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### January 2023 Meeting Minutes

The scheduled meeting was held on January 10, 2023 at the Mitchell Hill BBQ in Rochester. The meeting was called to order by Nick Bickford at 7:05 pm. There were 28 members present.

#### Secretary's Report

Ginny Abresch presented the December meeting minutes to the membership. Copies of the minutes were available on site and were also posted on the website for members to review before the meeting.

*The minutes were accepted.*

#### Membership Report:

Deb McLaughlin reported 56 new memberships this month for a total of 171 members so far this year. She is expecting \$840 from NHSA for December. Last year at this time our membership was at 278. The 100-member difference was attributed to the lack of snow this year. Nick Bickford also explained that if there is a mistake or change needed our membership card information, that he and Deb McLaughlin have the ability to make those changes. Dealers who offer memberships are not able to change existing memberships. Also joining as a family rather than a single, helps out our club. Berry's Bait will no longer be available for sled registrations or memberships this year. Trailside Powersports will continue to be the local business offering club membership and registrations.

*Membership report was accepted.*

#### Trail Master Report:

Nick Bickford thanked Kevin Tracy for stepping up to help coordinate groomers' schedules and oversee equipment for the Southern Trails during the absence of Carl Peaslee. Bob Bickford closed out the \$2,875 summer GIA and the RTP grant for \$4,320. We should be receiving \$6,195 from the state. We groomed 21.5 hours in December and are expecting \$1,415 reimbursement. This will total a revenue of about \$7,500. Adam Buehne and committee has completed the revisions of our new map. The last map was in 2017. He asked members to review the "mock up" tonight for any final or suggestions. The plan is to get this to the printer this week as we already have at least 25 orders. Adam reported that the Den is a disaster after the last storm. The trails are soft and washed out, and challenge even on an ATV. It can be "Tornado Alley" there with trees down. Mike Gelinis reported that trails going to the old cook out have been closed due to landowner issues. However, there will still be a way for riders from Ridge Road to still have access to our trail system. He added that after the December storm trails from Mike's Maze to Moose Mountain were great, while there was no riding "in town". There were a lot of "wash outs" from frost, soft ground and heavy rain. With the lack of snow and grooming, the cabin has been upgraded with a new door and replacement window. He is hoping to insulate the cabin and add wiring for lighting with a generator. Many hands on the job made the work a lot easier. Cost was about \$500 after volunteers and donations. He is looking to add a new chimney in the future. Mike does not see the lake freezing this year to be able to access the Den from the main trail system. The community is using our trails now year-round for hiking, horseback riding and biking. Jim Matthew reported that Kevin is home and recuperating from his surgery. We sold 28 intersections and have 14 left to make. He doesn't know when we can resume construction. A get-well card for Kevin was passed around for members to sign. We had 3 major clean ups so far this season. Nick Bickford mentioned it was a community effort between members, mushers, horseback riders and hikers that got us open within 36 hours.

*Trail Master Report was accepted*

Treasurers Report:

Deb McLaughlin reported a quiet month with the lack of snow. We received \$2,900 in fundraising from trail signs, sponsor shirts and maps ads and \$1,520 in memberships. There was approximately \$2,000 in trail work expenses.

*Treasurer's report was accepted*

Old Business:

The second batch of sponsor shirts is in stock. If you want a shirt, let us know. There are also shirts available at Trailside Powersports for immediate pickup. Jim Mathew reported that cookout will now be known as the Trailside Cookout. One of the suppliers for donations has gone out of business. We are looking for ideas. The event will run from 12 to 4 pm. Registration for the Poker Run will be from 9 to 12 at Johnson's Restaurant. All entries need to be returned by 2 pm. Nick has a plan for the run to take place via car if there is no snow. The weekend event will be held snow or no snow. Jim is looking for volunteers to help set up.

## New Business:

Jay St. Lawrence has already started collecting donations for the club raffle. This is our biggest fundraiser since prizes are well rounded and anyone can use the them – gift cards, concert tickets, groceries, etc. The raffle will be held at our March meeting. Bob Bickford is looking for someone to lead and organize the groomer fundraising campaign. Now that the cabin is getting improvements, Mike Gelinis would like to see some snowmobile rides to the cabin as a destination spot. The club is insured to use the cabin and hold events there. Ginny Abresch suggested a “Night Ride” this year. The ride would begin at Johnsons, head down Rt. 11 to Tree Farm Trail, up to the cabin and a return down Corr. 22. She has been in touch with Fish and Game Officer Ron Arsenault to escort the riders and ensure our safety while crossing Rt 11. This would be weather dependent and scheduling would be last minute. Nick Bickford emphasized watching Facebook for all upcoming events, meetings, work parties, trail conditions and club information. While emails only go out to members, Facebook has a much broader audience. For those who do not use Facebook, Ginny also added that trail conditions, events, meeting minutes and other info is duplicated on our website and constantly updated. A sample “poster” with our club information and QR Code was made. It was suggested that copies of this information be posted on all the kiosks on our trail system for riders to be able to make donations to the club using Venmo.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Abresch