



Ridge Riders Snowmobile Club, Inc.
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January 2010 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
Terry Kellogg, Webmaster

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, January 06, 2010 at the Whitney Point Middle School cafeteria (Tioughnioga Riverside Academy) at 7:30PM. There were 45 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 Joel Munson for the Secretary's report. A motion was made by Joel Munson and second by Dave Dishaw for the Treasurer's report. All members accepted unanimously.

Old Business:

The Chenango Federation ride is re-scheduled for January 23, 2010 (weather permitting). The ride will begin at Dorchester Park at 9:00AM. Please contact Joel Munson to volunteer to help with this event at jmunson@juno.com. Joel Munson has invited Steve Lewis from Broome County Parks & Recreation and other State Association members to attend. Joel also notified the club members of the recent discussions held at the last Chenango County Federation meeting. Uninsured riders are being warned of heavy patrols on our trails (for instance North Rd in the Pharsalia area) as well as other locations along our trail system. Patrols are necessary to insure rider safety and compliance. Riders who ride uninsured, unregistered and with illegally- modified exhausts will be ticketed and possibly fined severely. Patrols may be increased during the evenings on both Friday and Saturday. Riders are also warned that verbal abuse and reckless behavior could cause a riders snowmobile to be impounded. Please be compliant and respectful to fellow riders, our landowners, and especially our law enforcement.

Joel Munson presented to the club members information regarding the trailer purchase for our new Polaris 6 wheeler. His presentation provided a price quote from Croft's Trailer Sales for \$1610.00 for an 1800 lb. Triton GU 10 trailer. Jim Reppard made a motion to accept this purchase. Bruce Lake seconded the motion. The club members voted and all accepted unanimously. Joel also provided some preliminary information regarding the purchase of a 50 X18 portable storage building to house our groomers, signage and other small equipment. He will keep us updated as more details become available.

Trail Reports:

At present, all trails ready for riding all we need is snow. There is nothing new to report at this time. Please check our website for trail conditions at www.wpridgeriders.org or call our snow phone at (607) 774-4933 for the latest news and trail updates.

Please be aware the trail that runs behind the Sled Shop to Chenango Forks is closed.

A suggestion was made that all trail captains make a list of the local Fire Departments in their areas and to give the locations to Joel Munson so that we can be sure to get trail maps to them for emergency purposes should any trouble come to our riders out on our trails.

New Business:

Sue Marsh provided a membership report. There are 608 paid members to date of which 123 of them are new members. Last year at this time we had 692 paid members.

Matt Lane and Chad Parks notified club members that the Bombi is in need of repair. It is necessary to replace a wheel and tire and have a spare and get them foam filled at an estimated cost \$425.00. Jim Petrie made a motion. Dave Dishaw second. The club members voted all in favor unanimously.

Ed Henderson thanked the club members on behalf of himself and Louise for the trail dedication sign that is posted near their property from our Club as our "thank you" to them for all the years of service they each provided to our organization over the years.

Terry Kellogg, our webmaster, is requesting any action photos that anyone may have to be sent to him. He will put them on our website for display. Please contact Terry at TKellogg@stny.rr.com with any information or questions regarding our website.

Nominations for our 2010/2011 slate of Officers and Board of Directors are as follows:
President: Judi Whittaker, 1st Vice –President: Jim Petrie, Treasurer: Mike Blance, Membership Chairperson: Sue Marsh, Groomer Manager: Joel Munson. A replacement is needed for the Secretary position. Board of Directors: Dave Dishaw, Dick Knapp, Mike Harrington, Perry Marsh, and Matt Lane. Please be prepared to make nominations and vote and vote at our February 2010 meeting.

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.

NYSSA Super Raffle tickets at \$5.00/ea. Please Mike Blance for more information. The drawing will be held in April 2010.

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.

Our club poker run is tentatively re-scheduled for January 24, 2010 from Pendell's Yamaha at 10:00AM (weather permitting). Please see our website for details or contact Judi Whittaker at (607)692-3479 or email her at Whittfarm@aol.com for volunteers and more information.

Whitney Point Sportsmen's Association annual Crappy Derby held at Dorchester Park on January 30, 2010. Snowmobile drag races scheduled at Marathon Civic Center on January 31, 2010.

Cortese gift certificate winners: Marie Hill, Donald Bosman, Tom Keller, Terry Lee, and Rose White. Congratulations to all of our winners!

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at the Tioughnioga Riverside Academy (WP Middle School) cafeteria at 7:30PM. Pizza and soda will be provided.

50/50 drawing winner - John Freer \$55.00 - Congratulations !

Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Chidester, Secretary