

Minutes of the Merrimack Sno-Buds 1/27/2010 general membership meeting,

Wasserman Park, Merrimack NH

(Approved 2/10/10)

Meeting called to order by Club Vice President Pam Gelette at 7:30, 16 members present.

Secretary's report: George reported the minutes of the 1/13/10 meeting were emailed to sbuds on 1/27. Motion by Rick to accept the minutes as emailed, seconded by Bill, motion carried.

New bills: two new bills received for flowers: for Ardie Lee and for Tom McKee. Motion by Bill to pay the bills, seconded by Paul Moran, motion carried.

Communication report: Phil reported the Merrimack winter carnival will be February 20th.

Treasurer's report: Newt

Sheldon motioned to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Bill, motion carried

Committee Reports:

Membership report: Newt reported we have 54 paid members

Publicity report: Phil needs info for late winter edition of the Snow Traveler

Trailmaster's Report: Roland reported dirt and ice

Activities report: Bill

Baker River trails shut down

Hollis Cookout cancelled

Hebron Church supper steak feed 2/13

Wasserman Winter Carnival 2/20

2/13 Rock Maple Racing, Rockingham Park

2/19 – 2/21 NH Speedway

2/5 – 2/7 annual NHSA Easter Seals Ride-In, Balsams, Dixville Notch

Safety report: George reported a death on Highland Lake in Stoddard

Fund raising: Newt needs NHSA Super Raffle tickets turned in

Webmaster's report: Sheldon reported 180 hits/day in January and \$89.16 in Google ads

Cty Meeting report: John

- State entering into contracts for advanced groomer class
- If extra signs a not needed, please turn in
- Add names to back of trail markers to help prevent theft
- Annual NHSA meeting in Pittsburg May 15th
- Grass drags on Discovery Channel last night
- Ride In agenda available
- BRP Promo: 56 NH clubs participated
- If you groom on a road with tractor plates, you are covered by the state insurance policy
- Do not ride on edge of Rte. 9 in Hillsborough, you will be ticketed
- Ossipee trails landowner problems resolved. Waterway in Hopkington is closed.
- Bow to power line problem
- Northeast Chapter meeting ¾ - 3/6

- 115 people at Bad Boys school so far
- HB1401 would allow up to 15% ethanol in gasoline
- Review of State Park plan meeting to be attended by Craig Mayo
- Grass drags net \$76,381, \$348,000 gross
- 3 snowmobile fatalities in State so far
- Next month's meeting not announced, but probably Hollis

Unfinished business:

- Ride In rooms - tonight is cut off, 8 rooms confirmed
- The Balsams is looking forward to us coming

New Business:

- Pam, Roger and Newt attended meeting with NHSA in Weare recently. Most clubs are not compliant with filing tax returns, form 990. Classes around state to inform clubs how to get into compliance. Newt has filed paperwork to get into compliance. EIN Number needs to be validated if not in use for 3-4 years. Newt will contact Diane Nado to hear how they do it. Our fiscal year ends Sept 30; therefore the form needs to be submitted by May 1st.
Correction from Pam: Filing requirements for Form 990 – the form is due on the 15th day of the 5th month following the Club's fiscal year end.)
Update from Pam: our EIN # is not valid. The Merrimack Snobuds do not exist in the IRS data base. Nor do we exist in the Exempt Division of IRS. Newt, Sheldon and I along with Bill met last week to compare notes. I am still researching filing requirements. I will share my notes at the next meeting.
- Weare club has a \$9,000 fine, paid it and got it abated later.
- Pam will follow up to determine if our EIN# is still valid.
- Pam suggested we add a paragraph in our Club Bylaws that our treasurers will insure we are in compliance once each year. Dave Connelly will draft a proposal for the Bylaw change.
- John Livingston asked if Fish & Game clubs are in the same boat. Apparently yes.
- Scott questioned the income and expense of NHSA as they reported in the Snow Traveler. This month's report shows ~\$53,000 income and ~\$108,000 expenses for the month but no details.

Date of the next meeting is 2/10/10

Date of next Cty meeting is 2/22/10

For the good of the club:

- Per Rick, when a member recently cancelled a ride near Manchester or Bear Brook, a Snow Slickers member is always conservative in broadcasting their trail conditions. Also per Rick, Snow Slickers trails were mint that weekend.
- Discussion on riding on Lake Mass. In Manchester. Per Rick, half the lake is in Manchester and has a speed limit of 35 MPH, and the other half of the lake is in Auburn with no speed limit.

Dave Connelly lost the 100/0 raffle.

Paul Moran provided refreshments. (Thanks, Paul!) Marc Belland will provide refreshments for the next meeting.

Sheldon, as part of the Nominating Committee, nominated Marc Belland to be the next Club Secretary, Marc graciously accepted the nomination. Elections will be at the 2/10 meeting.

Tom McKee thanked the club for his recent flowers and said they helped cheer him up.

Dave Connelly motioned to adjourn at 8:15, Sheldon seconded, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
George Lyon
Secretary, Merrimack Sno-Buds

Officers:

1. President: Roger Blais
2. VP: Pam Gelette
3. Secretary: George Lyon
4. Treasurer: Newt Coryell

BOD:

1. George Lyon elected 11/12/08, expire Oct 2010
2. Wayne Labatte elected 11/12/08, expire Oct 2010
3. Paul Moran elected 11/12/08, expire Oct 2010
4. Pam Gelette elected 11/12/08, expire Oct 2010
5. Phil Wetzel re-elected 10/14/09, expire Oct 2011
6. Bill Clendennin re-elected 10/14/09, expire Oct 2011
7. Marc Belland re-elected 10/14/09, expire Oct 2011
8. Sheldon Kolansky, Immediate Past President