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## **March 2011 Newsletter**

### **2010-2011 Officers and Board of Directors**

Judi Whittaker, President  
Jim Petrie, 1st Vice-President  
Andy Moyer, 2nd 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  
Dick Knapp  
Chad Parks

### **Trail Captains**

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

The March 2, 2011 Meeting was brought to order at 7:29 pm by President Judi Whittaker.

Judi introduced all the club officers, and Board of Directors.

Judi asked for comments on the February Meeting Minutes. There were none. Jim Petrie made a motion to approve the February Meeting Minutes, Yvonne David 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: \$6746.32  
Income: \$1897.50

\$500 was transferred from the savings to the checking.

After the transfer, the checking account is at \$2139.63

Some of the expenses for the month are as follows:

Ford/New Holland payment (Jan) \$871.19  
Tucker Payment (Feb Not due yet) \$732.00  
Land Payment (Feb) \$428.62

Andy Moyer made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Bruce Lake 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### **CCSF report – Joel Munson**

At the last meeting of the Chenango County Snowmobile Federation (CCSF), Officer Kent Smith attended and gave an update on the snowmobile enforcement efforts in Chenango County. The Sheriff's department got a grant to purchase a new snowmobile, and with that

grant, purchased a 2011 Ski Doo. The officers have been patrolling and are emphasizing education instead of ticketing.

They are not able to write up loud exhaust tickets at this time due to the fact they don't have a db meter. The federation asked them to investigate what a meter would cost and depending on how much it is, may be willing to pay for some or the entire meter. Training to use this meter is free.

In addition to the law enforcement update, the federation discussed the new contract that Chenango County has asked each snowmobile club (8) in Chenango County to sign. This was discussed and it was decided to recommend that NONE of the Chenango Counties sign the contract until more information about it can be obtained.

### **NYSSA – Mike Blance**

Mike reminded all attendees that the NYSSA forum will be held in Liverpool, NY on the weekend of April 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Mike if you would like to attend. The NYSSA yearly 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 that weekend.

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

The decision on a new trails coordinator will be made at the March NYSSA meeting.

### **Poker Run**

The poker run was held on Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. A total of 130 poker hands were sold. NYSSA raffle tickets and 50/50 raffle tickets were sold as well. The net profit to the club was \$721.47.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**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

**ACTION ITEM – Building Committee Status**

The building committee presented its recommendations for the building to be built on the Club's property. The presentation is available from Terry Kellogg. His address is [tkellogg@stny.rr.com](mailto:tkellogg@stny.rr.com)

To summarize, the committee is recommending that a shell be erected on site that will be approximately 50x60, with 3 12x12 garage doors on each end. The building plan is spread out over 5 years and doesn't use any financing. Additional fundraisers will be needed to keep the project on schedule. If additional money from fundraisers does not materialize, the building project for that year will be delayed.

Several questions were asked and they resulted in action items for the committee:

AIB1 – Terry, Will the trusses be walk through type

AIB2 – Terry, What is the estimate to get Water/Septic/Electric installed this year.

AIB3- Jim Petrie – What would it cost to insure that building?

AIB4 – Judi – Can we put in a driveway without a building permit?

Additional questions can be submitted to Terry but **MUST** be received 2 weeks before our next meeting to give the committee enough time to research the issue. (Must be received by March 23<sup>rd</sup>.)

The goal is to vote at the April meeting to proceed with the building.

In addition, Bill Leonard brought a motion to allow for gravel to be brought in to make driveway to the building and a pad for the building not to exceed \$5000. Jim Petrie seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Trail Reports**

1. Joel Munson is maintaining a list of volunteers who are willing to work on club projects. Please contact him at [jmunson@juno.com](mailto:jmunson@juno.com) if you would like to work on club projects.
2. Perry Marsh – Northwest Trail Captain - The ShureTrak windshield was broken and has been replaced. Groomer is up and operational. Perry is also working a landowner issue.
3. Ned Sturdevant– Northeast Trail Captain - So far, the tucker has groomed 140 hours this year.
4. Mike Harrington – Northeast Trail Captain - Trails are the best ever.
5. Matt Lane /Chad Parks – South West Trail Captains – The Bombi has been out 7 times this year, and they have had 3 breakdowns. The last 2 were an ignition module and a fan belt.
6. Eric Johnson - South Castle Creek
  - a. The Polaris is now stationed at Kapinus's

### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was brought up

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Sue Marsh gave a membership report – the number of paid members in the club at this time is 666 members with 134 of those being new members. NYSSA has us listed as having 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:**

Dan Boardman won

### **Landowner drawing – was not held:**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 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

## **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](http://www.ridgeriderswp.org).

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 6th, 2011 at the Tioughnioga Riverside Academy (Whitney Point Middle School) at 7:30 PM - NOTE: We will be in the library. Will have to use the Main Entrance door and signs will be posted. Pizza and soda will be provided.

John Carter has fleece wear and other outdoor clothing such as hats and scarves. Please contact him at (607)221-3145.

**Charitable Giving:** Since the Whitney Point Ridge Riders are 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!