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Safety Coordinator	Jim Matthew
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February 2022 Meeting Minutes

The scheduled meeting was held on February 8, 2022 at the 110 Grill in Rochester. The meeting was called to order by Tom Mason at 7:04 pm. Absent from the meeting: Nick Bickford, Stu Hotchkiss, Deb McLaughlin, Adam Buehne, Carl Peaslee, Bob Bickford and Kevin Koenig. 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 before the meeting.

The minutes were accepted as read.

Membership Report:

Ginny Abresch gave the Membership Report for Deb McLaughlin. This has been a busy month for memberships. We have 392 and surpassed our goal of 350 memberships that we had as a target for our budget. This is an increase of 176 memberships from last month's total of 216. We collected \$4,005 in memberships between our agents and the NHSA website. Last year as of Feb. 8th we had a total of 339 memberships. Up 52 memberships from last year. We are close to our total memberships of all of last year which is 407. Just 15 left to go.

Membership report was accepted.

Trail Master Report:

Mike Gelinas reported that we are experiencing the best conditions at this time. The Governor's Executive Board has selected to ride our trails for their annual ride on Feb. 18th. Details are still being worked out, but the day will start with a special breakfast provided by Johnson's. The ride will head up to Caverly Mt and stop at the cabin to warm up with a possible bonfire before heading over to Poor People's Pub. Carl's groomer is going to need a master cylinder and

Mike's groomer will need a 150-hour full service. The new drag will need some modifications due to the width of the drag and some narrow areas on Sunrise Trail. We need to install a spring pintle hook to save the groomer from more damage in the future. There was concern about voiding the warranty on the new drag by modifying it. Chris Fela pointed out that most warranties are for manufacturer defects and would not be relevant to this situation. A motion was made and seconded to spend the \$250 for the northern groomer drag updates. At this time, we have used about 230 of our 400 allotted grooming hours. Bob Bickford reported in that we received \$10,000 in Winter GIA. Bob groomed from B&B to River Road, we will need to "derock" for next year. We need to use trees to define the trail over Merrymeeting Lake to keep riders away from the dam and around the point.

Trail Master Report was accepted

Treasurers Report:

Ginny Abresch gave the Treasurers Report in the absence of Deb McLaughlin. Our bank account is balanced through to 02/05/2022. The current cash on hand as of Feb 5, 2022 is \$18,459.21 in the checking account, and \$7,032.30 in the capital fund for a total of \$25,491.51. We received a deposit from the State Grant in Aid program for \$14,610.87 for payment on new Drag. Membership dues collect since last meeting \$4,005.00. Fuel for groomers so far this season \$2,104.04 and repairs to Southern groomer this month \$2,906.51.

Treasurer's report was accepted

Tom Mason reported to the membership that \$2,374 was spent this year on apparel and well over the original budget line of \$600. The income was not balancing with the expenses. Ginny Abresch explained that although we spent the \$2,374 the club was well ahead of the game because of the income that was produced for the club. When the original budget was created nobody knew the Sponsor Shirt sales would be so popular. We sold over 70 shirts and that alone cost \$1,400. We would not have made the \$4,500 in sponsors if we did not buy the shirts. She also explained that we were "jumping the gun" because there are two more events in the future and the season wasn't over yet. Now is the time we start to see our returns. The money was going out of the apparel line, but the profits were showing up as sponsors and donations. Bottom line was the club was way ahead in profits.

Old Business:

Jay St Lawrence has been busy organizing the raffle. He had new tickets printed to use this year. They are smaller than previous years so it should be easier to handle. These tickets were free because there was a mistake and they were not perforated. We will have to tear them off after each sale. Anyone who has prizes should get the donations to Jay. Jay also suggested that maybe we could put a donation bucket at some of our local businesses to help defray the cost of groomer fuel.

New Business:

Jim Matthew asked that anyone willing to help clean up the trail for the Cook Out would be appreciated. They will be brushing out the area from 10 to 12 noon on Wednesday. Bring clippers and anything else to help brush out the trail. Chris Fela will run the groomer up. We have 100 burgers from Mike's Meat Market, Elk from Gilbert Farms, as well as pork, buffalo, turkey and chicken. Hannaford donated frozen patties, rolls and chips and Moe's from Rochester will be donating ½ subs too. The Winter Carnival will be the next weekend along with the Poker Run. Registration begins at 9 am and everyone must be back by 2 pm to announce

the winner. St Hillaire, Irwin Marine and Trailside will participate. We are waiting to hear from Rochester Motorsports. There will not be any demo rides available.

Ginny Abresch reported that the Family Ride this past Sunday was a big hit. There were 27 sleds participating with a total of 30 riders. The youngest driver was 9 years old and the youngest rider was 3 years old. The trip left Johnson's around 9:30 am with stops at the Cabin, the Scenic Loop, The Lookout, Mt. Jessie and then to Poor Peoples Pub for lunch reservations. On the return trip the group rode to the summit of Moose Mountain and a return loop through Evergreen Valley trail to Mt Jessie. Beautiful day with great views. The entire loop was about 52 miles and everyone returned safely to Johnson's by 4 pm. We had riders from Laconia and a father/daughter who saw the post online and drove up from Connecticut to participate. They had such a good time on our trails, they are planning to attend the Winter Carnival over President's weekend. Thanks to Chris Fela for leading the group, the Bickfords and Kevin Koenig in the middle of the pack and Jim Matthew for bringing up the rear.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Abresch