



Ridge Riders Snowmobile Club, Inc.
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September 2009 Newsletter

2009-2010 Officers and Board of Directors

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Board of Directors

David Dishaw
Matt Lane
Perry Marsh
Dick Knapp
Chad Parks

Trail Captains

Northwest - Perry Marsh
Northeast - Ned Sturdevant
Southeast – Dick Knapp
Southwest - Matt Lane / Chad Parks

Our first club meeting of the season was held on Wednesday, September 02, 2009 at the Whitney Point Middle School cafeteria (Tioughnioga Riverside Academy) at 7:35PM. There were 26 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 map project goes to print in early October 2009. There are 15 clubs involved from Broome, Chenango, Tompkins, Cortland, and Tioga counties. There is 1,100 miles of trails outlined on this map. We are getting approximately 13,000 maps printed. Dave Dishaw would like all map proofs back before the end of the month. The maps are scheduled to go to print in early October 2009.

Trail Reports:

Perry Marsh reported that they are re-decking a bridge at Broome-Tioga race track, Matt Lane reported that they are planning on re-decking one bridge in the Southwest area and is looking to complete the project before hunting season. Ed Henderson reported in the absence of Ned Sturdevant that the new Tucker has been returned back to us after Cook's performed service and repair work on it (all under warranty). There are already 300 hours of usage on the new Tucker. Andy Moyer also reported in regards to the Northeast area, the Willet club is looking for some assistance from us to clear trails in their area.

Sue Marsh provided a membership report. There are 38 paid members to date of which 3 of them are new members.

New Business:

The Board of Directors met on August 2009 and discussed by-law changes. Attached to this newsletter is the revised by-laws as prepared by the Board. Please review and contact any of the board members or officers if you any questions or concerns. There will time allotted at the

October 2009 meeting for discussion and review with a vote to follow at the November 2009 meeting for adoption.

210 Plus tickets are now available drawing will be held at the December 2009 meeting. Please contact Yvonne David for any that are interested in purchase at (607)692-3469.

There will be upcoming discussion concerning the preservation and enhancement of the walkway/bikeway trail that follows along the WP school and Dorchester Park. Your input is welcome and we encourage your attendance.

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.

Dave Dishaw discussed the importance of our club representation at the annual Forum. If members are not able to attend the entire weekend event, try to attend Sunday when elections are being held and where are voices can be heard. A suggestion of providing transportation was mentioned to possibly promote attendance. More discussion will follow.

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. Contact Mike for more information at (607)624-1358.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Chidester, Secretary