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### January 2024 Meeting Minutes

The scheduled meeting was held on January 9, 2024 at the Granite Steak and Grill in Rochester. President Nick Bickford called to at 7:02 pm. There were 26 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. Bob Bickford made some minor last-minute changes to the Dec minutes which were received after the minutes went to print. Ginny made the changes and the new adjusted minutes can be found on our website at <https://www.powdermillsnowmobileclub.org/membership>.

*The minutes were accepted.*

#### Membership Report:

Membership director Deb McLaughlin reported there were 35 new members as of Jan 5, 2024 for a total of 129 members according to NHSA. Last year at this time we had a total of 171 members signed up. There is a membership link online.

<https://tinyurl.com/PowderMillSC>

*Membership report was accepted.*

#### Trail Master Report:

The reimbursement to the club from Summer GIA is being processed was received yesterday so the direct deposit of \$33K should be within a week. The groomer arrived,

we have had training, it has been outfitted with all the essentials and has been out grooming a couple of shifts. It's awesome! The Bureau of Trails will be coming to check out the new groomer within the next few weeks and will be placing GIA and RTP stickers on it as those were partial funding sources for it. BOT has placed a lien on the machine so that if we wanted to sell it before it's been depreciated, they would get a percentage of that sale. We should consider setting the other two groomers up the same as the new groomer for the operator's safety and convenience. The other two have some, but not all of the items the new one has. Because the southern groomer works on Bureau of Trails land, the rail bed, there are safety rules that must be followed when cutting back brush and taking care of down or leaning trees. Therefore, the club's safety gear needs to be put in the southern groomer, which currently does not have a tool box on the drag or the back of the groomer (Gas chainsaw, safety chaps, hard hat, ear protection, steel toed boots) A reminder to groomer operators to fill out the log books for every run completely. All the information must be filled out and signed by the operator. The originals have to be submitted at the end of every month in order for us to be reimbursed. If they are not completed accurately, we don't get reimbursed for that amount of time on that slip. We need to update 20 yr. old First Aid Kits on the groomers. Jim Matthew is looking for a new company to finish the rest of the intersection signs. He found one in Rochester, and 2 Dover. All Corridor 22 done, but still needs a few sponsors. Jay St. Lawrence met someone who offered services to weld for the club. Mike cut up the fallen tree between Rte. 11 to Main Street. Mike and George built a diverter for the beavers along Rt. 11.

*Trail Master Report was accepted*

Treasurers Report:

New Groomer Donations: from all sources were \$1200.00 his past month for a total of \$26,290.68. As was voted on at our previous meeting funds were moved from the New Groomer fund into our regular checking account so a wire transfer of \$133,390.40 could be made to Track Inc. for our final payment to in time to qualify for BOT to received our final GIA payment. The first groomer payment of \$1028.38 has been made to Franklin Bank. The club received a check from NHSA for the volunteer work that Charlie Lincoln did at the Grass Drags for \$417.50. Cash on hand as of 1/9/24 is \$4,717.50 in the checking account, \$6,062.00 in the new groomer fund and \$4,038.37 in our Capital Funds for a total of \$14,817.87.

*Treasurer's report was accepted*

Old Business:

Meet the Groomer Event: We had great participation from donors on groomer. Johnsons is happy to have us for the day. Dealers prefer the following week because of the upcoming storm. We also do not want to destroy the property in front of Johnsons. A motion to change date to Sat 1/20/24. Unanimously approved. Nick will get update it out on Facebook. Deb will get 50/50 raffle tickets. It was brought up to add a permanent Thank you to land owners on the groomer? Jay had banner made thanking landowners

to be displayed at the event. There is one more donor to add to the groomer when it gets warmer. Mike got an offer to purchase the old groomer.

**New Business:**

A suggestion was made to name the groomer as another fundraising campaign. Ginny is working on a couple promo videos for the club. They will most likely take the entire season as it will highlight events and work the club does year-round.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Abresch