

Dear Club Members,

February 25, 2005

Meeting was held on February 12th with 20 members and one guest attending. Prior to the start of the meeting the club held its monthly fund raising supper, thank you to all who made a donation or attended. A 50/50 drawing was held and won by Fred Dufoe.

Meeting was called to order at 7:48 pm.

Minutes from the meeting held on January 8th were accepted as presented.

Announcements:

- ?? County Meeting February 16th at the sportsman club in Canaan.
- ?? Looking for members to be on the Nominating Committee.
- ?? Election of Officers is in April.
- ?? Groomer Rodeo at the Balsams February 17th

Meeting Minutes:

Treasurer – Melissa Getman

- ?? Out of Town Sharon Chauvin submitted written report.
- ?? Our checking account balance is \$9,466.04; we have outstanding bills of \$831.
- ?? The Groomer fund balance is \$1,243.91
- ?? The Supper fund balance is \$3,629.18
- ?? Treasurer's report was accepted as submitted.

President – Frank French

- ?? Voted to make donation to the Hebron Village Church in the amount of \$300 and the Easter Seals of \$100 plus any amounts received from club members.
- ?? An outstanding donation to the Gazebo Committee will be made in the amount of \$50.
- ?? Gazebo Committee approached to see if we would be interested in providing food for the concert on the 4th of July. Volunteers will be needed to work this event.
- ?? Approached by the Groton Athletic Committee and the Newfound Lakes Association to take part in a fund raising activity. Members requested that more information be obtained for the next meeting.
- ?? The club will be applying for grants in 2006 for a new groomer to be purchased in 2007. Fund raising should start soon as the cost to the club will be more.

Vice President – William Noyes

- ?? Out of town no report submitted.

Trail Master – Mark Noyes

- ?? Slow month for grooming but a good heavy snow finally came; there are a lot of trees covering trails making grooming slow. Trails rough should be in good shape within the week.
- ?? Needs to turn in an invoice for repair on the drag for welding cost \$55.
- ?? Radios for the groomers have not been finalized, the operators will continue this season without them. The state has approved a band for use, the radios we have are not digital and therefore are not useable. NHSA is looking into a statewide frequency for clubs to use. Radios that are compatible with this frequency will have an estimated cost of \$2,400. Bill Barrett suggested looking into a marine band radio, he will find out more information regarding cost and process.
- ?? The club should consider purchasing new chain saws and chaps for trail maintenance.
- ?? All the trail maps are not up yet.

Trail Administrator – Alan Barnard

- ?? Land owner permission not received for the prospective trail from Province Road to the Baker Valley trails. Both clubs will need to talk to the land owners.
- ?? The trail from J. Matthews to Hardy Country has been completed. Andrews Construction has donated the use of the equipment (including transportation) at a cost of \$865; David Sargent donated his time to do the excavation. Thank you to Andrews Construction and David Sargent.
- ?? Billed the state for grooming 120 hours we will receive \$3,746.88 plus an additional \$2.50 per hour fuel surcharge, total amount to be received \$4046.88.
- ?? Award given to Gene Chauvin for completion of the Groomer Operator Safety Program held in December at the Trail Masters meeting. Congratulations Gene.

Secretary – Sharon Chauvin

- ?? Web site is up and running check us out at www.hardycountrysnowmobileclub.com
- ?? Consider looking for businesses willing to advertise on our web site to help with the costs.

Date of next meeting March 12, 2005 at 7:30 pm at the Hebron Village Church.
Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Upcoming events and news:

- ?? Annual Land Owners Breakfast generated a profit of \$275 with 8 land owners coming. Thank you again to these generous people for allowing the club the use of their land.
- ?? The monthly supper generated a profit of \$910, 50/50 drawing \$74.50, shirts sold \$30, Stickers \$2, Donations \$4. Thank you for the support.
- ?? On March 12th the club monthly supper will feature Turkey, 5-7 pm at the Hebron Village Church.

Sincerely,

Sharon Chauvin
Secretary

I received this note from Bill Noyes 2/20/05 (typed verbatim from note received)

Canadian Trip – Disaster, Disaster, no Snow – no Snow
Someone forgot to do the “Indian Snow Dance”

This years Canadian trip was cancelled in January due to the lack of snow and rescheduled for Feb. which we would have to double up in Lac Magantic with 3 rooms for 12 people (for one night, ok we can do it)
Bill and Linda went up early to check out trails in Lac Magantic & Sawyerville and guess what? Again no snow, so Bill called everyone to tell them again “Don’t come up” the trails were bare and muddy, with some trails closed & gates across
We will have some pictures at a later date
Now – for next year 2006 trip, get with Bill Noyes, before Mothers Day (2005) week-end as he has opening for 3 people left, this will be about 3rd week of Jan
For info call Bill at 603-536-2350