

**Minutes of the Merrimack Sno-Buds 9/23/09 general membership meeting
Wasserman Park, Merrimack, NH**

10/15/09 – Per feedback, updated 9/23/09 minutes and emailed to sbuds

Meeting called to order at 7:06 PM by Club President, Roger Blais.
19 members present.

Secretary's report: George

Minutes of 3/25 meeting e-mailed to members on 4/26 and again on 9/10. Bill C. motioned to accept, spelling correction by Pam, motion seconded by Rick D, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Newt

Wayne L. motioned to accept, seconded by Sheldon, motion carried.

\$523.00 is still in town of Merrimack heating assistance fund. Per Newt, \$7370 has been donated to Town heating assistance to date.

Committee Reports:

President's report:

NHSA Monarch's game Nov. 7, 7 PM

NHSA Annual meeting report:

Camp Sno-Mo summer report 2009

NHSA Cty meeting dates announced

Grass Drags work form available

Snowmobile registration increases effective 7/1/2010, not this year.

NHSA annual mtg – Roger read his notes

Grass drags info, money available to clubs, \$10/person/hour

Ski-Doo Million club

2009 Vintage Turf Run @ Grass Drags

Daniel Webster Council

NHSA Community Service Award, Sno-Buds placed 2nd and received \$50 check

Also received NHSA 40-year member award

Received appreciation award for raising over \$2,500 for Camp Sno-Mo

Club with highest donations report by Dave Connelly

Membership report: Newt

15 paid members so far for 2009/2010 season

Trailmaster's report:

7 ½ miles of snowmobile trails now available in Horse Hill Nature Preserve, Merrimack, limited parking, can also park at Newt's house and ride from there.

Activities report: Rick

Oct 9-11 NHSA Grass Drags, Fremont, NH

Oct 17 Bow Pioneers snowmobile flea market, HK Powersports

Oct 17 easy, smooth ATV ride Newport to Claremont, Sugar River rail-trail, see George

Oct 30 – Nov 1 13th annual Snowmobile/ATV show, Rockingham Park

~~Nov 1~~ Nov 7 NHSA @ Monarchs game, \$12/person, \$2 goes to Camp Sno-Mo

Nov 11 Derry Pathfinders snowmobile flea market

Nov 14 Hollis pre-season BBQ

Nov 14 Hudson Sno-Men snowmobile flea market, Rte 102, Londonderry

Dec 5, OHRV snowmobile safety class, Law Warehouses, call George's home phone for details 603 424-6795

Public Relations report: Phil

Article for Snow-Traveler submitted on time and under budget.

Fund raising report, Newt:

NHSA raffle tickets available

2010 Arctic Cat Sno Pro

2009 Ski-Doo

\$500 gas card

\$1000 gas card

Webmaster's report: Sheldon:

Google ads have produced ~~\$5930~~ \$59.30

Website visits:

Daily average visits for Sept: 145/day

Cty meeting at SNHSS, Tower Hill, Monday, Sept 28, 7:30 PM

Unfinished business: none

New business:

Rick motioned to send \$1500 to Merrimack for home heating assistance, changed motion to "allocate up to \$1000 and give as needed", Pam seconded, discussion to clarify, motion carried.

Dave Connelly motioned to start meetings at 7:30, Marc B seconded, motion passed.

NHSA President's meeting report: Roger & Pam:

Vanity registration will cost an extra \$20, goes to Safety

State pays \$100 per safety class presented. We may charge \$5/student.

Certain rail-trails are being considered for re-opening to rail service, Concord to White River Junction and Manchester airport to Salem

Registration increases will be in effect for 2010/2011 season

Rob Kelly, Camp Sno-Mo, had over 100 kids attend camp. May add another 21 campers.

Clubs can buy camping tickets for Easter Seals families

Society for Protection of Forests, they own 48,000 of acres in NH, and they appreciate the ethics of snowmobilers and the Association. Groton and Lempster are possibly new tracks of land.

Next year's annual NHSA meeting May 15 at Pittsburg fire station, no charge to attend, just buy your own meal. Money is being raised for helo pads on the North Woods.

NHSA golf tourn – low turnout, but a small profit for NHSA's legal fund

Grass drags details: expanded parking, expanded security, vintage racing on oval track w/woodchips and clay base

Pro-Line has donated a 2-place trailer to NHSA, requesting pictures for mural on trailer.

New NHSA Ethics committee

Ride-In will again be at the Balsams

Snow-Traveler is in the mail

NHSA may do another economic impact study

Bureau of Trails may use the study

Recreational Trail Program, RTP, money from Federal government may go away. Rockingham trail depends on RTP money

A Cty Director suggested the NHSA BOD is getting bashed

On P. 12 of the annual NHSA report, an independent audit report stated the NHSA cash accounting system is inadequate. Pam found this alarming, made it public at the annual meeting.

Apparently a club in NHSA has received letters from the IRS for failure to file non-profit paperwork.

NHSA is a 503, not a 510C. Sno-Buds do have an EIN federal number and we are "Not for Profit"

In regards to the NHSA cash accounting problem reported, Denny motioned to have Sno-Buds write a letter to NHSA asking 1) what is their course of action to correct this problem 2) when will this accounting issue be resolved? Dave Connelly seconded, motions carried.

Rick motioned that NHSA discussions and business be addressed only at Sno-Buds BOD meetings, not seconded.

Additional questions by Denny suggested for NHSA: what is NHSA doing to further improve snowmobiling.

Next Sno-Buds meeting: Oct 14

Refreshments for this meeting were provided by Sheldon (Thank you, Sheldon!)

Refreshments for next meeting will be provided by Bill and Pam

Motion to adjourn ~9 PM, motion passed.

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. 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 Gelette elected 11/12/08, expire Oct 2010
8. Sheldon Kolansky, Immediate Past President