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| District Trail Manager | Mike Gelinas   |
| Trail Administrator    | Bob Bickford   |
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| Alternate #1           | Ralph Etsy     |
| Alternate #2           | John Michaud   |

### **March 2024 Meeting Minutes**

The scheduled meeting was held on March 12, 2024, at the Granite Steak and Grill in Rochester. President Nick Bickford called to the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. There were 22 members present.

#### Secretary's Report:

Ginny Abresch 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 prior to the meeting.

*The minutes were accepted.*

#### Membership Report:

Membership director Deb McLaughlin reported there were 7 new members as of March 11, 2024, for a total of 225 members according to NHSA. Last year at this time we had a total of 300 members signed up. We are down 75 memberships. There is a membership link online. <https://tinyurl.com/PowderMillSC>.

*Membership report was accepted.*

## Trail Master Report:

### PMSC Trail Administrator's Report - March 2024

| Groomer       | January | February | Total Hours | Total Reimbursement |
|---------------|---------|----------|-------------|---------------------|
| Northern      | 49.4    | 13.3     | 62.7        | \$4,398.40          |
| Southern      | 23.5    | 5.4      | 28.9        | \$2,027.33          |
| Den           | 15.2    | 0        | 15.2        | \$1,066.28          |
| <b>Totals</b> | 88.1    | 18.7     | 106.8       | <b>\$7,492.02</b>   |

Also, because the Bureau of Trails has declared it a low snow year, we will be reimbursed 50% of the cost of our grooming liability insurance cost. The total cost was \$709 so we will be reimbursed **\$354.50**.

Total Winter GIA reimbursements will be **\$7,846.52**.

The Summer Grant in Aid application will be released on April 1 and it will be due back to BOT by the first Friday in May.

There may be some uncertainty as to the amount of summer GIA that may be approved statewide due to the low snow year and lower than normal snowmobile registrations, which is the primary funding source for GIA. But there may be winter GIA that will be rolled into summer GIA due to the lower-than-expected grooming hours across the state.

Summer GIA projects must be determined and prioritized as soon as possible.

- Normally a project must be on an individual trail and/or in the same geographic area.
- Normally Project #1 will be funded.
  - Last year, which was not normal, we had funding for the groomer and 3 projects funded.
  - We don't need to purchase any additional equipment this year.
- Any additional projects will be funded based on funding available and the potential impact on the trail system.

We need the following to complete the grant:

- A prioritized list of projects that we want to request funding for.
- GIA Landowner Permissions completed and signed for each project.
- Cost estimates for each project that includes all materials and equipment time.
  - We are reimbursed 100% for materials.
  - We are reimbursed 60% for equipment time, the club has to pay the other 40%.

I would recommend that the Den Parking and Primary 352 be the focus of our funding requests

- Public Access/Parking for the Den Trails
  - With the lake not freezing over regularly and for extended periods of time during the riding season, the Den Trail system does not have public access to them. We need a reliable parking area for trucks and trailers that is maintained and that can be identified on our maps. Otherwise, our grooming of those trails may come into question by BOT without public access.
  - Mike has come up with a solution with the campground owner on Rt 28.
- Landowner concern at River Road; P352.

- If not addressed, we may lose landowner permission.
- Trail grading between Quaker Road and River Road; P352.
  - Water collects on the trail.
- Trail grading between the cell tower and the former Metal Farm; P352.
  - Water collects on the trail.
- Addressing the wet areas between Quaker Road and Tash Road; P352.
  - Challenging project as it is in an identified wetland that we will need both DES and DOT permission to address. May require engineering costs which are not allowable costs through GIA.

Nick Bickford announced that JR has resigned as Southern District Trail Manager for next season. Currently Jay St. Lawrence and Nick have been covering the area the last two years but cannot continue. If no one can volunteer, some decisions will have to be made for trails in the Rochester and Farmington area. Mike G has already started trail work for next season. Rt 11 to Main Street has been rerouted near the baseball field. We will need to work on the wet areas on Rt 11 near Quaker Road. We will need a \$400 wetlands permit. He has looked at several sites for a Den parking lot and found an area off Rt. 28. There is gravel in the parking lot already. We may not have to pay back the original 17% grant (for 1<sup>st</sup> groomer purchase) to the state if we sell the old southern groomer and use it to pay down the balance on the new groomer. Jim Matthew finished a few more signs and cleaned up the stop sign at Johnson's.

*Trail Master Report was accepted*

Treasurers Report:

**Income:**

Deb McLaughlin reported the club received a check from NHSA for Jan for a total of \$2930.00 for membership dues (\$2,225) and donations (\$705) collected. Our Feb check was for \$350.00 (memberships only). The NHSA Super Raffle Payout to the club is \$878.80 Profits from the **Winter Trailside Winter Carnival**: 50/50 Raffle, \$245.00 collected, winner Joe Hume donated his winnings and will match the \$122.50 with a check to the club: \$245.00, Club Raffle: \$365.00, Club Merchandise – T-shirts, sweatshirts, hats etc.: \$516.00, Food Sales: \$736.00, New Groomer Donation Box: \$1138.25 for a **Total \$ 3000.25**. The grill and popcorn maker were donated for the day from PIP Rentals.

**Expenses:**

The third new groomer payment of \$1028.38 has been made to Franklin Savings Bank. New Groomer first maintenance needed during break-in period \$2,178.41. N & S Groomer repair and maintenance \$666.61

**Cash on hand as of 2/13/2024**

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| <b>Checking Account</b> | <b>\$26,863.78</b> |
| <b>New Groomer Fund</b> | <b>\$24,731.11</b> |
| <b>Capital Funds</b>    | <b>\$4,038.54</b>  |
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**\$55,633.43**

*Treasurer's report was accepted*

Old Business:

We are up to 25 prizes for our club raffle. The raffle will be held at the April meeting.

New Business:

April meeting will be very busy. We will need to discuss/vote on any amendments to the Bylaws and the proposed budget. We are in desperate need of a Southern Trail Manager, and an alternate position will also be open. The directors will meet between now and the April meeting to talk about the budget and bylaws.

Mike Gelinas mentioned possible groups that are interested in sponsoring the picnic tables and bench up at the cabin.

Tom Light expressed his gratitude for the wonderful job done at the cabin. Since it was difficult to travel from our trail system, the cabin made for a wonderful destination. Guests could bring lunch and enjoy the fire.

Be careful of stories you read on social media about proposals and decisions being made at the state level. Feel free to reach out to Nick with any questions or concerns.

A motion was made For Mike G to get the necessary wetlands permit to work on Rt.11. It was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Abresch