

**Minutes of the Merrimack Sno-Buds General Membership meeting
11-26-2008, Wasserman Park, Merrimack, NH
Draft**

Meeting called to order at 7:30 by Sno-Buds club president Sheldon Kolansky.

Secretary's report: Motion by Bill C. to accept the report as recently emailed by George, seconded by Denny T, motion carried.

Communication: letters received by Merrimack Parade committee, Austin's ride for Cystic Fibrosis, Nashua Athletic Club, Webster House, Rapsidy Design, Dana Farba, Jimmy Fund

Membership report: 40 paid members for 08/09 season
Two new members welcomed: Brian Kocsis, Reney Richards

Publicity Report: Phil
Article to Sno-Traveler submitted
WMUR and Nashua Telegraph may visit safety class on 12/6

Trailmaster's report: none

Safety report: Safety class 12/6, ~55 students are expected

Fund raising: keep cans coming in, NHSA raffle tickets available

Webmaster report: none

NHSA Cty. Meeting report:

- @Snow Slickers clubhouse, Tower Hill, Manchester
- LOTS of food
- New signs available
- ~300 people at recent Trail master's mtg.
- Several DRED BOD positions available
- Ride-In
 - Possible radar run
 - Ride In pins, not patches
- Grass drags reoort
 - \$343,171 income
 - \$238,845 expenses
 - \$104,327 profit
 - comparison chart available for last 5 years
 - Peterson family wants \$50K ahead for farm for next Grass drags
 - NHSA BOD voted to approve \$50K
 - Lack of labor was a problem
 - Paid \$31K for labor, budgeted \$40K

- 27,000 people through the gates, 24,000 paid
- Grant-In-Aid
 - Proposed 33% increase in NH sled registration. If bill is submitted, it would cost ~\$40K to get through: \$47 now, \$64 new
 - Same formula for dispersal of funds, ~40% goes to Grand-In-Aid
- Letter coming to clubs to explain the 60/40 rates by state on equipment purchased with Grand In Aid funds
- 4 Bad Boy safety classes were almost full
- Classes for family snowmobiling: 1/16, 17, 18 and Camp Snow-Mo
- F&G will switch to DVDs
- Instructor recertification: must teach every 2 years to remain qualified
- 2/14-2/22: Take A Friend snowmobiling week
- House bill 101., 102 state funds may be taken from other users
- Snow Slickers report on Snow Show: best run and most profitable to date, >3K people, 1/3 increase, may be at Rockingham Park again next year.

Unfinished business:

- Hollis has offered \$3K for Sno-Buds Ski-Doo super-wide track groomer sled and drag
- SNHSS offered \$2,500
- Discussion to hold until next meeting to see if Hollis still wants it.
- Dec. 14 annual Sno-Buds Holiday party – contact Bill and Pam
- Dec. 7 ATV Toys for Tots ride, Bear Brook State Park
- Dec. 7 annual Merrimack winter parade, 1 PM gather, 2 PM start, Rick will provide truck and 6-place trailer, Newt will provide candy, John will provide Raider to ride down the street, Theme: Home for the Holidays

Ride In: \$119/room/night @Balsams Resort, room assignments made, some rooms still available, see Newt.

New business:

- As Brookline's grooming hours were reduced from 110 hours to 70 hours and \$500 for parking was eliminated, Brookline is selling raffle tickets. See John Livingston

For the good of the club:

- Dec 10, next Sno-Buds meeting, Wasserman
- Phil will provide refreshments
- No NHSA Cty meeting in December

Respectfully submitted,
 George Lyon
 Secretary, Merrimack Sno-Buds

Officers:

1. President – Sheldon Kolansky
2. VP – Roger Blais
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