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December 2022 Meeting Minutes

The scheduled meeting was held on December 13, 2022 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 November 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. It was noted that there was no mention of the membership vote in November to change the price of this year's map to \$10. It was agreed to add this to the November minutes

The minutes were accepted with the change to include the new map price of \$10.

Membership Report:

Deb McLaughlin reported 35 new memberships this month for a total of 115 members so far this year. She is expecting \$700 from NHSA for November.

Membership report was accepted.

Trail Master Report:

Nick Bickford reported work on the trail in Rochester is complete. The bridge has been removed and we have all the necessary landowners' permission to reroute the trail in front of Rochester Motor Sports. Nick asked for help from the membership to fill the absence of Carl Peaslee on the Southern trails. He is looking for someone to coordinate the Southern groomers. The job would involve calling and scheduling available groomers, checking in on trail conditions, any problems with the groomers, fuel fill-ups and any other communication. Anyone interested should talk to Nick or Mike Gelinis

after the meeting. Dan Gould is working with Franklin Savings Bank to offer financial assistance to clubs looking to finance equipment. The project was started back in 2019 before Covid and will hopefully be ready soon. This could put us another year out for our groomer. We would have time to coordinate a two-year fundraiser. We could receive donations now and pledges for next year. Bob Bickford made a motion to purchase a 2024 Tucker Terra 2000G for the 2024/2025 season. Discussion followed and was unanimously approved. An amendment was then proposed to cap the fundraising and loan to \$90,000. Discussion followed and was unanimously approved. Bob Bickford announced the RTP grants have been closed out. Fourteen gates were installed at town crossings along with an additional 4 on Mt. Jessie. Summer Grant in Aid, Project 1 - Moose Mt / Cor. 22 trail regrading is 100% complete. Project 2 - Primary 352 regrading from Rail Trail across from Napa to the top of the hill. Is finished. Mulch hay and seed was applied to trail to complete this project. This year we will be receiving \$67.10 an hour reimbursement for grooming and have been allotted 385 hours for grooming. We have been approved for \$1,000 for plowing the DOT parking lot next to Johnsons. Chris Fela reported that the Northern groomer is ready to go and just needs back up camera adjusted. The Southern groomer needs the brake fixed. Jim Matthew reported there are 33 intersections in the northern district, 28 have potential sponsors and 14 have been completed and installed to date. Kevin, our sign maker, has to undergo surgery to remove his thyroid, next month. He will not be making any additional signs this month or next. Hopefully he has a speedy recovery and begins making signs again soon.

Trail Master Report was accepted

Treasurers Report:

Deb McLaughlin reported a total of \$4,700 Fund Raising Income this month: \$1,500 from T- Shirt Sponsors and \$3,200 from Map Ad Sales. Also, we received \$5,485.36 from Summer Trails Grant funding. Expenses for Northern trail work funded \$1,101.77, Grant Work funded \$3,814.05 and drag repairs funded \$752.40. Approx \$2000 work split between both groomers waiting on Chris Fela's review of bills and invoice.

Treasurer's report was accepted

Old Business:

Nick Bickford sold 4 books of NHSA Super Raffle tickets. He collected \$1,600 for NHSA and we should see about \$1,300- \$1,400 for our share of profit. Bob Bickford explained that volunteers working on the Rochester Rail Trail will soon need to be enrolled in a safety course. Eventually, Fish and Game will have the same requirements for the safety course. The club has hard hats, chaps and power tools to loan to members taking the class. Members would need their own steel toed shoes. Bob Bickford hopes to receive certification to be able to teach the course by next year. Deb McLaughlin reported that the artwork is done for the new maps and we have collected \$6,200 from map sponsors. We have a printer lined up and once all the info is sent, there is about a 10 day turn around time. Sponsor shirts were delivered at the meeting tonight. Any members who ordered apparel and were not at the meeting will be invoiced and items mailed out. There are only 4 shirts left from the original order. Trailside Power Sports

has offered to sell them for us at their store. A motion was made to order 30 additional shirts to have on stock as more orders come in.

New Business:

With the pending snow forecast, Nick requested members help spread the word on our trail conditions. If any of our trails open, it will likely only be those between Main Street, New Durham and Kings Highway, Middleton. There are still a lot of wet areas with flowing water. If anything does open up, we will post what is open. If a gate is closed or there is ribbon across the trail, that trail is closed for safety reasons.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Abresch