

Minutes of Merrimack Sno-Buds 10/14/2009 general membership meeting

Wasserman Park, Merrimack, NH

Approved 10/28/09

Meeting called to order at 7:30 by Club president, Roger Blais.

15 members present

Secretary's report of 9/23/09 emailed to members. Need corrections to Treasurer's report. Motion to accept as corrected by Bill C, seconded by Paul M., motion carried.

Treasurer's report:

Dave C motioned to accept, Marc B seconded, motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Communication:

Roger reported we received a 'Thank you' card from Denny from the passing of his father.

Membership report: 32 members for 2009/2010 including 3 honorary members.

Safety report: George reported our annual OHRV snowmobile safety class is scheduled for 12/5 at Law Motor Freight, he has 60 student packets, a Conservation Officer has contacted him and currently 6 students have pre-registered.

Activity report by George, Rick not present: in addition to the activities listed in the previous minutes, there is an open house at SNHSS on Oct 24.

Public relations report: Phil reported he submitted activities to the Nashua Telegraph and to the Merrimack Journal

Trails report: None

Fund raising:

Newt reported he has NHSA raffle tickets

Ski-Doo Million club

Website report: Sheldon reported snobuds.com received 145 hits/day in Sept and 143 hits/day so far in October, and Google ads have brought in \$60.51 to date

NHSA Cty meeting report: George

Cliff Russell presiding at SNHSS 9/28/09

Dave Copeland situation is over and done. See Belknap Court records for any further details.

\$15K in NHSA relief fund for conservation

NHSA President's meeting moved to September

Total registrations: 85000 est. snow. reg, 63,365 NHSA members

Sound testing by F&G to start soon on the trail

N.E. Chapter meeting in Feb in Pittsburg

NHSA golf tournament made a small profit

1 map and trail mtg so far, cost cutting on map to be down-sized and put on quality map paper. Hope to have map early and possibly online.

Grass drags – do away with bracket racing. Vintage races w/rubber track only, no cleated tracks, therefore, no Arctic Cats with cleated tracks.
Annual Ride In at Balsams again. Rooms on sale now.
Deadline Oct 14 for grooming contracts.
Grooming rate rose to 62%
F&G took all of gas tax, NHSA got nothing.
Free 75' bridge available from Campton w/lead
Ski-Doo money available to club, \$10/member, \$1500 max/club
NHSA will support Ski-Doo program, but NHSA did not provide any club info, only club president's names and addresses.
ASCA paintings available
ASCA land summit in NE maybe.
Grass Drags needs 25 more people for labor, \$10/hr
Raffle sled, Ski-Doo and trailer available, See Jim Bronson
Trailer donated by Pro Line trailers
Road crossing problems, Clinisol will be used for fill, \$68000 to be used for 3 road crossing repairs and to be absorbed by DOT
Grant In Aid: \$1.5M assigned for grooming
President's Mtg in September
8 rail beds turned over this year
Clyde Kimball retired. Peter Franklin took over.
RTP federal money expiring this year.
Oct 19 meeting @F&G - administrative rules
Sound testing to start soon.
Vanity plates \$20 extra
65000 acres in Groton is in jeopardy
Advisory board, Oct 23rd
Annual mtg May 15, Pittsburg Fire Dept, no cost to attend, only buy your own lunch.
Trailmaster's meeting Nov 21, location TBD, not Plymouth
Oct 17, 18 Eastern States Expo, Jim needs help
Economic impact study may or may not happen, \$10-\$15K to do study
Info on reg increase is approved, \$64 for resident registration next year.
Annual report presented by Camp SnoMo
Another wish list from Camp SnoMo coming: golf cart, window screens, camera, TV for wall, sleeping bags, kayaks, towels, arts and crafts, stones to line walks
Prinoth groomer open house Nov 7, Gilmanton
Uncanoonic flea mkt Oct 24
Hillsborough Night Riders event this weekend, W. Deering near Deering F&G
NHSA night at Monarchs Nov 7
Vintage racing, Fri Oct 9 at Grass Drags
Trailmaster's meeting will include chainsaw tng, groomer operator tng and signing, DES trail patrol, RTP tng may or may not happen, maybe bridge designing
NHSA Secretary is now Skip Kristenburg
Next Cty meeting Oct 26, Weare
Weare Winter Wanderers will again sponsor a hill climb at Pat's Peak, April 3rd

New Members: none

Unfinished Business: none

Announcements: Grass drags, Roger was there helping park, Phil there but went home sick, Roger worked Sunday. If working, you did not have to pay to enter and then get re-imbursed. Saturday attendance appeared to

be busier than last year. Per Phil, flea market smaller and not well organized and more costly than last year. More food vendors next year. Sunday, a bad accident – demo rider broke his back, airlifted away. John reported the Friday oval racing from 1-3 was interesting, recommends Friday to others, smaller crowds, enjoyable. Per Phil, camping was mellow, open camping spots available, \$150/site for 2 adults including 2 passes for 3 days.

New business:

Hollis pre-season cookout 11/14, 11 AM – 2 PM

Sheldon motioned to donate \$100 to Hollis for BBQ, John L seconded, motion carried.

Motion by Dave C. to extend 3 BOD members for another 2 years, Bill C, Phil W, Marc Belland, motion seconded by Pam, motion carried.

Old business:

In regards to the letter we may write to NHSA, Pam called NHSA and found the annual report is not available until the minutes are approved at the next annual meeting. She also called the independent auditor, Leone McDonald & Roberts, and found that NHSA is again under audit. Terry Callum later called Pam and left voice-mail.

Next meeting: Oct 28

Next Cty mtg, Oct 26, Weare

For the good of the club:

Newt has Hollis trail maps, \$1.00 each

Road crossing on Rte 13 north is NOT approved by state. Riders are being ticketed

Refreshments next meeting to be provided by Newt.

Refreshments this meeting provided by Bill and Pam (Thank you!)

Motion to adjourn at 8:35 by Wayne L, Dave C 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 Wetzels, 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