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Vice President	Stu Hotchkiss
Treasurer	Deb McLaughlin
Secretary	Ginny Abresch
Trail Master	Adam Buehne
District Trail Manager	Carl Peaslee
District Trail Manager	Mike Gelinas
Trail Administrator	Bob Bickford
Membership Director	Deb McLaughlin
Past President	
Safety Coordinator	Jim Matthew
Member At Large	Chris Fela
Alternate #1	Cory Mattocks
Alternate #2	John Michaud

March 2023 Meeting Minutes

The re-scheduled meeting due to the snow storm, was held on March 21, 2023 at the Mitchell Hill BBQ in Rochester. The meeting was called to order by VP, Stu Hotchkiss at 7:02 pm. There were 25 members present.

Secretary's Report

Stu Hotchkiss presented the February 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:

This year's total as of today 300, up 22 members from last meeting numbers of 278
 Last year as of this date 407
 For a difference of 107 year over year

Membership report was accepted.

Trail Master Report:

Bob Bickford sent in a report for this month. We groomed a total of 66.8 hours in Feb 48.6 hours on the northern groomer and 18.2 hours on the southern groomer. The two parking lots were plowed twice in February. Feb grooming reimbursement will be \$4,582.28

Bob informed the members of a change from the state BOT regarding registration of private vehicles (ATVs,UTVs etc.) that have in the past been registered through the club for the use of trail building and maintenance.

New rules for Trail Maintenance Registration:

From Now On - NH Administrative Services now requires Certificates of Liability (sample attached) for us to pay clubs out of GIA. We are finding that private owners are not able to provide this type of insurance, so we are not able to reimburse out of GIA for work/grooming done with their equipment. If a club wants to utilize personally owned equipment for club work/grooming paid by GIA, an alternative might be that the club lease the equipment from the owner. Then the equipment can be added to the club's insurance policy and the club's insurance vendor provide a Certificate of Liability. Clubs need to contact their insurance company to verify if leases are acceptable and to find out the specifics of how to do it. The Certificates will need to be submitted **with TMRs** that are submitted to us for approval.

Please note that TMRs can still be approved for personal equipment, if the owner signs the form attesting that they don't use for personal use unless they have it registered the regular way as well, but without the Certificate of Liability Insurance the equipment will be noted on the club's account and the TMR form as NO GIA REIMBURSEMENT.

Trail Master Report was accepted

Treasurers Report:

Income:

Poker Run - Total \$740.00 split with club \$370.00 – Winner Len Solo, \$260.00. He donated \$100.00 back for New Groomer Fund

Winter Carnival - \$671.25

Maps sales: \$439.00

Club Raffle to Date - \$370.00

Donations for New Groomer Fund - \$ 593.06

Winter Grooming Grant Funding for January - \$5,804.37

Expenses:

Fuel for groomers - \$1,790.56

Bank balance as of today: checking - \$37,225.42

Cap fund \$ 9,035.47

Total \$46,260.89

Treasurer's report was accepted

Old Business:

Jim Matthew – Sponsor signs, intersection junction markers. Jim has been researching other sign makers and has found one to best fit the clubs needs.

We will now have to pay \$35.00 per sign (each marker for Jct, direction, food, gas etc is considered a sign) which would average \$180.00 per intersection and we will need to purchase the posts, mounting hardware and pay for fuel to go out and install the signs.

Motions were made and approved to honor the \$100.00 price to intersections already spoken for. Moving forward all new intersections will be priced as follows:

\$250 .00 for a personal and family signs

\$300.00 for a commercial sign (a logo will be an additional charge)

The club sponsored its first Annual Night Ride on Saturday night, March 4th. There were 47 snowmobiles in attendance and 50 riders. The ride was led by Ron Arsenault and his Fish and Game partner from Johnsons to the cabin where riders enjoyed a bonfire and roasted marshmallows, coffee and hot cocoa. On Sunday, we held our 3rd Annual Family Ride. Due to unpredictable trail conditions, the ride remained within our trail system. This year's ride also started and Johnsons and ended at the cabin where participants were treated to a BBQ of burgers, hot dogs and other treats.

New Business:

Stu explained that Nick had to attend the Strafford County NHSA meeting as he was the only one from Strafford County that was available to attend on this date.

Stu read notes sent from Nick with important information for the upcoming meeting in April. This is the meeting the club members elect directors for the upcoming 2023-2024 year.

-all positions are available to be contested

-we NEED someone to fill the Southern District Trail Manager position. There is plenty of support for this role, we won't just throw them into the "lions den." Carl still has to focus on his rehabilitation, and doesn't feel he can give the club the attention it deserves.

-Adam is stepping down as trail master. Again, like Carl, he can't give the attention needed to do the position fully.

-the 2023/24 season will be Nick's last as President, with goals of being the Stafford County Director for the 2024/25 season and beyond. This does NOT mean he is leaving the club, He just can't do both positions and give them the attention needed

-anyone interested in running for a position can contact Nick via the club email powdermillsnowmobileclub@gmail.com

Jay St. Lawrence is continuing to collect donations for the club raffle. He has 30 prizes to date and picked up a few more gift cards today. We received two HJC Helmets from Rochester Motor sports as well as other prizes to be included in the raffle to be drawn at our April meeting. Tickets are \$5 each of 5 for \$20.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb McLaughlin for Ginny Abresch