

**Minutes of the Merrimack Sno-Buds general membership meeting
2/11/09, Wasserman Park, Merrimack, NH**

Meeting called to order by club President, Sheldon Kolansky, at 7:30, 18 members present.

Secretary's report from the 1/28 meeting was emailed 2/11 by George. Motion by Wayne L to approve as emailed, seconded by Rick D, motion carried.

New bills:

- \$20 from Pam for Schwann chocolates for Cty basket for Ride In
- Motion to pay by Rick D., seconded by Marc Belland, motion carried.

Communication: none

Treasurer's Report:

Motion by Dave C. to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Marc, motion carried.

Membership report: 57 paid members

Publicity report:

- Article submitted by Phil for the next Sno-Traveler
- Looking for more info for next article.

Trail report: none

Activities:

- 2/13 Friday @Chuck's w/Chris Woods and Marc
- 2/14 Sat @Chuck's
- 2/15 Bear Brook Snowmobile Museum
- 2/21 Merrimack Winter Carnival – Sno-Buds giving rides 10 AM – 3 PM
- 2/22 Mom's Cycles open house for SNHSS and friends per Rick
- 2/28 Hollis 3-club BBQ @Rocky Pond 12-2, BYO Food
- Vermont trip with George and Don 2/20 – 2/22
- 2/28 Littleton trip w/Scott Simons

Safety report:

- 2 deaths in Pittsburg
- Child went over an embankment at the Ride In
- Helmets now need to be DOT approved

Fund Raising:

- **Sno-Buds at the Ride In were 1st in the State with a donation of \$11,580.49 to NH Easter Seals!!**
- We did not get the Bone, it went for \$2700 to the Belmont Bogie Busters, but they donated \$3250.
- The Bone has generated over \$20,000 in 14 years.
- Donations by county:
 - Belmont \$1945, 45% of clubs contributing
 - Carroll \$4463, 50% of clubs contributing
 - Cheshire \$165, 17% of clubs
 - Coos \$6507, 75% of clubs
 - Grafton \$3493, 43% of clubs

- Hillsborough \$20,352.99, 54% of clubs
- Merrimack \$16,739, 65% of clubs
- Rockingham \$7893, 39% of clubs
- Stratford \$770, 100% of clubs
- Sullivan \$1385, 33% of clubs
- Summation of Sno-Buds donations to NH Easter Seals:
 - Up until 2008: \$246,107
 - 2008 \$11,580
 - Total: \$257,687
 - Cty Basket \$1,000
 - Bone \$2,500
- Total for the Ride In this year: \$76,611.00!!

Webmaster report:

- 140 visits/day
- \$46.39 Google ads
- Wayne will help with Google ad money from home by clicking on snobuds.com LOTS of times.

Unfinished business: none

New Business:

- Nominating Committee, Newt and George, provided the following nominees for officers for the 2009-2010 season:
 - President – Roger Blais
 - Vice President – Pam Gilette
 - Secretary – George Lyon
 - Treasurer – Newt Coryell
- The Secretary cast his one ballot for the above officers and offered his condolences, Denny motioned to accept the vote, Dave Connelly seconded, motion carried.
- These new officers will take office the 1st meeting in March per current online By-Laws.
- It was noted that Sheldon has served as an officer for 18 years! He received a round of applause. And a salute by The Colonel.
- Motion by Bill Cl. to make Sheldon an Honorary Member, seconded by Pam, motion carried. Sheldon was very appreciative (and later admitted to being speechless)(a first).
- Sheldon discussed the possibility of having people add their own online ads w/approval by 1 of the 2 moderators, approx \$60 1-time fee.
- Sheldon discussed adding photo albums online by those that write trip reports. He will follow up w/photo options.

Next Club meeting: 2/25/09

Next Cty meeting: 2/23/09 at Hancock (later changed to Greenfield)

It was discussed that the Balsams handled the Ride In extremely well in everything they organized.

Marc Belland will provide refreshments for the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 8:15 by John Livingston, seconded by Sheldon, motion carried.

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