



Ridge Riders Snowmobile Club, Inc.
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November 2009 Newsletter

2009-2010 Officers and Board of Directors

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David Dishaw
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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, November 04, 2009 at the Whitney Point Middle School cafeteria (Tioughnioga Riverside Academy) at 7:30PM. There were 23 members in attendance.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were both read and motions were made to accept them as read. All members accepted unanimously. Telephone number corrections from last newsletter: Eric Johnson 648-2198 and Yvonne David 692-3463. Please update for future reference.

Old Business:

Dave Dishaw presented a map update. Maps are presently being distributed for sale and if any one is interested in purchasing a laminated map they are available at \$20.00 each. As a reminder all members will receive (1) complimentary map. Upon request, maps can be mailed at no additional cost. Maps are available for purchase at \$5.00 each with a special promotion of buy four (4) and get one (1) free. Please see Dave Dishaw or contact him at Junkmail4dave@stny.rr.com.

Trail Reports:

Sue Marsh, in Perry's absence, reported that there were (2) gates installed in the Northwest area and that half of the signs were up. Matt Lane and Chad Parks had completed the work that was scheduled shortly following the October 2009 meeting in the Southwest area (Glen Aubrey) to date they have put in about 57 hours in clearing brush, bridge installation and sign posting and the area is in good shape for now. Eric Johnson and Dick Knapp reported in the Southeast (Castle Creek) area, that with the assistance of Jim Reppard, they have performed bridge maintenance, curbing and gate replacement off Pease Hill Rd. and some brush work. Signage still needs to be posted. They are presently looking into concrete/culvert work on the Earl Hust property. Andy Moyer and Ned Sturdevant reported in the Northeast (WP/Triangle) area that they been busy posting signs, performing equipment maintenance, and have repaired (4) bridges and still have (1) remaining to complete. **There is a work day scheduled for Sunday, November 15, 2009 for assistance in posting signage along the WP dike area along with putting up snow fence. All those who are interested in helping**

meet at the WP Country Kitchen at 9:00AM. Please come out and show your support. Enjoy a morning of food, friendship and club service!!

Sue Marsh provided a membership report. There are 302 paid members to date of which 43 of them are new members. Sue stated to that the new Verizon card that the club purchased to assist her in transmission of our vital membership data is working well and has been a great asset to her.

New Business:

210 Plus tickets are now available drawing will be held at the December 2009 meeting. Please contact Yvonne David for any those are interested in purchase at (607)692-3463. There have been 137 tickets sold to date and we still have 341 to sell. A special 'thank you' is extended to Clint Searles for his assistance in ticket sales of 40 to date. We appreciate all of your efforts. Please contact Yvonne as time is running out. She is asking to have all the tickets to be turned in to her prior to the December 2009 meeting if possible. Lets all do our part to make this fundraiser a success.

Jim Petrie reported news in regards to new sidewalks and curbing recently installed across from Greene's Ace Hardware. They have utilized a special non-skid plastic within the concrete mix. Snowmobiles are prohibited from use. There is some discussion of determining an alternative route to with the cooperation of Asplundh somewhere near old Liberty St. and the railroad tracks. We are open for suggestions. Please let us know if you can assist in this endeavor. Contact Jim, an Officer or any member of the Board.

We requested from the members some feedback in regards to meeting agenda ideas. Some interesting suggestions have been: Jr. member club for our "younger riders", mentoring aides for rider and trail education, weekend workshop for sled servicing and safety preparation ie: ethanol and how it affects a sled. Please continue to provide your ideas and suggestions for their implementation.

Judi Whittaker presented to the club members a donation request by the Rotary Scholarship Fund towards the scholarships that awarded each year at Whitney Point graduation to selected seniors up to \$4,000.00. Grace Knapp made a motion to donate \$100.00. Phil Fenton seconded and all members accepted unanimously.

Dave Dishaw again reminds trail captains to turn in their log sheets and that more are available if needed. Joel Munson reported that Sno Blast was a success. Although weather was not the best they had a decent turn out and ran of out Chicken B-B-Que. Joel and the Chenango County Federation appreciates the support. Joel Munson previewed the club members of the meeting agenda of the upcoming 11/3/09 federation meeting. At present, no trail worker is covered unless there is snow on the ground and Officers are not eligible for coverage. Liability Insurance issues will be addressed at this meeting. Steve Lewis, from the Parks & Recreation will be presenting to the Chenango County clubs in regards to this and other subjects. Joel will provide feedback at the next meeting. For a Chenango County Federation calendar of events, please see them on the web: www.ccsf.snowclubs.com.

Joel Munson will continue to research land and building purchase opportunities as well information regarding the purchase of a trailer for transporting our new 6 wheeler. Joel will continue to update our membership as information becomes available. Thank you to Joel for his assistance in this matter. Mike Blance was pleased to report that 11 people from our club

recently attended a trail signing class held at Belden Hill Golf Course on October 19, 2009 as sponsored by the BC SnoRiders. It is always great to support our neighboring clubs and operate cooperatively with them. Thank you to all that attended and received certification.

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 webmaster, Janet Nash's email address to provide information to Janet for website updates : jmnash@citlink.net. Janet's telephone number is (607)539-7495.

Chris Skinner in cooperation with the Sled Shop will be providing a youth snowmobile safety course to be held on Saturday, December 5, 2009 at the Castle Creek Fire Station from 8:30AM – 4:30PM. Sign up sheets are located at SSR Powersports LLC or Sled Shop in Castle Creek. Please sign up early as space is limited.

Chris Skinner in cooperation with Ridge Riders Snowmobile club will be providing another youth safety course to be held on Saturday, January 9, 2010 from 8:30AM – 4:30PM at the Castle Creek Fire Station. Please contact Judi Whittaker at Whittfarm@aol.com or 692-3479 for volunteers and sign ups.

Our club poker run from Pendell's Yamaha is tentatively scheduled on Sunday, January 10, 2010. Mark your calendars.

A federation ride is tentatively scheduled for January 24, 2010 to leave from Dorchester Park. More details will be provided as this date approaches.

50/50 ticket winner – Joe Meara \$48.00

Cortese gift certificate winners: Dick Stark, Mohamed Rahim, Pete Reynolds, Clifford Beebe, and Marsha Wegrsynski. Congratulations to all of our winners!

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 2, 2009 at the Tioughnioga Riverside Academy (WP Middle School) cafeteria at 7:30PM. Pizza and soda will be provided.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Chidester, Secretary