



Ridge Riders Snowmobile Club, Inc.
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December 2009 Newsletter

2009-2010 Officers and Board of Directors

Judi Whittaker, President
Jim Petrie, 1st Vice-President
Andy Moyer, 2nd Vice-President
Mike Blance, Treasurer
Kim Chidester, Secretary
Joel Munson, Groomer Manager
Sue Marsh, Membership Manager
Yvonne David, 210 Plus Ticket Coordinator
Webmaster – Terry Kellogg

Board of Directors

David Dishaw
Matt Lane
Perry Marsh
Dick Knapp
Chad Parks

Trail Captains

Northwest - Perry Marsh
Northeast - Ned Sturdevant
Southeast – Dick Knapp/Eric Johnson
Southwest - Matt Lane / Chad Parks

Our club meeting was held on Wednesday, December 02, 2009 at the Whitney Point Middle School cafeteria (Tioughnioga Riverside Academy) at 7:30PM. There were 42 members in attendance. President, Judi Whittaker introduced our Board of Directors and Officers.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were both read and motions were made to accept them as read. A motion was made by Andy Moyer and second by Phil Fenton for the Secretary's report. A motion was made by Andy Moyer and second by Mike Reardon for the Treasurer's report. All members accepted unanimously.

Old Business:

Dave Dishaw presented a map update. Maps are presently being distributed for sale and if any one is interested in purchasing a laminated map they are available at \$20.00 each. As a reminder all members will receive (1) complimentary map. Upon request, maps can be mailed at no additional cost. Maps are available for purchase at \$5.00 each with a special promotion of buy four (4) and get one (1) free. Dave is also requesting input from club members as to locations where we can place our maps for sale and then keep these locations supplied. Please do not contact Dave for maps. All have been distributed and he no longer has any. Maps are available at every club meeting or upon request. Contact an Officer or Board Member.

Trail Reports:

Perry Marsh reported in the Northwest area (Berkshire/Center Lisle) that 2/3 of the signs have been posted and that (2) two bridges were in need of re-decking. Ned Sturdevant and Mike Harrington reported in the Northeast area (Whitney Point/Smithville Flats) that the signs are up and the trails are ready to go. Dick Knapp reported in the Southeast area (Castle Creek) that most of the signs were up. There may be need for a trail detour near the Elliot property as a beaver dam on that property has caused some flooding. Dick also reported that a bridge in the area needs some wear strip installation. Matt Lane and Chad Parks reported in the Southwest area (Glen Aubrey) that signing is finished and that they presently working on equipment maintenance in anticipation of the snow.

Trail Captains: Please see Mike Blance for trail signs.

New Business:

Sue Marsh provided a membership report. There are 396 paid members to date of which 71 of them are new members.

Our 210-Plus ticket drawing fundraiser was held this evening. We are pleased to announce that 325 tickets were sold and the total prize payout of \$3250.00 was as follows: 18- \$39.00 winners, 5 - \$77.00 winners, 4 - \$155.00 winners. The Grand Prize winner of \$1548.00 was Mr. Lou Bailey. Congratulations to all of our winners! "Special Thanks and Appreciation" are extended to Yvonne David, our 210-Plus ticket coordinator and Clint Searles, whom sold himself, 65 tickets this year. This fundraiser would not have been such a success without all that you both have done for our club. Thank you to all our members who through your continued support provide strength to our organization.

At our January 2010 meeting, a vote for the by-law revisions as well as nominations for 2010/2011 slate of Officers and Board of Directors will be held. Please let an Officer or Board member know if you are interested in any position.

We would like to notify all club members that we have a new club webmaster, Mr. Terry Kellogg. Terry has volunteered to assist with our website. A motion was made by Dave Dishaw for the purchase of website software that was necessary for Terry to setup this site for us of approximately \$150.00. Dick Knapp second. Club members voted and accepted unanimously. Please contact Terry at TKellogg@stny.rr.com or by telephone at 607-722-2009 with any information or questions regarding our website.

Judi Whittaker presented to the members for their information an indemnification agreement issued to the Ridge Riders Snowmobile club from the Village of Whitney Point. We will be held responsible for all the liability associated with any property damages along the "Park Street" trail in Whitney Point. Perry Marsh has stated that we will be removing a section of the guide rail to by-pass the new sidewalk that has been recently installed near Greene's Ace Home Center in an effort to deter any such liabilities.

Judi Whittaker also has \$2.00 bills available for purchase beginning with our December 2009 meeting and will continue to distribute them at our January and February 2010 meetings as well. This campaign is organized by NYSSA to demonstrate to our communities the dollars of support generated from snowmobiling across the State. The campaign is held during the President's weekend in February 2010. Please produce these \$2.00 dollar bills for the purchase of gas, food, lodging etc while you are out snowmobiling.

We are pleased to announce that Ms. Laural Watson has agreed to coordinate our club promotional clothing sales. Please see Laural at club meetings where she will present club, hats, sweatshirts, etc for purchase. Thank you, Laural for your support and service to our club.

Reminders:

Our club snow phone: (607)774-4933 for trail and riding conditions updated regularly throughout the riding season. Our club website: www.ridgeriderswp.org.

Chris Skinner in cooperation with Ridge Riders Snowmobile club will be providing another youth safety course to be held on Saturday, January 9, 2010 from 8:30AM – 4:30PM at the Castle Creek Fire Station. Please contact Judi Whittaker at Whittfarm@aol.com or 692-3479 for volunteers and sign ups.

Our club poker run from Pendell's Yamaha is tentatively scheduled on Sunday, January 10, 2010. Mark your calendars. A sign up sheet was passed around at the December 09 meeting. Please contact an Officer or Board Member and volunteer today.

A federation ride is tentatively scheduled for January 24, 2010 to leave from Dorchester Park. Joel Munson reported that there is a tentative plan for (3) three trail ride options: 30 mile ride, a 75-80 mile ride, and lastly a 100-125 mile ride. Joel will continue to keep us posted.

Cortese gift certificate winners: Kim Henningsen, Ruth & Mark Pierce, Ron Manwaring, William Tomecek, and Richard Lawrence. Congratulations to all of our winners!

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 6, 2010 at the Tioughnioga Riverside Academy (WP Middle School) cafeteria at 7:30PM. Pizza and soda will be provided.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Chidester, Secretary