



Ridge Riders Snowmobile Club, Inc.
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February 2011 Newsletter

2010-2011 Officers and Board of Directors

Judi Whittaker, President
Jim Petrie, 1st Vice-President
Mike Blance, Treasurer
Al & Dori Ragazinsky, Secretary
Joel Munson, Groomer Manager
Sue Marsh, Membership Manager
Yvonne David, 210 Plus Ticket Coordinator
Terry Kellogg, Webmaster

Board of Directors

David Dishaw
Matt Lane
Perry Marsh
Mike Harrington
Chad Parks

Trail Captains

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

The February Meeting held on 2/2/2011 was brought to order at 7:28 PM by President Judi Whittaker. Judi introduced all the club officers, and Board of Directors.

Announcements:

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

Expenses: \$4535.50
Income: \$ 401.17

\$4000 was transferred from the savings to the checking.

After the transfer, the checking account is at \$1988.45.

Some of the expenses for the month are as follows:

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| Ford/New Holland payment (Jan) | \$871.19 |
| Tucker Payment (Feb Not due yet) | \$732.00 |
| Land Payment (Feb) | \$428.62 |
| Verizon | \$66.41 |
| Land Taxes | \$223.67 |
| Fuel (Sidetrack) | \$969.48 |
| Office Supplies | \$211.42 |
| Postage | \$205.61 |
| Grooming Seminar | \$137.90 |
| Dozer Work – Dave Curtis | \$250 |
| Backhoe Work – Luck Gehm | \$350 |
| Pizza/Soda – 2 Meetings | \$113.80 |
| Lunch – Workers | \$79.75 |
| Gas – Trail work | \$142. |

Jim Petrie made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Dave Dishaw seconded it. 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.

Since the January meeting minutes were sent out by e-mail and regular mail, Joel Munson only read selections from the minutes. Jim Petrie made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as read, Andy Moyer seconded it. Judi asked if anyone had questions or wanted to discuss the report. No questions or discussion were brought up. The club members in attendance voted to approve the motion that the Secretary's Report be accepted.

CCSF report – Joel Munson

The CCSF SnoBlast was held on Saturday, January 22, 2011 at Bowman Lake. Joel Munson gave a brief report. About 230 people attended, there were 2 dealers there - Marcellus Sales, and Preston Snowmobile giving Demo Rides. Also participating were Curve Industries, an Amsoil Dealer and a small vintage snowmobile show. The attendance was so large that a run had to be made to get additional food. Chenango SnowRiders gave many groomer rides in their Tucker Terra. In addition, Steve Lewis – Head of the Snowmobile Group at NY State Parks attended as well as his co-worker, Jim MacFarland. It was a great turnout on a very cold day.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1.) Chris Skinner – The Safety Class was held on Saturday, 1/8, at the Castle Creek Fire Department. Chris Skinner had about 15 students take the class.

Chris also had a copy of the "I'm Safe?" Magazine that is targeted for teaching safe snowmobiling to kids. We can get a version of this customized for New York State. Cost is less than \$2.00/copy (minimum of 50 copies) and the cost decreases as volume increases.

The following suggestions were made to get the money for these magazines:

ACTION ITEMS Status – I'm Safe Magazine:

- Judi investigate getting money from the local ELKS lodges (JD, Endicott (contact Dale Lane, Binghamton) – waiting on a response
- Mike Blance to bring it up at this weekend's NYSSA meeting – Still working

ACTION ITEM Status – Poker Run

Jim Petrie announced that there will be a Poker Run held on February 13th, at Pendall's Yamaha. Workers are needed, so please contact Jim if you are willing to work this club event.

The Poker Run trail has been set up and is being groomed constantly.

Some, if not all, of the proceeds from the Poker Run will be donated to the Chris Reardon Memorial Scholarship fund.

A Coffee machine will be purchased, if someone doesn't volunteer the use of one, so that we can make coffee at this event.

ACTION ITEM Status – Building Committee

The building committee has had its first meeting and the next meeting is scheduled for February 9th at Perry Marsh's barn.

Trail Reports

1. Joel Munson is maintaining a list of volunteers who are willing to work on club projects. Please contact him at jymunson@juno.com if you would like to work on club projects.
2. Perry Marsh – Northwest Trail Captain
 - a. The Sur-Trak has had a few minor issues but is up and grooming. All trails are open.
3. Ned Sturdevant– Northeast Trail Captain
 - a. The Tucker is out grooming and trails are looking good.
4. Mike Harrington – Northeast Trail Captain - did not attend
 - a. Tucker is out and grooming. Trails may be the best ever.
5. Matt Lane /Chad Parks – South West Trail Captains – did not attend
 - a. Bombi is grooming
6. Eric Johnson - South Castle Creek
 - a. The Polaris has been serviced and is ready to groom. Thanks to Mike and Eric for digging it out.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Jim Petrie presented an Events Listing showing events in Broome County. It will be added to the web site.
2. Tommy Hurd had met with several club members about the Covered Bridge Project.
3. Insurance certificates are only provided to Landowners as requested. Please contact Mike Blance for more information.

MEMBERSHIP Sue Marsh gave a Membership Report – the number of paid members in the club at this time is 663 members with 139 of those being new members. Sue also reported that she has been working with Verizon Wireless to lower the monthly bill. As a result, she was also able to upgrade the service. NICE JOB SUE!!!

Action Item:

Judi to contact Al/Dori regarding their status and to get back club equipment if they can't continue being the Club Secretary. Al has had his surgery. Everyone wishes him a speedy recovery.

50/50 Raffle results:

Joel Munson was the winner

Landowner drawing – was not held:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 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