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February 2024 Meeting Minutes

The scheduled meeting was held on February 13, 2024 at the Granite Steak and Grill in Rochester. President Nick Bickford called to the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. There were 20 members present.

Secretary's Report:

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

The minutes were accepted.

Membership Report:

Membership director Deb McLaughlin reported there were 87 new members as of Feb. 13, 2024 for a total of 218 members according to NHSA. Last year at this time we had a total of 278 members signed up. We are down 60 memberships. There is a membership link online. <https://tinyurl.com/PowderMillSC>.

Membership report was accepted.

Trail Master Report:

Bob Bickford gave a brief summary of grooming operations for the past month. The southern groomer was out for 23.5 hours, while the groomer in the Den had 15.75 hours and the Northern groomer clocked in with 49.5 hours. So far, we have been reimbursed \$6,580 from the state. Mike Gelinas reported the new groomer is in good shape. A group of volunteers worked on the maintenance of the two older groomers. They

adjusted the drag. More pallets were added over the water on trails. Mike G. trails closed today and we will need a minimum of 4 inches of snow in order to possibly open back up. Mike will meet with someone who does trails in the National Forest to get suggestions on how to solve the water issues between Rt. 11 and Valley Road that would meet approval by the Wetlands Board. If anyone has any problem areas that need to be addressed next year, please contact Mike as we are applying soon for GIA for this summer and the RTP grant for next year. At this time, we are not able to get to Alton due to water issues. We tried to reroute, but new homes are being built and the wetlands could be an issue. The Den does not have public access. We are looking for a landowner to give us permission to build a parking lot to access the area. RTP will allow for trailhead facilities. Since it will be a multiuse parking lot, we have a good chance of getting approval. SELT can also verify the need. We could possibly enlarge the lot on North Shore Road owned by SELT. Not sure of the minimum size. Bob Bickford also requested a list of projects for next year from members. Please let him know of any future repairs, bridges or reroutes before the next meeting. The GIA requests are due at the end of April and must include landowner permission. Trail on Route 11 is a safety issue. Safety and trail closures are our first priority. JR is now overseeing the grooming on the southern trails. He will keep us updated. Town of Farmington will be replacing the River Road bridge by next season but has informed the club that we can no longer cross it with the groomer till replaced. Mike G mentioned the cabin is just about finished. A motion was made to look into adding sponsorships for the four tables and one bench in the cabin. Proceeds would help defray the cost of electrical work recently completed. Jim Mathew found a new company to make signs in Dover. They are great quality and come with a money back guarantee.

Trail Master Report was accepted

Treasurers Report:

Deb McLaughlin reported that the second new groomer payment of \$1028.38 was made to Franklin Bank. She worked with TD Bank to switch the New Groomer account so that the club won't incur any further service charge payments and will have the prior service charges reimbursed. The club received a check from NHSA for Jan for a total of \$2930.00 for membership dues and donations collected. The 99N tax form was filed for the 2023 tax year. The club paid the increased Insurance amount of \$1391.00 to cover the new groomer. Proceeds from the Meet The Groomer event included: 50/50 Raffle - \$160.00 collected and split with the winner Robert Casse of Barrington for \$80.00 to PMSC, Club Raffle was \$190, Club Merchandise - T shirts, sweatshirts, hats, etc. earned \$451.00, with the New Groomer Donation Box collecting \$25.00 and trail donations were \$10. The grand total for the day was \$756.00.

Cash on hand as of 2/13/2024

Checking Account	\$16,004.11
New Groomer Fund	\$24,381.24
Capital Funds	\$4,038.54
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	\$44,423.89

Treasurer's report was accepted

Old Business:

Although it was frigid cold that day, the vendors were happy to be at The Meet The Groomer Event and sponsors were happy to see the groomer first hand and check it out. This was a huge success and our largest profit from a one-day event to date. Well done to all the volunteers that helped to make this happen.

New Business:

The Trailside Cookout will be held this Saturday, Feb. 17th from 12 to 4 pm. Jim Matthew and Jay St. Lawrence are organizing everything. Nick Bickford announced we would not have a Poker Run this year since the trails are currently closed and we would be negligent if someone were to get injured during the ride. Hannaford is donating all the food and paper goods. Bob Bickford and Jay St. Lawrence are making chili, Deb is making pulled pork and Ginny is making Chicken/Wild Rice Soup. Jay and Christina will handle the grill. We are looking for volunteers to serve the crock pot food, help set up tables and tents and to break down at the end. Many hands make lighter work. As a thank you to our landowners, this year any landowner on our list is welcome to a free lunch on the club. Jay thanked the managers of Hannaford for supplying the food, and those donating prizes to our annual raffle. Club members are welcome to take some tickets and sell them on their own. Nick will update the growing raffle prize list. So far, we are up to 21-22 prizes. We will pull the raffle prize for Waterville Valley tickets this Saturday since they are time sensitive with the weather. The main drawing will be in April. Discussion was brought up concerning the pros and cons of selling one of the Den groomers. Originally, the plan was to use the 3rd groomer for parts for the other 2005 machine. The groomer was originally purchased partially with RTP funds so we would need to pay back the state 17% of the assessed value. The Tucker 1000 is a niche machine since they no longer make that size. Currently, the Tucker 2000 is their "main machine which is why we went with the 2000. A lot of clubs use/need the smaller machine. Informal appraisal from the sale manager at Track inc is between \$40,000 to \$50,000 as a good starting point. RTP requires a formal appraisal which we would get from Track, Inc. We will decide on a plan at next month's meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Abresch