



Ridge Riders Snowmobile Club, Inc.
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May 2011 Newsletter

2011-2012 Officers and Board of Directors

Judi Whittaker, President
Terry Kellogg, 1st Vice-President/Webmaster
Mike Blance - Treasurer
Jim Petrie, Events Coordinator
Joel Munson, Groomer Manager
Secretary – Position Vacant
Sue Marsh, Membership Manager
Yvonne David, 210 Plus Ticket Coordinator

Board of Directors

David Dishaw
Matt Lane
Perry Marsh
Chad Parks
Bill Leonard

Trail Captains

Northwest - Perry Marsh
Northcentral - Ned Sturdevant
Northeast – Mike Harrington
South-Castle Creek – Eric Johnson
Southwest – Matt Lane/Chad Parks

The Meeting on May 4th, 2011 was brought to order at 7:29 pm by President Judi Whittaker.

Secretary's Report

Judi asked if anyone had comments on the April meeting minutes. There were none. Jim Petrie made a motion to approve the April meeting minutes, Dave Dishaw seconded the motion. 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.

Expenses: \$9490.76
Income: \$0.00

The checking account balance is: \$2234.08

Some of the expenses for the month are as follows:

Ford/New Holland payment \$871.19

Last payment was made on 4/27

Tucker Payment \$ 732.00

Ford/New Holland Repairs

Tire \$600.00

Radiator \$1478.00

A new one was bought after the old one was taken to several shops to see if it could be repaired – none of the shops was able to repair it.

NYSSA Tickets Sales \$255.00

Forum Expenses \$2224.00

Groomer Fuel \$998.00

Income - None

Joel Munson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, and it was seconded by Jim Petrie. 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.

In addition, Mike presented his annual club's financial report and asked that it be checked by a couple of club members in attendance. Bill Lawrence and Eric Johnson reviewed the report and signed off on it.

CCSF report – Joel Munson

Nothing to report.

NYSSA – Mike Blance

There were 3 items voted on at the forum:

- 1.) Change the delegate ration from the exiting 1:30 to 1:200. – DEFEATED!
- 2.) Vote to approve the NYSSA committee's work on looking at ways to remove the trail from NY State Control. – APPROVED
- 3.) Vote to approve a one Time \$5 cost per member for NYSSA to hire a PR firm. – PR CAMPAIGN was approved, \$5 increase was Defeated.

The results on the above items were discussed by the membership during the meeting.

Other comments on the Yearly Forum:

- Great Classes
- Chinese Auction went well and the club is challenged to provide a bigger and better basket for next year. (\$2900 was raised for Charity)

Old Business

Jim Petrie gave an update on the Sportsman show to be held in September. The event is scheduled for September 24 and 25, 2011. The Ridge Riders will have an inside booth and an outside booth.

ACTION ITEMS Status

- I'm Safe Magazine – Chris Skinner – status,
Since the meeting, Joel Munson has provided a copy of the "I'm Safe" magazine to NYSSA's Education/Safety Committee.
- Action Item: Judi to contact Al/Dori regarding their status and to possibly get club equipment no new news
Since the meeting, Joel Munson has met with Al/Dori and got back

the club's computer and printer.

Action ITEM – Building Committee Status

Due to a family emergency. Terry Kellogg wasn't able to attend the meeting. Terry is continuing to work on getting an engineering stamp for the building plans, in order for the building can go out for a rebid. Bids will only be accepted from contractors that have Worker's compensation coverage and Insurance.

All Club Members are invited to be a part of the committee, contact Terry Kellogg for more information.

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. Joel Munson is working on 2 reroutes.
2. Perry Marsh – Northwest Trail Captain - The ShurTrak will be serviced soon
3. Ned Sturdevent– North Central Trail Captain - No report
4. Mike Harrington – Northeast Trail Captain – No Report.
5. Matt Lane /Chad Parks – South West Trail Captains – No Report.
6. Eric Johnson - South Castle Creek - no report

New Business

Sue/Perry Marsh encouraged all club members to attend the Silver Lake Bucket of Bucks event as an example of a possible fundraiser for our club. It will be held on September 17, 2011. For more information and to get tickets, go to www.silverlakevfr.com.

Sue Marsh brought up that our club's logo is dated and could use an update. She suggested that we worked with the local art department at the high school to create a contest for art students to design a revised logo.

Sue Marsh brought up that the club needs a new club member to handle our club merchandise and to look for a new supplier of items that sport our club's logo.

Yvonne David stated that the 210 raffle tickets will be available by September.

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. .

All Trail Captains:

NYSSA's Bulk sign order needs to be in by June 1, 2011.

In addition, we have a visitor, Dan Pregnar, who is the president of the NEP Snow trails club. He explained a little how his club operates, how many miles of trails they have, how many members are in the club, and the equipment they use to maintain their snowmobile trails.

Membership

Sue Marsh was able to attend and gave the following report. The number of paid members in the club at this time is 698 members. NYSSA has us listed as having 701 members.

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:

This was not held due to the small number of club members attending the meeting.

Landowner drawing – was held:

May Winners:

Don Slack
Oz Pendall
Bill McCain
Troy Donnally
Lester Price

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 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 is updated during the summer for work parties and other information. Trail and riding conditions are updated regularly throughout the riding season. Visit our club website - www.ridgeriderswp.org for more information.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 7th, 2011 at the Tioughnioga Riverside Academy (Whitney Point Middle School) cafeteria at 7:30PM. Pizza and soda will be provided. **We are in urgent need of a Club Secretary. Please consider volunteering for this critically important position at our next meeting. Contact a Club Officer for more information.**

The Club has fleece wear and other outdoor clothing such as hats and scarves for sale. Please attend our meetings to see the items we have for sale.

Charitable Giving: Since the Ridge Riders Snowmobile Club, Inc. is 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!