

Ridge Riders Snowmobile Club

11-03-2011 Meeting Minutes

The Meeting was brought to order at 7:30 pm by President Judi Whittaker

Secretary's Report

The October meeting minutes are posted on the website, and a hardcopy was sent out in last month's club mailing – Thanks Mike Blance! (AI 10-8).

Marty Brown made a motion to approve the October meeting minutes. Perry Marsh 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.

The General fund:

The 30% money from last year's trail fund has not been received. There is no estimated date of when it will be received.

Expenses: \$5706.83

Income: \$ 1757.24 still waiting on 30% checks from 2010-11

The checking account balance is: \$1823.88

Some of the expenses during September were as follows:

Fuel for NE trail section	\$ 1009.53
Zabadal Brothers	\$ 750.00
Tucker Payments	\$ 732.00
Culvert	\$ 625.00
Club Insurance	\$ 1326.00
Club Mailing	\$ 598.77
Verizon (Monthly fee/upgrade)	\$ 139.00

AI 10-5 Completed - Mike Blance Tucker Balance is \$31443.25, interest rate is 6.38%, Payment is about, about \$570 a month in principal.

The Building fund:

Since the club's last meeting, a decision was made to hold up paying the groomer building down payment until the 30% check was received from Parks. At

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this time, that money still has not been received, and the building payment is on hold until the money is received. This was discussed at the meeting, and all agreed that this is the correct course of action.

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

\$ 6,964 Sub-Total spent as of 11/2/2011

\$15,400 Down payment on the building, committed but not paid
\$ 15,400 Balance of building, committed but not paid

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

+ \$3136 Money available for overages

Mike Reardon made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, and it was seconded by Phil Fenton. 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 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. Volunteers will be needed from each club. Details to follow.

The Phase 3 on line class was held on 10/29, Dave Dishaw, Mike Blance, and Joel Munson attended the class.

There is no news on why the 30% money has been delayed. No status on this year's 70% payment.

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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

The 30% vouchers were sent out on Sept. 19th. No news on when the money will be sent to the clubs.

This year's forum will be held in Lake Placid on April 13th -15th, 2012.

Events – Jim Petrie was absent

There will be a Lobster Fest at the Lisle Fire Department on November 5th from 5-7 pm. The Lobsters will be picked up the night before and delivered just in time for the dinner. Tickets are \$25.

There will be Youth Safety Class held on December 3rd from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at the Castle Creek Fire Station sponsored by SSR Power sports. Pizza and soda will be provided. Contact Roxy at SSR to register: (607)648-4172.

The club is planning on sponsoring a Youth Safety Class to be held on January 14th. Details to follow.

Old Business

ACTION ITEMS:

AI 10-1 - Judi to get phone number for concrete blocks to Matt Lane - Completed

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

AI 10-3 - Joel to Call Terry to find out where on web site the meeting minutes are posted. – completed, under newsletters wording at bottom of page. Wording has now been changed to include Meeting Minutes. - Completed

AI 10 -4 - Joel to Call Mike Harrington, trail status

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

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

AI 11-1 – Mike Blance to call and find out when the Tucker Loan ends

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- I'm Safe Magazine – Joel Munson – status,
Joel Munson has provided a copy of the "I'm Safe" magazine to NYSSA's Education/Safety Committee, but doesn't have an update.

Club Logo – Sue Marsh

Nothing to report.

Landowners Update – Mike Blance

Mike had to cancel the meeting with the Trail Captains; the purpose of the meeting was to get an updated landowner listing. He is working to reschedule it.

Club Merchandise – Sue Marsh/Mike Blance

Mike will be ordering some club merchandise and is working with a vendor (Breeze T's) that was used a few years ago.

210 Raffle – Yvonne David

Yvonne David has 210 raffle tickets available for all club members to buy and sell. You can contact Yvonne at (607)692-3463. Presently 156 tickets have been sold and a total of 340 tickets have been distributed to be sold. .

Building Committee Status

The bids have been reviewed and a contractor has been selected. A deposit will be sent to the builder when the 30% payment from last year's trail fund is received. Then an estimated build date can be established.

Membership

The number of paid members is the club at this time is 221 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. .

2011-12 Map Project – Hard copy

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

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Trail Reports

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

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

Perry has extra posts and signs.

**The club will be signing the WP dike on Saturday, Dec. 10th.
Meeting at 9 am. Contact Joel Munson to sign up.**

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
Lots of work done, lots more to do
2. Ned Sturdevent– North Central Trail Captain
 - a. Bridge work being done, signs are going up
 - b. Needs excavator for a project.
 - c. Trail 5 to Will closed due to landowner
3. Mike Harrington – Northeast Trail Captain –Did not attend no report
4. Matt Lane /Chad Parks – South West Trail Captains
 - a. Moved a bridge
 - b. Replaced a sluice
 - c. Need fill for sluice
5. Eric Johnson - South Trail Captain
 - a. Working on C5, Whitney Point to Castle Creek, new house on trail,

Tabled:

- 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. .

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New Business

No new business was brought up.

50/50 Raffle:

Mike Knapp won \$47

Landowner drawing

The drawing was held, and 5 landowners will be getting gifts.

Meeting was adjourned.

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