

# LUDLOW SIDE HILL CRONCHERS

## MEETING MINUTES

The 4/26/14 meeting of the Ludlow Side Hill Cronchers Snowmobile Club was called to order by President Murphy at 6:35 PM. The meeting was held at Mr. Darcy's Bar and Grill in Ludlow.

*Upon a motion by Brett Sanderson, seconded by Steve Kondracki, the minutes of the 3-20-14 meeting were accepted as presented.*

All correspondence was reviewed by the Secretary.

Under **Groomer**; Groomer Master Brett Sanderson reported that summer maintenance was mostly done and would be completed when the groomer is moved to the pole barn for summer storage. The Financial Report for the season groomer operation has been completed and sent to VAST. John Murphy reported that our grooming weeks will stay the same for the next couple of years as mandated by the VAST Board of Directors. This action was taken to protect the clubs from having their average reduced because of the warm weather during the season.

Under **Trails**; new projects for next year were discussed; improvements to the Route 103 Access Trail, Preedom Road Bridge and replacement of culverts in the Hideaway area of North Hill. Also a project to get the trail off of Pent Road and Preedom Road is needed. Tree removal is needed on the South Hill Trail and on the Healdville end of Trail 7. Also a trail change is needed on the Glynn property and Roncari property. Trail Master Randy Ellison reported that most signs are removed from the trails and the rest will be removed as the weather and ground conditions allow. Randy and Doug will attend the mandatory VAST Construction Seminar on Wednesday at the Springfield Technical Center. John will also attempt to attend if his schedule allows. Brett Sanderson reported on observing a five passenger side by side operate at a fire scene recently. Discussion indicated that we need to get pricing on this type of unit. Dan Stowell and Brett Sanderson had previously reported that Polaris and Yamaha units were suitable for our use. Doug Peabody and Bruce Ingerson will get updated pricing for the five passenger units for next meeting. Bruce Ingerson noted that the Herb Vanguilder property is for sale and it is a critical property for our trail system. President Murphy will meet with Mr. Vanguilder soon to see what can be done to protect our trail. VAST Map updates are needed to be sent in as there will be a new map this coming season. It was noted by Randy that there are conflicts with intersection numbers between the County map and VAST map. Randy reported that all discontinued signs have been removed from our trails. Also noted that the gate on Preedom Road needs to be replaced and possibly relocated.

Under **Unfinished Business** Doug reported that a small safe has been purchased and our important documents have been placed in it. It is stored inside of the Ludlow Insurance Safe.

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Under **Committee Reports** Our Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup> this year. Applications have been mailed to team leaders from last year's tournament and team signups are now coming in. The sponsorship of a little league team and high school scholarship program are completed on our part and are now part of the normal programs.

Under **New Business:** President Murphy reported on the high lights of the recent County Meeting. A discussion was held on the advantages of having power in the pole barn. Steve Kondracki stated he would pay for the power used. John Murphy stated that he could do the internal wiring. *Upon a motion by Doug Peabody, seconded by Randy Ellison it was voted to hire Brett Sanderson to run power to the pole barn.*

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at Darcy's.

*Upon a motion by Brett Sanderson, seconded by Pat Neher the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM*