

Minutes of Merrimack Sno-Buds 10/28/2009 general membership meeting

Wasserman Park, Merrimack, NH

Approved 11/11/09

Meeting called to order at 7:30 by Club president, Roger Blais. 13 members present.

Secretary's report from 10/14/09 meeting emailed to sbuds 10/26/09, spelling correction (Callum). Motion by Rick D. to accept as corrected, seconded by Bob S, motion carried.

New Bills: none

Treasurer's report: Newt

Rick D. motioned to accept, seconded by Marc B, motion carried.

Committee Reports:

President's report: Roger

- Letter from NHSA in regards to our Club questioning their accounting and contacting and questioning their accounting firm. Terry Callum called and left message for Pam
- Open house at Prinoth groomers, Belmont, Nov 7
- Union Leader article on Grass Drags accident – stunt rider was paralyzed with severed back
- Telegraph article on Sno-Buds that Phil submitted
- Berlin Reporter – you can now ATV through downtown Berlin to get from Jericho Park on the west to Success trails on the east, apparently now ~100 miles of ATV trails.
- Discussion on ATV accident and death of rider at Pawtuckaway State Park last weekend.

Membership report: Newt

- 34 paid members for 2009/2010 season

Safety report: George

- 8 students have pre-registered for Dec 5 safety class at Law Motor Freight. For details on how to register, call George's home phone, 603 424-6795

Activities report: Rick

- Nov 14, Hollis BBQ 11 AM
- This weekend at Rockingham Park, Snow Show sponsored by SNH Snow Slickers, Polaris ATVs will not be there apparently because of HK Powersports. BRP and Yamaha will be there with ATVs. HK will represent BRP, not Polaris, and they did not want another Polaris dealer coming in.
- Bennington trestle work this weekend. George to email directions to sbuds.
- New bridge in Horse Hill soon. Newt will ask Club for help.
- Newt has reserved 10 rooms at the Balsams for Ride In. Call him if you want a room.

Publicity report: Phil not here, but he did submit the Telegraph article on the Sno-Buds.

Trail report: Roland not present. Newt re-routed 2 trails in Horse Hill. George has agreed to groom Grater Woods.

Fund raising: Newt

- Newt has NHSA super raffle tickets
- Newt has Hollis maps for \$1.00
- Ski-Doo challenge – get your applications to Rick, due Nov 15th

Website report: Sheldon

- 135 visits/day for Oct
- \$62.50 from Google ads

Cty mtg report: John L.

- Trailmaster's report to be at Attitash, Nov. 21
- Approved minutes of emergency NHSA BOD meeting - should they pay the legal fees for Dave Copeland: NHSA BOD Voted 'No'
- Next Cty meeting Hudson
- Nov 7 open house for groomers
- NHSA believes most clubs are not compliant with IRS with tax exempt status. They are not filing.
- Next Monday – NH State trail maps available
- Fish & Game will monitor sleds for sound this season, 4000 RPM, 4 feet away, 4 feet high, 72 db max
- Easter Seals will come to meetings if we want
- NHSA Cty baskets wanted at Ride In again
- NHSA did not think that Friday went well at the Grass Drags
- Injured stunt rider at Grass Drags flown to Vancouver on Monday
- Need more help with Grass Drags
- Various methods discussed to obtain help.
- Reciprocity with Quebec ends this year
- Annual NHSA meeting in Pittsburg
- Cliff will know the results of groomer grants
- Bennington trestle work this weekend. Before trestle opens, the railroad will replace ties on the trestle.

New Member report: None

Unfinished business: None

New Business:

- Pam and Bill will hold Sno-Buds annual Holiday party on Dec 13 or Dec 20, TBD

For the good of the club:

- Next meeting 11
- Next Cty meeting Nov 30, Hudson Youth Center
- Nashua Motor Sports, Milford, closing end of October, lost franchises and lease will not be renewed. Building still owned by Jodi, and she may move back in there.
- Roger won the 100/0 raffle
- Refreshments this meeting provided by Newt (Thank you, Newt!)
- Refreshments next meeting by Rick D.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 by John L, seconded by Sheldon, 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