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Safety Coordinator	Jim Matthew
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Alternate #1	
Alternate #2	Kevin Koenig

January 2022 Meeting Minutes

The scheduled meeting was held on December 14, 2021 at the 110 Grill in Rochester. Meeting was called to order by Nick Bickford at 7:15 pm. There were 30 members present.

Secretary's Report

Deb McLaughlin read the December meeting minutes to the membership due to the absence of Secretary, Ginny Abresch. 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 as read.

Membership Report:

Deb McLaughlin reported the club has 216 members to date. That is an increase of 69 members from last month's total of 147. Last year on Jan 2021 we had 280 members. We also had a large snow storm in Dec 2020 that got people interested in registering their sleds early. We collected \$1,170 in membership dues this month by our agents and the NHSA website. Currently, we are down in memberships by 64 from Jan 10, 2021.

Membership report was accepted.

Trail Master Report:

Bob Bickford reported that our trails are mostly open with very early conditions even though we are almost mid-January. Grooming has begun where and when we have enough snow to process. The north groomer needs to have some repairs to get the bugs out after the work was done last summer. The south groomer has had limited use so far, the gates on the rail trail were just recently opened. Those who are groomer operators it is critical that the log books are filled out completely, accurately and legible for each trip. Without this information that must be documented in the log book we cannot get reimbursed for the work being done. We are in the process of closing out the Summer Grant in Aid. We have learned some pointers to make sure

future state grants go smoother. Our new drag for the north section of the trail system is still being completed in Canada and we still don't have a firm delivery date, hopefully around the 21st of this month. With grooming starting this month, we will start to have reimbursements next month. It's not too early to start thinking about next summer's projects as we will be preparing the next year's budget in just two short months. Mike Gelinas reported that he received an award from the Governor of NH (also Russ Weldon got a similar award) for all of the volunteer work that has been done on the SELT property for the benefit of all to enjoy different types of activities. Mike mentioned that people are happy with riding the trails so far. He thanked all of the people who have helped clearing the brush off the trails. It makes it so much easier to groom. Jim Matthew reported we have a total of 28 potential intersections for sponsorship. This includes Devils Den, Corridor 22, Tree Farm Trail and a couple of other small trails. It does not include the South District, Carl's Area. Except for 3 along rte 11, known as The Primary trail 352 and the Farmington recreation rail trail. Once that area is GPS and recorded on the NHSA state map, he will review that area with Carl to see if any intersections need to be done next year. We presently have 16 and maybe 19 families that would like to sponsor an intersection. We have completed 4 intersections with sponsors to date plus 1 intersection that needs only a sponsor sign made. Deb has sent out invoices along with pictures of the signage and a sponsorship certificate created by Ginny to those 4 Sponsors and all have paid. All other signage has been temporarily put on hold. Kevin's, SUNRISE CREATIONS, whole family has come down with Covid and the Den has had multiple intersection changes and trail names changes. This was due to the NHSA changing names of the trail, PMSC building new trails along with the state wanting to add 911 to a number of intersections. Mike and Jim have spent considerable time in reviewing these changes and believe they have what is needed to proceed with making signs. On the other hand we need Kevin and his family to get healthy before that happens. So we all wish Kevin and his family a speedy recovery.

Trail Master Report was accepted

Treasurers Report:

Bank account is balanced through to today Jan.10, 2022. Current cash on hand as of Jan 11, 2022 in the Checking Acct is \$ 13,148.44 with \$12,032.13 in the Capital fund for a total of \$25,180.57. We received a deposit from the State Grant in Aid program for \$4095.13 for a partial payment on our summer bridge project. A \$1000.00 donation was made from Tom Light for a memorial in honor of Jeff Creeden a past member of PMSC. All of the T-Shirt Sponsors checks are in for a total of \$4500.00 Membership dues for the month is \$1,170.00. The sign committee needed to spend \$370.58 on sign posts, kiosks and materials. There was also discussion during the Treasurers report regarding not being able to keep the fuel tank at Carl's house due to insurance concerns. Tom Mason will look into storing fuel for the southern groomer at B&B. Deb is to look into getting a commercial account with Irving for the southern groomer. Groomer operators will need to keep receipts to send in for the off-road use tax back.

Treasurer's report was accepted

Old Business:

NHSA did not sell all of the 5000 tickets yet, but they have sold over 2000. Cookout at the lookout was discussed. Jim G has his 2 grandsons and his cousin who is a cook and his wife from NY will be making chili and helping out. Date is set for Feb 12th from noon to 4:00. Fireworks will be provided. Jim has 2 dozen donuts and two boxes of coffee donated. They will be offering hamburgers and hot dogs. Jim has an offer for an add in a local paper donated. Volunteers to show up at 9:00. Parking at DOT parking lot and overflow behind Trailside. Question, can we raffle off Sponsor T-shirts at the cookout? Jim Matthew to send an email to Nick with all of this info. Winter Carnaval – Poker Run Feb 19th. 3 Dealers confirmed maybe

one more. No demo rides this year, dealers are having issues getting in stock. Poker Run stops will be same as last year if possible. Raffle – Jay has ordered new raffle tickets. He wants to get a new sell sheet for when he walks in to ask for donations. It was decided he will use his sheet from last year.

New Business:

Nick informed the club members of a house bill for mandatory OHRV safety training for those born after January 1, 1968. It is not being supported by NHSA and has been shut down by the governor in the past due to cost of the program. County meeting news: NHSA is being contacted by map companies for their map apps. PMSC currently gives our map info to NHSA. Currently Apple and Android developers get 47 cents and 53 cents goes to NHSA. Jim Matthew proposed to give a free trail sponsorship or kiosk in the Den for all of the work Bill Norris has done. Mike Gelinas and Russ Weldon were also proposed to get signs. Russ at the Merrymeeting Boat Ramp and Mike G at Mike's Maze. Deb McLaughlin proposed to still give Kevin Koenig his 50% for making the signs. Motion approved. Cory Mattocks – offered to donate neck gators and koozies he has to be given for raffle tickets sold during an event. Tom Mason discussed the need for more fundraisers like golf tournaments. He asked the members for ideas. Chrissie Champagne mentioned contacting large corporations outside our local area such as Wentworth Douglas Hospital, Walmart etc. She mentioned that with all of the work we with do with SELT to build and maintain the trails for the benefit of a mutli-use purposes they could be interested in helping out. Chrissie said we would need a corporate letter to present to them and she will help get us info need to do that.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Abresch and Deb McLaughlin