

LUDLOW SIDE HILL CRONCHERS MEETING MINUTES

The 2/1/12 meeting of the Ludlow Side Hill Cronchers Snowmobile Club was called to order by President Murphy at 7:00 PM with 10 members present. The meeting was held at Sam's Steakhouse in Ludlow.

Upon a motion by Randy Ellison, seconded by Missy Waysville, the Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

All correspondence was reviewed by the Secretary. In addition thank you notes from Jane Williams, Dave Harlow, Springfield Medical Care Systems, Windsor County Youth Services, New England Kurn Hattin Homes and Black River Good Neighbors were presented.

Under **Trails**: Trail Master Randy Ellison reported that all damage from storm Irene as well as culvert installations has been completed. Also the trails have been cleared of blow downs three times due to ice and wind storms. It was noted that Willie Arnow had spent a lot of hours repairing trails with his excavator and did not charge anything for the work. Scott Grover reported on needed repairs to the section of the Mount Holly trails that we groom. Trail Master Randy will contact the President of the Mount Holly club and tell him of the needed work. Trail Master Randy also reported that the new road crossing signs have all been installed.

Under **Groomer**: John reported that the application for a grant toward the purchase of a new groomer has been turned down by VAST. Also the Londonderry club has expressed interest in purchasing our groomer when we decide to purchase a new one. We have received the final payment from VAST and the County for the past season grooming. Our groomer underwent repairs at the Tucker facility this fall. The next time we send the groomer for maintenance a specific list of needs will be provided.

Under **Committee Reports**: a report given by Missy Waysville, Chairperson of the Membership Committee, indicated that the membership count has reached approximately 612 so far for the year. There may be adjustments as the final paperwork is prepared for VAST. Missy Waysville, Chairperson of the Fund Raising Committee, reported that the committee is doing well with the new break open tickets and work on the 2012 Golf Tournament will begin soon. Scott Grover reported that the Activities Committee had canceled some of the planned events due to the lack of snow. The remainder of the winter activities will depend on the weather. Scott also reported that he and Rick Yuris had discussed having a summer meeting and cook out at the warming hut. Members present thought that would be a good idea. Missy Waysville, Chairperson of the Charitable Donation Committee reported that the committee's work had produced a lot of good will for the club as witnessed by the various thank you notes.

Under **Unfinished Business**; a discussion was held on the raffle prize won from the Andover Snowmobile Club for a donation made to their raffle for a new snowmobile type groomer. The \$50.00 gift certificate will be donated to the Good Neighbors. Safety Officer Ron Bixby reported on the recent Safety Course and will create a news article for the web site that highlights the number of students that have graduated from the class over the past several years.

Under **New Business**; the activities of the Windsor County Snowmobile Club were reviewed by President Murphy. It was noted that on Feb 24th there will be a Groomer Rodeo at the Green Mountain Horse Association in South Woodstock and on Feb 25th the VAST Military Appreciation event will be held at the same location. A donation will be sent to VAST for the Military Appreciation Event sponsorship. We have provided 12 copies of the poster for the event to the local Legion for their members. *Upon a motion by Missy Waysville, seconded by Doug Peabody, it was voted to adjust the Charitable Donation Policy to clarify that 10 % of the net profits of eligible fund raising events go into the fund.* It was noted that our computer that operates the web site and other operations is getting tired and in need of upgrades. *Upon a motion by Missy Waysville, seconded by Steve Kondracki, it was voted to authorize Web Master Rick Yuris to purchase a new computer that will better serve our needs now and into the future.* A discussion on the need to place a clothing order was held. *Upon a motion by Doug Peabody, seconded by Randy Ellison it was voted to include the gift of a shirt and hat for our life members in the order.* A discussion was held on the notice from VAST that the Executive Director Bryant Watson had retired effective January 27th and that the President of VAST had noted in his VAST article that a search for a replacement would be made. *Upon a motion by Doug Peabody, seconded by Randy Ellison it was voted to send a letter to the Windsor County Snowmobile Club advising that our club is of the firm opinion that Alexis Nelson should be promoted to the position of Executive Director and requests that the County Club do the same alerting the Board of Directors of their decision.*

The next meeting will be scheduled by President Murphy.

Upon a motion by Randy Ellison, seconded by Scott Grover, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM