

LUDLOW SIDE HILL CRONCHERS

MEETING MINUTES

The 11/6/14 meeting of the Ludlow Side Hill Cronchers Snowmobile Club was called to order by President Murphy at 6:33 PM. The meeting was held at Mr. Darcy's Bar and Grill in Ludlow.

Upon a motion by Randy Ellison, seconded by Patrick Neher the Treasurers report was accepted as presented.

Upon a motion by Brett Sanderson, seconded by Randy Ellison, the minutes of the 5-24-14 Meeting were accepted as presented.

All correspondence was reviewed by the Secretary.

Under **Groomer**; Groomer Master Brett Sanderson reported that the groomer has been moved to its winter garage. Maintenance, cleaning, etc. will take place soon. A new storage cabinet will be installed as the old one is worn out. The grooming documents in the groomer book have been updated and the VAST Liability Policy has been added to the book. Also included in the book is a key for Mrs. Williams wire gate on DeRoo Lane.

Under **Trails**; Trail Master Randy Ellison reviewed the various construction projects. Rebuilding of the Freedom Road bridge has been completed, Brett Sanderson donated his excavator and skid steer at no charge for this project; the Pent Road project has been put on hold as VAST funding was not available this year; improvements to the Route 103 access trail have been completed; the culverts for North Hill have been installed by Bruce Ingerson at no charge; John and Steve will be working on the South Hill Tree issues; the relocation of the Roncari trail is being pursued by Ron and Steve; Brett will be looking at the proposed improvements to Corridor 7 near Healdville; trail improvements for the Brian Glynn property have been completed; we will not be pursuing the opening of the Healdville car bridge as our grooming responsibility ends before that point; rebuilding of Bridge #5 has been completed, Brett Sanderson donated the installation of new concrete footings, new telephone poles, several loads of fill and his excavator and skid steer for this project; brush hogging has been completed and trail safety improvements in the area of Dam #5 have been completed. Trail Master Ellison reported that much of the trail signs have been completed, he and helpers will be working on additional trail signing this coming weekend. Discussion was held on needed improvements to the Brussel section of Trail 127, probably will have to be done next summer because of excessive water in that area this time of year. Trailmaster Randy Ellison also reported that map changes and adjustments have been forwarded to VAST for the new map to be printed this year.

Under **Committee Reports**; the results of the June Golf Tournament were presented; reported that our membership totaled 753 last year and the warming hut has been cleaned, stocked with firewood and the porta potty ordered. Cindy Yuris has re-painted the large sign for the warming hut, it will be reinstalled soon.

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Under **Unfinished Business:** John and Ron reported that the purchase of the VanGuilder property has been completed. Our ATV purchase has been completed. After much discussion and ***upon a motion by Randy Ellison, seconded by Brett Sanderson it was voted to purchase new tracks and other accessories for the new unit.*** Trail Master Ellison reported that the issue with Frangoise has been resolved; it had nothing to do with our club however we did take care of his concerns. John will be discussing registration sales with Snow-Country soon. Bruce Ingerson has placed safety equipment in Steve's garage; all are encouraged to use the equipment and clothing we have provided when working on the trails.

Under **New Business:** ***upon a motion by Ron Bixby, seconded by Pat Neher it was voted that all officers of the club are to remain in office until July of 2015.*** Requests for donations from the Ludlow Library, Ludlow Elementary School and Meleayla Call were reviewed and ***upon a motion by Brett Sanderson, seconded by Ron Bixby it was voted to have the Treasurer forward donations from the Charitable Donation Fund to all three.*** President Murphy reported that the Mount Holly and Shrewsbury clubs have merged and passed along trail maintenance responsibilities for trails in Mount Holly that we groom, to our club. Randy will follow up and determine what is needed. The Board of Selectmen approved our request to use certain Town roads as part of our trail system for the 2014/15 season. Safety Officer Bixby reported that our club sponsored Safety Course will be held on December 6th at the Catholic Church corner of High Street and Depot Street in Ludlow. Public Information Officer Tina Berge has been keeping up with sending items for the new VAST magazine which is greatly appreciated. It was noted that the VAST Annual Meeting will be held at Jackson Gore in 2015 and that our club will need a lot of volunteers to help, more information to follow. Two new policies, one on meal allowances and one on work awards were reviewed. ***Upon a motion by Brett Sanderson, seconded by Randy Ellison both new policies were adopted.***

The next club meeting/holiday party will be December 6th at Tim and Michelle Doyle's home. Also on December 6th there will be Grooming orientation for new operators and groomer work party at Brett Sanderson's and our Snowmobile Safety Class as noted in new business. The Windsor County November meeting will be hosted by our club on November 11th at the Ludlow Legion.

Upon a motion by Brett Sanderson, seconded by Randy Ellison the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM

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