



Ridge Riders Snowmobile Club, Inc.
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October 2009 Newsletter

2009-2010 Officers and Board of Directors

Judi Whittaker, President
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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

Our club meeting was held on Wednesday, October 07, 2009 at the Whitney Point Middle School cafeteria (Tioughnioga Riverside Academy) at 7:30PM. There were 31 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.

Old Business:

The maps are ready!! We extend our thanks and appreciation to Dave Dishaw and Phil Corby for the hard work and dedication to this project as well as to the many others that participated making this a huge success! There is 1,100 miles of trails outlined on this map. We are now in need of vans, trucks with caps etc. to assist in the distribution process. Please contact Dave if you can assist him in this area. His email address is: junkmail4dave@rr.com or at (607)754-7920.

Dave Dishaw mentioned the attached by-law amendments to the September 2009 newsletter and has instructed club members to review and provide feedback to the club at the October 2009 meeting at which time Dave Dishaw made a motion to accept the amended by-laws, Phil Corby second all club members voted and adopted unanimously. Some of the highlighted areas: club spending limits, May as of ending meeting month, eliminating the position of 2nd Vice-President and creating an events coordinator position in its place, Officer and Board of Director nominations held in December with election in January with positions taking effect on April 1st of the next year. We thank all in attendance.

Trail Reports:

Perry Marsh reported that everything in the Northwest area looked good, Ned Sturdevant reports that they are presently reviewing the status of the trails in the Northeast area. Matt Lane and Chad Parks had a work party day planned for the weekend following the October meeting and have provided their telephone numbers for members to contact them for future work details. Matt Lane's address is 3243Rt. 26 his telephone number is 862-5366. Chad Park's telephone number is 222-7029.

Eric Johnson in the Southeast area reports culvert work off of Pease Hill as assisted by Jim Reppard. They are reviewing the trail around Davis and Walters Rd for tree removal and also how they may relocate the present trail away from a swampy area on David Fish property. Eric will be scheduling a work detail in the Castle Creek area. Please contact him at (607)692-2198 if you are interested in participating. Mike Harrington in the Northeast area (Smithville) reports all trails in good condition at this time. There has also been a new culvert pipe installed near Marty's Pizza (Chuck Mras property and Lisle bridge area) by the Village and Army Corp of Engineers as a service access road, but will also make it safer for our trail through that area. Please be sure to keep off the dike or our privileges of usage may be in jeopardy. Trail bosses please be sure to place your order for trail signage ASAP. Contact Mike Blance at (607)624-1358.

Sue Marsh provided a membership report. There are 200 paid members to date of which 27 of them are new members. Sue stated to club membership that due to internet limitations that the club purchase a Verizon card to assist her in transmission of our vital membership data. A motion was made by Jim Petrie for the club to purchase this Verizon card (business discounted rate) and pay for the continued service to be utilized by our club whenever this service is necessary. Dave Dishaw seconded and all members voted and accepted unanimously. Dave Dishaw made a motion for Sue to pursue the details and provide feedback as to the results. This motion was seconded by Phil Corby and all members voted and accepted unanimously.

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)692-3469. There have been 79 tickets sold to date and we still have 600 to sell.

Jim Petrie reported in regards to the paved walkway/bikeway trail that its condition is good at this time. There are really no areas of concern. It is suggested to place signage to indicate that this is a multi-use trail and to please use caution.

We would like your suggestions on what you would like to see presented at our monthly meetings. The Officers and Board of Directors want to encourage active membership. A junior club for our younger members was suggested as well as seminars and a mentoring program for new members. Please contact any of the officers and board members and let them know your ideas.

NYSSA has a new grant program for upstate trails. The deadline is December 31, 2009. If you have any ideas as to a trail or bridge project that we may have in the future this grant money is targeted for this type of project. These monies may also be used for the acquisition of new equipment or equipment storage. Please let an Officer or Board Member your suggestions.

Judi Whittaker presented the club members a special promotion that Ski-Doo is offering for being a member of a snowmobile club is \$10.00 for each member through 11/15/09. This is a nice way for the club to generate some revenue from our dealers. Joel Munson presented the club with some information regarding "Branding" in cooperation with Allstate Insurance. The proposal is to have 911 addresses located at all road/trail intersections. Joel also passed on that Mark Lester, Editor of SuperTracks was very impressed with NYS statistics as far as only

having a 5% decrease last year in snowmobile registrations as opposed to a 50% drop in ATV and 30% drop in boat registrations. Joel suggested to the club for consideration the idea of a "Quick Response" system to be put in effect to put rides together quickly when we get snow. The posting of this information on our club website and snow phone for quick notification to all riders would be a great way to achieve this. To also post "Mentoring" assistance to new or out of area riders that would like to get to know the trails in our area would be a great way to promote snowmobiling in our area. Joel provided some interesting information in regards to NYS gas tax reimbursement beginning in 2010. Thank you Joel, for your input and time spent in bringing this information to our members. If you have any questions for Joel, please contact him at jvmunson@juno.com.

Reminders:

Chenango County Federation will be hosting a Snow Bash at the Plymouth Fire Hall on October 24, 2009 from 8:00AM – 4:00PM. There will be snowmobile dealers exhibits, chicken barbeque, snowmobile videos and a safety class being held there that day. There will also be a NYSSA safety trailer on display as well. Please contact Joel Munson if you would like more information at jvmunson@juno.com.

Mike Blance stated to the club members that there is an upcoming NYSSA meeting scheduled in our area on Saturday, November 7, 2009 held at the Clarion Grande Royale Hotel formerly the Hotel Deville in downtown Binghamton located on 80 State Street. He also suggested having our Tucker there for demonstration and selling 210-Plus tickets and maps. Contact Mike for more information at (607)624-1358. This event will be catered by Lupo's. Your attendance is greatly appreciated.

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.

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 17, 2010 to leave from Dorchester Park. More details will be provided as this date approaches.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 4, 2009 at the Tioughnioga Riverside Academy (WP Middle School) cafeteria at 7:30PM. Pizza and soda will be provided.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Chidester, Secretary