

LUDLOW SIDE HILL CRONCHERS MEETING MINUTES

The 8/18/13 meeting of the Ludlow Side Hill Cronchers Snowmobile Club was called to order by President Murphy at 6:30 PM. The meeting was held at Sam's Steakhouse in Ludlow.

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

Upon a motion by Bernie Ellison, Seconded by Steve Kondracki, the minutes of the 7-11-13 meeting were approved as presented.

All correspondence was reviewed by the Secretary.

Under **Groomer**; Groomer Master Brett Sanderson reported that the Packing Bar has been delivered to the dealer in Maine for mounting on the new groomer. Brett will contact Cooks Equipment to see if they want to purchase our old groomer. *Upon a motion by Doug Peabody, seconded by Bernie Ellison, it was voted that Brett Sanderson is authorized to sell the old groomer and drag as long as it is for more than allowed as a trade in.*

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.
- c. The Mount Holly Bridge project near Healdville Station will be re-visited next season according to John Murphy.
- d. The Gate and Culvert installation along with stump removal on the Lannon property is being handled by Scott Grover.
- e. Completion of the access trail to local restaurants on Rte. 103 will be coordinated by Steve Kondracki.
- f. Re-Decking of the Bixby Road Bridge and re-building of the DeRoo Lane Bridge will be coordinated by Doug Peabody.
- 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 Berge also offered to assist and Randy will coordinate.
- h. Bernie Ellison has spoken to the landowner adjoining Pent Road and reports that putting a trail on the property to get off of Pent Road is no problem. The landowner has agreed to grant permission. Bernie will mark the trail and get estimates to have the work done for next year.

- i. It was reported that VAST has approved grants for Brush Hogging, DeRoo Lane Bridge, Bixby Road Bridge, North Hill Trail Clearing, Okemo Mountain Trail Clearing, and Lannon Property Trail Improvements. Our request for funding the Route 103 Access Trail was denied by VAST.

Under **Committee Reports**; John Murphy reported that we will not conduct a Chicken BBQ fundraiser on August 17th as originally planned because date has been taken by another organization. John will set a new date in the near future. Dan Stowell gave a report on his research for a side by side ATV to be used for trail maintenance and grooming smaller trails. *Upon a motion by Randy Ellison, seconded by Bernie Ellison, it was voted to narrow our choice to the Yamaha vehicle.* We will send a letter to Yamaha to obtain the final estimates. Scott Grover reported that it is not practical to install a roof over the deck of the warming hut. It will be removed from the agenda. Ron Bixby reported that the tentative date for the Snowmobile Safety Course is Saturday, December 7th, 2013. Ron will finalize arrangements and prepare a notice.

Under **Unfinished Business**; Scott Grover reports that the new shelving has been installed in the pole barn for storing trail supplies. Kevin Berge will research electronic devices to be used for meetings.

Under **New Business**; John Murphy reported that he will make the various personnel appointments next month. Bernie Ellison reported that Mr. Sanderson would like us to consider grooming his cross country ski trail on his Petner Hill property. Brett Sanderson will review the situation and see if it is practical to do so. *Upon a motion by Scott Grover, seconded by Brett Sanderson it was voted to sell the Ski Doo club snowmobile by soliciting sealed bids for next meeting.* John Murphy reported on the recent County Snowmobile Club meeting held in Brownsville.

John Murphy, Scott Grover and Doug Peabody will attend the Annual VAST Meeting on Saturday, August 10th at Jay Peak.

The next club meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 11th at Sam's Steakhouse. The meeting will begin at 6:30 PM.

Upon a motion by Doug Peabody, Seconded by Willie Arnow the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.