

Connecticut Valley Sno-Riders

Minutes to the Meeting for December 10, 2011

President Allison Rogers called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm with 24 members and guests present.

Secretary's Report: was read and accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: was read and accepted as written. It was reported that the new PB400 has been paid for by the club and bank.

The old groomer is now with a club in Franklin, NH. It was also reported that 90 TMAs had been sold this season.

Trail Master's Report: Dennis Bacon reported that Richard Marshall, Brad McVetty and Jason McVetty have put in a temporary bridge where the large culvert is located past the "sign-in" camp. Thank you, Richard, Brad, and Jason. Plum Creek approved this bridge. Dennis also reported that a bridge is needed at EX 523. This bridge gives us access to 1A. Bert Desrochers reported that there are rocks piled up on Lunenburg's side of Route 1 trail blocking the trail. It is believed that permission has been granted for the rocks to be moved to allow trail use this season but the rocks must be put back in the spring. It is reported that Route 1 is open and signs are up. It was reported that the rocks in the Maidstone Lake campground have been taken out of the trail. It is reported that the trail maps are out. Ray Dubreuil reported that Bert did the maps for the entire county. Bert said the new groomer is in John's garage and is awaiting installation of the brush guard. Groomer operators are still waiting for orientation on the new unit as well.

County Meeting: Ray Dubreuil reported that the group meets once a month. The biggest concern is the cost of TMA's. The on-going discussion is whether to raise the cost of TMA's and lose buyers or don't raise the price and not get money for trail work. One option could be when getting a construction grant, there would be a deductible. Discussion was brought up about a group from Norton wanting to start their own club. After much discussion, a hand vote resulted in a vote of 10 to 4 to accept the Norton club into the county. Jay Thietten

reported that he and John Orłowski are doing the Courtesy Patrol and they would like more volunteers. John will make reports to the county on the patrols. The International Safety Week BBQ put on by Island Pond, will be Jan. 15, 2012. Volunteer are needed to help. Emergency construction money applications must be submitted by Dec. 15, 2011.

Old Business: Money for the Bombardier Ski-doo Support Your Club program is expected sometime in March. Reciprocity weekend for ME-NH-VT will be on Jan. 27, 28, &29, 2012.

The Courtesy Patrol is looking for volunteers to be at the borders to greet people and answer any questions they may have.

Lee Stewart reported that the website has been quiet. Lin Mixer reported that he is putting weekly updates on Facebook.

It was reported that serving the Hunters' Supper buffet style was a big hit with club members. It made for less waste of food and much easier for everyone. Pat Rogers reported that the Club donated the leftover cole slaw to the Lancaster Food Pantry.

New Business: A big Thank you to Bert and Nancy for once again hosting the Club Christmas Party this year!

Dennis reported that he had donated some old Club clothing to the housekeeping folks at Weeks Hospital.

Lin reported that the Groveton Trail Blazers in Groveton, NH will hold their Steak Feed on Jan. 14, 2012 and their ham dinner on Feb. 18,2012 at their Club House.

Next meeting will be held on Jan 21, 2012.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Jana Marshall

Recording Secretary