

LUDLOW SIDE HILL CRONCHERS MEETING MINUTES

The 7/11/13 meeting of the Ludlow Side Hill Cronchers Snowmobile Club was called to order by President Murphy at 6:45 PM. The meeting was held at Sam's Steakhouse in Ludlow.

Upon a motion by Brett Sanderson, Seconded by Randy Ellison, the Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Upon a motion by Brett Sanderson, Seconded by Randy Ellison, the minutes of the 6-11-13 meeting were approved as presented.

All correspondence was reviewed by the Secretary.

Under **Groomer**; Groomer Master Brett Sanderson reported that VAST has approved our grant request, the compactor has been delivered to Maine for mounting on the new unit and delivery of the new groomer should take place in September. *Upon a motion by Randy Ellison, Seconded by Steve Kondracki it was voted to have Alex Grover sell the old groomer on line for a minimum of 85,000 and if he is successful to pay him a 1,000 commission.* Brett Sanderson will be the contact person for questions and handling the details.

Under **Trails**; it was reported that;

- a. The South Hill Trail Improvement will be handled by Brett Sanderson, no grant request needed.
- b. The Mount Holly trail improvements near US 155 will be handled by Brett Sanderson and Patrick Neher. Brett reported that no VAST funding request is needed.
- c. The Mount Holly Bridge project near Healdville Station will be handled by John Murphy and Brett Sanderson.
- d. The Gate and Culvert installation on the Lannon property is being handled by Scott Grover. A request for funding has been made to VAST.
- e. The access trail to local restaurants on Rte. 103 has been submitted to VAST. Steve Kondracki will coordinate completion to allow for groomer access. Bruce Ingerson will be contacting all of the local food establishments that will benefit from the trail asking them to donate money to cover the cost of new signs and trail maintenance.
- f. Re-Decking of the Bixby Road Bridge and re-building of the DeRoo Lane Bridge will be coordinated by Doug Peabody. Funding requests have been sent to VAST.
- g. The new Intersection Signs are in the pole barn and ready for installation. Randy Ellison reported that they will be installed in the coming season. Scott Grover will assist with this project. Kevin offered to assist and Randy will coordinate.

- h. We have a request from Highland Views to correct some damage done to their property by snowmobiles last season. Doug Peabody has contacted them and will have Severy Brothers correct the problem as they are the maintenance company for Highland Views.

Bernie Ellison brought up the possibility of moving part of our trail off of Pent Road into adjoining property as there is a new owner of the property. Bernie will investigate further and the project will be considered for next year.

Under **Committee Reports**; John Murphy reported that we will conduct a Chicken BBQ fundraiser on August 17th on our own. The joint venture with Sam's did not work out. John will reserve the Veteran's Park for the 17th of August. Dan Stowell will solicit updated pricing for a new trail maintenance vehicle for the next meeting. Scott Grover and Bruce Ingerson are pursuing the installation of a roof over the deck of the warming hut. Ron Bixby's report on the Golf Tournament was reviewed. The group noted many thanks to Missy Waysville and her committee for another successful year with the golf tournament. Missy Waysville's report noted that we had 682 members last year.

Under **Unfinished Business**; it was reported that the trails trailer is worth about 1500.00 in as is condition. *Upon a motion by John Murphy, seconded by Bernie Ellison it was voted to have Alex Grover try to sell the trailer on Craig's List for 1500.00 and pay a commission of 10% if he is successful.* Scott Grover and Doug Peabody will install new shelving in the pole barn to store the supplies and equipment for the trails team. Trail Master Randy Ellison noted that this will work well for his team as they only used the trailer for storage.

Under **New Business**; Scott Grover noted that we should consider using the internet to allow members to attend meetings electronically. John will research our options for using this system. Randy Ellison, Chairman of the Nominating Committee reported he is having a difficult time finding a candidate for the Secretary and Assistant Secretary's positions. *Upon a motion by Randy Ellison, Seconded by Bernie Ellison it was voted to keep our officers as is for now.* John reported that he and Randy will continue to look for a Secretary and Assistant Secretary so Doug can retire from the position of Secretary.

The Annual VAST Meeting will be held August 10th at Jay Peak VT. We are allowed 23 delegates by VAST for this meeting. John Murphy will make arrangements for attendance; anyone wanting to attend should contact him soon.

The next club meeting will be held on August 8th, at Sam's Steakhouse. The meeting will begin at 6:30 PM.

Upon a motion by Brett Sanderson, Seconded by Steve Kondracki the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.