



Ridge Riders Snowmobile Club, Inc.
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April 2011 Newsletter

2011-2012 Officers and Board of Directors

Judi Whittaker, President
Terry Kellogg, 1st Vice-President/Webmaster
Mike Blance - Treasurer
Jim Petrie, Events Coordinator
Joel Munson, Groomer Manager
Secretary – Position Vacant
Sue Marsh, Membership Manager
Yvonne David, 210 Plus Ticket Coordinator

Board of Directors

David Dishaw
Matt Lane
Perry Marsh
Chad Parks
Bill Leonard

Trail Captains

Northwest - Perry Marsh
Northcentral - Ned Sturdevant
Northeast – Mike Harrington
South-Castle Creek – Eric Johnson
Southwest – Matt Lane/Chad Parks

The April 6, 2011 Monthly Meeting was brought to order at 7:29 PM by President Judi Whittaker.

Judi asked if anyone had comments on the March meeting minutes. There were none. Marty Brown made a motion to approve the March meeting minutes. Terry Kellogg seconded the motion. The motion was put to a vote and it was approved by the membership.

Mike Blance, Club Treasurer, gave the following Treasurer's Report.

Expenses: \$9490.76
Income: \$3158.86

\$6000 was transferred from the savings to the checking.

After the transfer, the checking account is at \$1807.73

Some of the expenses for the month are as follows:

Ford/New Holland payment (Mar) \$871.19 – only 1 more
and the loan will be paid off.

Tucker Payment (March, April) \$1464.00

Land Payment (Feb) \$428.62

Welding Supplies (Tucker Steel Tracks)
\$355.01

Cover for Polaris Grooming sled \$146.65

NPA Parts \$134.92

Verizon \$193.17

Staples (Hard copies of meeting minutes)
\$130.05

Web site (1 year) \$270.00

Income

NYSSA Web Memberships \$2658.86

BRP Promotion \$150.00

Cortland County 70% \$940.00

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made and it was seconded. Judi asked if anyone had questions or wanted to discuss the report. No questions or discussion were brought up. The club members voted to approve the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as read.

CCSF report – Joel Munson

An update on the Decibel meter (dB) issue. After discussing the law with Steve Lewis from Parks, it was decided to hold off on this purchase until the law is revised to make it enforceable.

Update on the Chenango County Contract. At this time, it was decided to NOT sign the contract and continue with the present payment schedule.

There will be 3 items voted on at the forum:

- 1.) Change the delegate ration from the exiting 1:30 to 1:200.
- 2.) Vote to approve the NYSSA committee's work on looking at ways to remove the trail from NY State Control.
- 3.) Vote to approve a one Time \$5 cost per member for NYSSA to hire a PR firm.

Each of the above items was discussed.

NYSSA – Mike Blance

Mike reminded all attendees that the NYSSA forum will be held in Liverpool, NY on the weekend of April 15th, 16th and 17th. Please contact Mike if you would like to attend. The NYSSA Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday and it is important that our club send as many representatives as possible so that we are well represented. The club will pay for the hotel for that weekend.

Also, Mike stated that the new Executive Director will be at that meeting and it would a good time to meet him.

OLD BUSINESS

Jim Petrie gave an update on the Sportsman's Show to be held in September. The Ridge Riders will have an inside booth and an outside booth. The event is tentatively scheduled for the 3rd weekend in September, 2011.

ACTION ITEMS - Status

- AIB1 – Terry, Will the trusses be walk through type
No, as there are no plans to have a second story in the building so there is no need for the extra cost.
- AIB2 – Terry, What is the estimate to get
Water/Septic/Electric installed.
Water \$6.5K +- 200' deep

Septic – Perk Test is needed first, Approx \$500 cost
Electric – if the building remains at 300’ off the road \$6.5K
If we move it closer – 200’, \$3.5K

- AIB3- Jim Petrie – What would it cost to insure that building?
\$470 estimate
- AIB4 – Judi – Can we put in a driveway without a building permit?
YES!
- I’m Safe Magazine – Chris Skinner – status, - Absent - no new news
- Action Item: Judi to contact Al/Dori regarding their status and to possibly get club equipment - No new news

Action ITEM – Building Committee Status

An update to the information provided at the last meeting.

Mike Blance – Stated that he feels the club can spend \$40K with minimal risk. Since the club already authorized \$5,000 at the last meeting for the driveway, the balance available is \$35,000.

Terry Kellogg presented the project status:

To summarize, the Committee is recommending that a metal pole barn shell be erected on the Club property that will be approximately 52’x60’, with 3 12’x12’ garage doors on each end. The building plan is spread out over 5 years and doesn’t use any financing. Additional fund-raisers will be needed to keep the project on schedule. If additional money from fund-raisers does not materialize, the building project for that year will be delayed.

Jim Petrie made a motion that the Club approve allowing the Building Committee to select a bid for the new building where the cost is not to exceed \$35K. The money and all monies collected for the building project to be deposited in a separate account which will allow the money to be tracked more precisely. The bid process to be as follows:

- 1.) The bid to be awarded only after a set of plans with an approved New York engineering stamp is obtained.
- 2.) All bidders will be asked to re-bid based on the new drawings.
- 3.) The bids to be evaluated and a decision made on which builder to use

Scott Whitaker seconded the motion. Judi asked if there was any discussion. After the discussion was completed, Judi asked for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.

All Club Members are invited to be a part of the Committee, contact Terry Kellogg for more information at 607-722-2009.

Trail Reports

1. Joel Munson is maintaining a list of volunteers who are willing to work on club projects. Please contact him at jvmunson@juno.com if you would like to work on club projects.
2. Perry Marsh – Northwest Trail Captain - The ShureTrak has as couple of problems that are being worked. The radiator is leaking and a tire had to be replaced. All the signs have been taken down
3. Ned Sturdevant– North Central Trail Captain - No reports
4. Mike Harrington – Northeast Trail Captain - Most of the signs have been taken down..
5. Matt Lane /Chad Parks – South West Trail Captains – are in the process of taking down signs.
6. Eric Johnson - South Castle Creek - no report

NEW BUSINESS

Parry Marsh brought up the topic of the 210 Raffle. The Club asked Yvonne David if she would continue to run the 210 raffle. She graciously agreed. Mike Blance made a motion that the Club host the 210 raffle. Dave Dishaw seconded the motion. Judi asked for discussion and then called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Mike Blance brought up that he had been approached by SADD for a Donation for their after prom Party. Mike made a motion to donate \$50 for SADD. Terry Kellogg seconded it. Judi asked for discussion, and then called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

MEMBERSHIP

Sue Marsh wasn't able to attend, but Perry stated that membership was about the same. Therefore, from last month's meeting minutes – the number of paid members is the club at this time is 666 members with 134 of those being new members. NYSSA has us listed as have 699 members. Sue is working to determine how to resolve the difference which seems to be based on NYSSA not eliminating duplicates.

Action Item:

Judi has contacted Al/Dori regarding the club equipment. All we need to do is to stop by and pick it up.

50/50 Raffle was held:

Jim Petrie won.

Land-owner Drawing – was held:

March Winners:

Cliff Decker
David Pios
Larry Sherwood
Richard Barrows
Rod Van Doren

April Winners:

Robert Pendall
Darryl Ryan
Rod VandeBerg
Dave and Linda Eaton
John Skok

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

These are the meeting minutes as I noted them. Please let me know of any corrections needed, or items that need to be added that are not listed.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Munson

REMINDERS:

Our Club snow phone: (607)774-4933 is updated during the summer for work parties and other information. Trail and riding conditions are updated regularly throughout the riding season. Visit our club website - www.ridgeriderswp.org for more information.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 4th, 2011 at the Tioughnioga Riverside Academy (Whitney Point Middle School) cafeteria at 7:30PM. Pizza and soda will be provided. **We are in urgent need of a Club Secretary. Please consider volunteering for this critically important position at our next meeting. Contact a Club Officer for more information.**

The Club has fleece wear and other outdoor clothing such as hats and scarves for sale. Please attend our meetings to see the items we have for sale.

Charitable Giving: Since the Ridge Riders Snowmobile Club, Inc. is a 501(C) 3 non-profit organization, donations in many forms may be tax-deductible. Please consider a donation of cash, appreciated investments or other assets to help us meet the financial needs of our future Clubhouse development costs. If you have questions on how to make a donation, please contact a Club Officer and we can help walk you through the process. Thank you for your generosity!