

LUDLOW SIDE HILL CRONCHERS MEETING MINUTES

The 1/26/11 meeting of the Ludlow Side Hill Cronchers Snowmobile Club was called to order by President Murphy at 7:00 PM with 15 members present. The meeting was held at Sam's Steakhouse in Ludlow.

Upon a motion by Rick Yuris, seconded by Randy Ellison the minutes of the 12-4-10 meeting were approved as written.

Upon a motion by Missy Waysville, seconded by Randy Ellison, the Treasurer's report was accepted as presented. Treasurer Ron Bixby explained that the contract with the Snow Fleas had been completed and that he will maintain the records of the transaction. Also our Attorney did not charge for the work he had done on that project. *Upon a motion by Missy Waysville, seconded by Brett Sanderson it was voted that the Treasurer is to get a gift certificate from DJ's for our attorney.*

All correspondence was reviewed by the Secretary. Doug Peabody thanked the club for the cards and gift during his recent hospital stay.

Under **trails:** Trail Master Randy Ellison reported that all projects have been completed and paid for.

Under **groomer:** Brett Sanderson reported that he is keeping the groomer operator schedule up to date as best he can. He will be making phone calls to operators to make a schedule that extends further into the season. Brett Sanderson also reported that he will do the training for new operators. Rick Yuris reported that a Spot Messenger has been placed in the groomer and provided Brett Sanderson with the operating instructions. It was noted that the unit is in the groomer as a tool for the operator's safety. Groomer Master Brett Sanderson also reports that pre season groomer maintenance was completed and any ongoing issues are handled as needed.

Under **Committee Reports:** Rick Yuris noted that there was a Polaris demo ride program at the hut last weekend and that the Windsor County Sheriff had inspected approximately 45 machines and issued safety stickers for them. Rick also outlined the schedule for the season as is finalized to date by the Activities Committee. More activities are in the planning stage. Rick advises that members visit the web site for updates. Missy Waysville reported that the Membership Committee has been very busy and the program is very time consuming. The TMA purchases are going slower than in previous years probably because of the economy and because more snow is needed. Missy also reported that the fund raising committee is doing well with the new break open tickets. Safety Officer Ron Bixby reported that since beginning our safety courses in 2002 a total of 346 students have completed the program.

Under **Unfinished Business**; Missy Waysville, Rick Yuris and Steve Kondracki, the committee that was charged with the task of creating a policy on our club having a Charitable Donation Program, presented a proposal. After discussion and suggestions for minor changes and *upon a motion by Angie Benson, seconded by Randy Ellison it was voted to adopt the Charitable Donation program as proposed.* It was reported that the owner of the Ludlow Country Store had informed Steve Kondracki and Rick Yuris that he no longer was interested in assistance with having a gasoline tank installed for servicing snowmobiles.

Under **New Business**; the activities of the Windsor County Snowmobile Club were reviewed. The difficulty of getting the trail conditions on the web site was discussed. Brett and Angie agreed to keep the web site updated for trail conditions and groomer activities. Rick Yuris will provide Brett and Angie with guidance on the method of getting the information on the site. The question of having paid advertising on our Web Site was discussed and because of the work required to establish and maintain such an undertaking the item was tabled for the time being. The VAST Military Appreciation celebration was discussed. *Upon a motion by Brett Sanderson, seconded by Scott Grover it was voted to have Treasurer Bixby send 50.00 to the committee running the program.* Ron Bixby reported on the LPCTV program about our club and asked about getting an interview relative to grooming. Brett Sanderson will be interviewed for this portion of the program. Ron also asked for some clarity on the groomer reports that he processes. Patrick Nehr commented on the difficulty in grooming a portion of the trail in Mount Holly. President Murphy asked Patrick to contact the President of the Mount Holly Club and see if the problems can be resolved.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 23rd.

The door prize was won by Steve Kondracki.

Upon a motion by Scott Grover, seconded by Randy Ellison, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM