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Connecticut Valley Sno-Riders
Minutes to the meeting for February 18, 2012

Vice President Brad McVetty called the meeting to order at 7 pm with 12 members present.

Secretary's Report was read and accepted.

Treasurer's Report was read and accepted.

TMA Report indicated 237 TMAs have been sold so far this season.

Trail Master's Report: Bert reported that the new groomer had the 100 mile check up. At the same time the steering system was changed from the sticks to a steering wheel system. The hydraulic connections have also been replaced.

It was also reported that the groomer has been out on a regular schedule with only a couple trips towards Guildhall, due to lack of snow. Bert reported that wheeled vehicles have been traveling the shared logging roads. Bert reported that the trail to DeBanvilles Store need to be addressed; especially the trail leading down to VT Route 102. The railroad bed in Town and the area near the stone culvert also need repair.

County Meeting: Jay reported that Bryant Watson is no longer Executive Director. Alexis Nelson is filling that position at this time. He reported the Norton Club, the Northeast Kingdom Snow Blasters, would have roughly 50-55 miles of trail to maintain. The Safety Week BBQ in Island Pond is scheduled for February 19. Members volunteering at this event will bring a table, the club banner, and clothing. It was brought up that the county provides maps and it was suggested that the maps be given out with discretion. Lin did some checking about shrinking down the maps to put at intersections so that riders know where they are. A few will be tried at some intersections on a trial basis for the remainder of the season. Jay was asked if he knew of any land closures in Norton.

Old Business: The Military Ride In is Feb. 25. A club donation was made. The Groomer Rodeo is Friday, Feb. 24. Austin's Ride is Saturday, Feb. 25. A club donation was sent. Mary reported that the Lunenburg Pot Luck Lunch had a good turnout and that the club does a head count as guests come in to the event. The Lancaster NH club also had a good turnout for their sausage roast. Lee and Mary reported that the club minutes are now posted on the club website. Lee is going to check to see if the club can create links for each month's minutes. Will also to check to see if there a fee involved. It was reported that there were only 180 hits to the website since the last posting. Lin said that people were commenting on the club Facebook page. Bert suggested that the club post only that we are grooming on a regular basis.

New Business: Lin reported that the State Police and Sheriff's Department have been out doing safety checks. A motion was made to select a nominating committee for the next slate of officers. Nancy, Mary, and Sam were selected. A motion was made to create a committee to check into alternatives for the April Dinner/Meeting. Nancy, Mary and Jana volunteered to be on this committee. Nancy will get proposals to present at the March meeting. Mary said that any material for the last issue for this Season VAST News has to be in by Feb. 27. Next Club meeting is March 17, 2012.

Sam reported that he won the free Essex County Volunteer TMA for next year! Congratulations Sam Gorham!

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Jana Marshall
Recording Secretary

