best sleds from each manufacturer. Tickets are \$100 each, 1000 tickets max to be sold. (Sno-Buds has purchased one ticket via Roland)
- Hollis Nor'Easters cookout Sat Nov 15, all are welcome
- Hudson Snow Men flea market Nov 8, Londonderry Gardens, Rte 102, Londonderry, NH
- NHSA Monarchs Night, Sat Dec 13, 7 PM, Verizon Wireless arena, Manchester
- Snow Show, Rockingham Park, Nov 7, 8, 9, ATV demos on track
- Weare Winter Wanders will sponsor hill climb, April 4, Pat's Peak, Henniker
- Nov. 1, Derry Pathfinders flea market, Derry
- Next NHSA Cty meeting, SNHSS, Tower Hill, Manchester

Unfinished business:

- Previous motion by Paul Moran to change By-Laws to change term of President and Vice President to from two to four 1-year successive terms. Sheldon commented he is against this as did a few members via email. In any event, Sheldon will not be re-running as President. By-Laws not changed.
- Nominations are open for Vice President. Currently Roger Blais was volunteered and agreed. Bill Clendenin also volunteered to be nominated. **Roger voted in as Vice President.**
- Groomer is running with 'Thanks' to Roland, new carb, pistons un-frozen, green 'gunk' removed for fuel tank and fuel lines and groomer and drag were delivered to Newt's
- \$27.50 bill from Roland for additional parts.
- Discussion to sell groomer. Horse Hill trails as previously discussed are too tight for super-wide track groomer. Perhaps Newt will groom with his own machine and groomer.
- SNHSS may be interested in Groomer and hydraulic operated groomer, selling price is \$2500. Rick to follow up with Slickers.
- Marc Belland motioned to sell groomer and drag, Wayne Labatte 2nded, motion carried.
- BOD elections:
 - Scott Simons, Paul Moran, Pam Gilette, John Livingston terms are expiring November 2008
 - George Lyon volunteered, Dave Burbank volunteered via email but not present, Wayne Labatte and Paul Moran and Pam Gilette volunteered

- George Lyon, Wayne Labatte, Paul Moran, Pam Gilette elected for 2 year term
- Eric Mortenson was present and thanked the Club for his new lifetime honorary membership.

New Business:

- David Fornier of Alton Bay has very clean sleds for sale. Pam Gilette bought a used sled recently.
- Sno-Buds Holiday Party 12/14, Pam and Bill's house, 5 PM, pot luck dinner, \$15 limit on Yankee Swap gifts
- Refreshments next meeting will be provided by Bob S.
- 'Thank you' to Roger Blais for refreshments this evening!
- Gifts for Safety Class – Newt will check with RJ's, George will bring Can-Am ATV T-shirt

Date of next meeting: 11/26

Date of next Cty meeting: 11/24 SNHSS

For the good of the club:

- Owen's Marine has re-opened, Ski-Doo parts are gone, Mercury outboard parts are still in stock
- John Livingston knows of a Yamaha Snow-Scout, excellent condition, \$1,500
- Rick D. motioned to adjourn at 8:30, Bill C. 2nded, motion carried.

Officers:

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

BOD:

1. Phil Wetzel, elected 10/10/07, expire Oct 2009
2. Bill Clendennin, elected 10/10/07, expire Oct 2009
3. Marc Belland, elected 10/10/07, expire Oct 2009
4. George Lyon, elected 11/12/08, expire Oct 2010
5. Wayne Labatte, elected 11/12/08, expire Oct 2010
6. Paul Moran, elected 11/12/08, expire Oct 2010
7. Pam Gilette, elected 11/12/08, expire Oct 2010
8. Rick DiOrio, from 3/28/07 minutes, Immediate Past President