

Ridge Riders Snowmobile Club

10-05-2011 Meeting Minutes

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

Secretary's Report

The September meeting minutes were published only a week before the meeting, so a hard copy of the minutes was passed around. After all club members in attendance had a chance to look at the meeting minutes, Judi asked if anyone had any comments on the September meeting minutes. There were none. Jim Petrie made a motion to approve the September 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 Building Fund:

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 NY Professional Engineer- stamped building plans
- \$28 Postage
- \$15,400 Down-payment on the building

\$ 22, 364 Sub-Total spent as of 10/5/2011

\$ 15,400 Balance of building, committed but not paid

\$37,764 Paid/Committed towards building

\$40,900 Bldg fund approved + donations

+ \$ 3,136 Money available for overages

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The Club Report

Expenses: \$3779.29

Income: \$ 766.00 still waiting on 30% checks from 2010-11

The checking account balance is: \$773.47

Some of the expenses during September were as follows:

Tucker Payments	\$ 732.00
Land Payments	\$ 857.00
Greene's	\$ 989.00
NAPA- Groomer Repairs	\$ 151.00
Web site - yearly	\$ 270.00

Dave Dishaw made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, and it was seconded by Marty Brown. 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 January 28, 2011 at Bowman Lake. Volunteers will be needed from each club. Details to follow.

The CCSF is revising their bylaws such that signing compliance is tied to the Sponsor's distribution of snowmobile trails money. More details as they become available.

NYSSA – Mike Blance

The 30% vouchers were sent out on Sept. 19th.

NYSSA has approved a digital map company, jimmapco.

As reported last month, New York State Parks was thought to have some extra money in the snowmobile fund. There seems to be some questions on how much money is available. But it has been decided to add this money to the total available this year for reimbursement...

This year's forum will be in Lake Placid on the 3rd weekend of April.

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NYSSA has won the bid to hold the ISOC meeting in 2015. This will be a great opportunity for New York State.

Snowtrails TV, which filmed some snowmobile riding in New York State, last year, has changed networks and now is on the Madison Square Garden Network.

Events

There will be a New Year's Eve celebration to be held in Whitney Point, that the Club is invited to participate in.

Jim Petrie gave a verbal report on the Sportsman Show which was held on September 24 and 25, 2011. The Ridge Riders had an inside booth and an outside booth. The event brought in \$468, expenses were \$240. If the club participates next year, it is suggested that only 1 groomer be displayed. Also, we need more Club members to staff the booth as there were too few this year and they worked too many hours. THANKS to those who gave up their weekend and worked the booth!

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
- AI 10-2 – Mike Blance to order Coat (DD) – Size Lg
- AI 10-3 - Joel to Call Terry to find out where on web site the meeting minutes are posted.
- AI 10 -4 - Joel to Call Mike Harrington, trail status.
- AI 10-5 - Mike Blance to provide Balance on Tucker Loan.

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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 10-8 - Mike send out hard copies of meeting minutes

- 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

She has contacted one of the area high school art departments about designing a new club logo. They are hoping to set up a contest for the students to design a new logo, with the club providing a prize.

Landowners Update – Mike Blance

Mike is going to schedule a meeting with the Trail Captains to get an updated landowner listing.

Landowner Recognition

Jim Petrie has an opportunity available for the club to hold a landowner's recognition event. – Due to the building not being up, this effort has been tabled...

Club Merchandise – Sue Marsh/Mike Blance

Mike will be ordering some club merchandise and is working with a vendor 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 44 tickets have been sold.

In addition, Dave Dishaw made a motion that anyone selling more than 20 tickets be eligible for a \$100 Raffle. Perry Marsh seconded the motion. The club discussed and approved the motion.

Building Committee Status

The bids have been reviewed and the contract awarded. A deposit has been sent to the builder and the estimated build date is 11/1/2011. The building will be tan with green trim.

Membership

The number of paid members is the club at this time is 122 members.

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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 can be laminated. He will investigate the lamination cost.

At this time, Dave Dishaw has recommended that the club hold off on endorsing a digital map site.

Trail Reports

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

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 – is working with Ed Sturdevent and Eric Johnson about issues in those areas, including a reroute that would allow snowmobilers to visit to Ford Hill.
2. Ned Sturdevent– North Central Trail Captain - Working with Perry. West side of reservoir (Kiebel Rd to 81 Rest Stop) needs some bulldozer work as well as tree clearing. Working to get the permit to do the bulldozer work.
3. Mike Harrington – Northeast Trail Captain –Did not attend no report
4. Matt Lane /Chad Parks – South West Trail Captains – Did not attend but called and reported that they are on schedule.
5. Eric Johnson - South Castle Creek - Working on several issues. Has scheduled a work party for Oct 8th, meet at McDonalds in Whitney Point at 9 am. Please bring chains saws and pole saws if you have them.

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New Business

50/50 Raffle:

Was held, Dick Knapp won,

Logo Raffle:

The Club decided to hold a logo merchandise raffle. The winner was Jim Petrie.

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