

## LUDLOW SIDE HILL CRONCHERS MEETING MINUTES

The 10/2/10 meeting of the Ludlow Side Hill Cronchers Snowmobile Club was called to order by President Murphy at 7:00 PM with 11 members present. The meeting was held at Randy and Cheryl Ellison's house in Ludlow.

***Upon a motion by Terry Ellison, seconded by Randy Ellison, the minutes of the 8-14-10 meeting were approved as written.***

***Upon a motion by Rick Yuris, seconded by Terry Ellison, the Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.*** Treasurer Ron Bixby explained our efforts to be in compliance with the recently enacted federal regulations related to financial activity reporting. Accountant Tim Faulkner has been hired to handle the details and prepare the necessary reports.

All correspondence was reviewed by the Secretary.

Under trails Trail Master Randy Ellison reported; the Greenberg trail re-route is complete except for removing the logs to a landing for the landowners, the East Lake Road access trail is completed, the twin bridges upgrades on Trail 127 near Route 100 is in progress, the North Hill Cross Road area re-route of Trail 127A has been cancelled and our De-Brushing and Brush Hogging projects have been 75% complete. South Hill remains to be de-brushed. The posts and gates for the Lella property have been taken to the location and Bernie Ellison will attend to having them installed. Also a new gate for the Pinnacle trail has been taken to Scott Grover who will install it. Information on the "Andy Becker" development from the Board of Selectmen's minutes was reviewed. President Murphy reports that this development will not have any effect on our Okemo trail. Web Master Rick Yuris asked that updated information on trail conditions be forwarded to him on a regular basis. Trail Master Randy Ellison will make sure the information is passed along on a regular basis this season. Also under trails Trail Master Randy Ellison scheduled a work party for Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> to de-brush several sections of trail. Everyone is to meet at the Country Store at 8:00 AM.

Under groomer President Murphy reports that Danny Stowell is working with Brett Sanderson to schedule a maintenance session for the groomer. President Murphy reports that a groomer operator meeting and scheduling session for the upcoming season will be held in November. There will also be a groomer operator training in November.

Under unfinished business the Activities Committee is working on a schedule for the upcoming season. Rick Yuris has asked anyone with input to please contact him. He also has asked that anyone that can assist him keeping the warming hut operational please contact him as help is needed. Assistant Trail Master James Ellis will be putting up the

“Safety Light Signs” at the trail heads. President Murphy advised that the company has not sent enough signs and he will be contacting them to get more. Safety Lights for snowmobiles for members are available at NAPA at club cost. President Murphy reports that the area where the pole barn will be built is cut and graded. Also it is too late this year so we will erect the structure next summer.

Under new business it was reported that the Country Store owner has approached the club about a joint venture in having gasoline for snowmobiles available. The owner has proposed that the club become involved financially with the payback taking place over a 3 or 4 year period depending on the amount of gas purchased. ***Upon a motion by Ron Bixby, seconded by Randy Ellison it was voted that President Murphy continue to pursue this project and bring a final proposal to the next meeting.*** A proposal from Missy Waysville, Chairperson of the fund raising committee, on sponsoring break open tickets at the Cool Moose café was reviewed. Rick Yuris reported on a meeting he had with the owner of the facility and was of the opinion that we should accept the proposal and go forward. ***Upon a motion by Rick Yuris, seconded by Terry Ellison it was voted to accept the proposal and authorize Missy to proceed with the project.*** It was reported that the TMA committee was on target with the printing and distribution of applications for the coming season. It was reported that our club received recognition in the annual report of Kurn Hatten, a facility for troubled youth, that we had donated to under last years Coats for Kids program. A landowner, Karen Johnson, is selling her property and requested that we advise our members of the availability as it is on the trail. She will be advised to contact the Web Master who will assist in getting it on Craig’s List. The letter of approval from the Ludlow Board of Selectmen approving our use of certain Town roads was reviewed as it contained compliments as to our handling of the signage requirements and the fact that no complaints are ever received. The proposed agreement with Steve Kondracki for having the pole barn on his property was reviewed and it was the consensus that we can go forward with it. The proposed agreement with the Snow Fleas was reviewed and it was the consensus that Ron Bixby review it with our accountant and John Murphy review it with an attorney. Rick Yuris inquired as to the progress with the spot messenger for the groomer. John Murphy will contact Rick Wood to see where that stands.

Under meetings the highlights of the Windsor County Snowmobile Club meeting were reported. John Murphy reviewed what he had learned about the Annual VAST meeting. President Murphy also emphasized the importance of members attending our club meetings when they can. Our next club meeting will be held on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at Sam’s Steakhouse in Ludlow. The Club Safety Course will be held on December 4<sup>th</sup> at the Church of Annunciation in Ludlow. Ron Bixby, club Safety Officer, outlined the plans for the day.

The door prize was won by Rick Yuris and ***upon a motion by Bernie Ellison, seconded by Ron Bixby the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.***