

Ridge Riders Snowmobile Club

1-04-2012 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was brought to order at 7:32 pm by Treasurer Mike Blance. President Judi Whitaker and Vice President Terry Kellogg were not able to make the meeting.

Secretary's Report

The December meeting minutes are posted on the website, and a hardcopy was sent out in last month's club mailing – Thanks Mike Blance!

Jim Petrie made a motion to approve the November meeting minutes. Phil Fenton seconded the motion. After asking if there was any discussion, the motion was put to a vote and it was approved by the membership.

Treasurer's Report

Mike Blance, club treasurer, gave the following treasurer's report.

The General fund:

The 30% from Tioga County has been received. All of the moneys from the 2010-2011 snowmobile season have now been received.

Expenses:	\$ 7208.97
Income:	\$ 2745.38

The checking account balance is: \$870.71

Some of the expenses during September were as follows:

210 Raffle Winners payout	\$ 3346.00
Tucker	\$ 732.00
Roger Pendall – gate	\$ 650.00
New Holland – Batteries	\$ 200.00
Verizon	\$ 121.20
Award – 210 high volume seller	100.00

Tucker Balance as of November, 2011 \$31443, Last payment November, 2015
Land Balance as of November, 2011 \$23, 644, Last payment is November, 2017.

The Building fund:

The 30% money for Tioga County has been received. Mike Blance has sent out 50% deposit on the building, and is awaiting the proposed schedule.

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The Club last spring approved spending up to \$40,000 on the new building. In addition, there have been 9 building fund donations, totaling \$900. The total available for the new building is \$40,900.

The club has spent the following money on the building:

\$ 5700	Gravel/Fabric	(\$700 over due to addition of Fabric)
\$ 1236	Engineering stamp for building plans	
\$ 28	Postage	
\$ 15,400	Down payment on the building	

\$ 22,364 Sub-Total spent as of 1/4/2012

\$ 15,400 Balance of building, committed but not paid

\$ 37764 Paid/Committed towards building
\$40900 Bldg fund approved + donations

+ \$3136 Money available for overages

Marty Brown made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, and it was seconded by Jim Petrie. Mike 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 presented.

CCSF report – Joel Munson

Chenango Country Snowmobile Federation (CCSF) will be holding the second annual SnoBlast on Saturday, January 28, 2011 at Bowman Lake. The event will include demo rides from several dealers, snowmobile vendors, 2 food vendors, antique snowmobiles, Groomer rides and more. The Ridge Riders club has volunteered to make and put all signs and banners. Volunteers will be needed from our club to support this effort.

For clubs to participate in the 2012-13 Snowmobile trails grant program, all trails need to be GPS'd and the data sent to parks.

NYSSA – Mike Blance

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The Rate for Corridor A trail is \$350/Mile.

The 70% vouchers were sent out 12/17/2011. No news on when the money will be sent to the clubs.

This year's forum will be held in Lake Placid on April 20th - 22nd, 2012. Please contact Mike Blance if you are interested in attending this event to represent our club.

Events – Jim Petrie

The club is sponsoring a Youth Safety Class to be held on January 14th at the Castle Creek Fire Stations. Please call Chris Skinner to register at 607-760-8865. Volunteers are needed to assist Chris with this class.

AI 12-1 Joel to contact Judi after pizza and soda for class.

The Salisbury Snowmobile club is sponsoring a grooming class and will have groomer demonstrations on Friday, January 13th and Saturday 14th, 2012. Please contact Mike Blance if you are interested in attending the class. All groomer operators must have attended the NYS Grooming class which is being offered at this event. .

The club is tentatively scheduling a Poker Run for February 5th, 2012. Please contact Joel Munson (jvmunson@juno.com), (607)648-3141 to volunteer for this event. We need a minimum of 10 volunteers to assist with this event.

Ned Sturdevent will take the New Tucker to Dorchester Park on the day of the Crappie Derby – was to be rescheduled due to the warm weather but has since been cancelled for 2012. .

AI 10-7 - Jim Petrie to provide a short report on Sportsman club event

Old Business

Building Committee Status

Down payment check for the building has been sent. We are waiting to get on the builders schedule. .

AI 1-1 - Mike Blance to contact contractor to get an estimated start date.

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Club Logo – Sue Marsh

Nothing to report. Contact at Chenango Valley schools is Bob Zant.

Landowners Update – Mike Blance

Mike is working to get access to Broome and Chenango Tax Maps to help update our landowners listing.

Club Merchandise – Sue Marsh/Mike Blance

AI 10-2 – Mike Blance to order Coat (DD) – Size Lg - Working

AI 10-6 - Mike Blance to get a catalog that shows what is available for logo merchandise.

210 Raffle – Yvonne David

THANKS! To Yevonne David for a very successful 210 raffle.

Membership

The number of paid members is the club at this time is 487 members.

HOLD OVER ITEM: There was a discussion of making Chris Cortese a lifetime member of the club due to his generous support of the Ridge Riders Snowmobile club. – Deferred to a BOD meeting..

AI 1-2 – Joel to get with Judi and set up a BOD meeting.

2011-12 Map Project – Hard copy

Dave sent out an e-mail concerning a new map project and has had 2 clubs respond stating their interest.

Jim Petrie has a couple of new businesses that would like to advertize on our next printed map.

Dave Dishaw has about 20 unfolded maps that were laminated. They can be bought for \$20.

Dave Dishaw brought up the issue of the Randy Freeman map has been published using data from our map project which is copywrited..

AI 1-3 - Dave will contact Lyle (our map poublisher) to discuss possible actions.

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Tabled Old Business:

- 1.) Landowner recognition event
- 2.) Make Chris Cortese a lifetime member of the club due to his generous support of the Ridge Riders Snowmobile club. . - BOD mtg Topic
- 3.) There was a discussion on how to get more people involved. Several ideas were suggested and this topic was tabled until next month's meeting.

Trail Reports

NEW YORK STATE TRAILS opened at DUSK on December 20, 2011. So far, there has not been enough snow for our trails to be opened.

Joel Munson is maintaining a list of volunteers who are willing to work on club projects. Please contact him at jmunson@juno.com, or at (607)648-3141, if you would like to work on club projects or contact any of the trail captains directly.

The Club would like to Thank the following Boy Scouts for their help on our signing our trails:

- Ryan Brown
- Greg Pendall
- Wade Sanford
- Partick Sluznis

The boys worked on signing the dike on Saturday and then worked with Ned signing parts of his trail on Sunday. Great Job!!

AI 1-4 Joel LETTER_ Recognize Boy Scouts for their help: Ryan Brown, Wade Sanford, Patrick Stuzris, and Greg Pendall.

THANKS to all the Trail Captains that do so much for the Club!!!

Perry has extra posts and signs.

All of clubs trails must be GPS'ed before next season. Please contact Joel Munson if you would like to assist with this effort.

1. Perry Marsh – Northwest Trail Captain
Pretty much set, working a few small issues. .

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2. Ned Sturdevent– North Central Trail Captain
 - a. About ready
 - b. Concern over grooming of Castle Creek

AI 1-5 – Joel to help Ned and Eric resolve Castle Creek Grooming

3. Mike Harrington – Northeast Trail Captain
 - a. Ready to go
4. Matt Lane /Chad Parks – South West Trail Captains
 - a. Pretty good shape
 - b. Working on some fence and culvert issues
5. Eric Johnson - South Trail Captain
 - a. Mike Clark's Kubota was used to work on culvert, and to do some excavation
 - b. Trail issue still unresolved – Perry and Eric are working it.
 - c. Eric could use assistance, please contact Eric Directly 648-2198.

New Business

Club Elections:

The elections were not held as the slate of officers was not published in last month's meeting minutes. The slate of officers for the Ridge Riders 2012 elections is as follows: (if only 1 candidate is listed, there is only nomination for that position:

President	- Judi Whitaker
Vice-President	- Terry Kellogg
Treasurer	- Mike Blance
Secretary	- Joel Munson
Events Coordinator	- Jim Petrie
Membership	- Sue Marsh
Grooming Mgr	- Joel Munson
BOD (pick 2)	- Matt Lane
	- Chad Parks
	- Mike Reardon
	- Marty Brown

BOD positions not up for re-election

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- Dave Dishaw
- Bill Leonard
- Perry Marsh

Logo Merchandise Raffle:

Joel Munson won the raffle.

50/50 Raffle:

Mike Harrington won the raffle.

Landowner drawing

The drawing was not held.

Meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the Ridge Riders Snowmobile club will be on Wednesday, February 1, 2012.

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