

LUDLOW SIDE HILL CRONCHERS MEETING MINUTES

The 11/7/12 meeting of the Ludlow Side Hill Cronchers Snowmobile Club was called to order by President Murphy at 6:55 PM. The meeting was held at Sam's Steakhouse in Ludlow.

The Treasurers report was presented by Treasurer Bixby, *upon a motion by Brett Sanderson, seconded by Randy Ellison the Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.*

Upon a motion by Ron Bixby, seconded by Scott Grover, the minutes of the 10-10-12 meeting were approved.

All correspondence was reviewed by the Secretary.

Under **Groomer**; Brett Sanderson reported that there will be a training session in the near future for new operators. President Murphy noted that at the end of the 2013 Season we should prepare to request a grant from VAST toward the purchase of a new unit. It was also noted that two years ago we asked for a grant and it was turned down. Last year VAST asked clubs to keep requests at a minimum. Because of that request and lack of use we did not ask for a grant toward a new groomer last year. Due to price increases and the decline of trade-in value the club has lost \$ 12,000 for each of the last two years for the purchase of a new unit.

Under **Trails**; Trail Master Randy Ellison reports that the Brush Hogging has been completed and all signs have been installed. President Murphy thanked Trail Master Ellison and his crew for the many hours they put in in the last few weeks getting all of the signs out. Brett Sanderson has completed removing stumps and touching up the North Hill Trail section. Brett reported there would be no charge for the work done. *Upon a motion by President Murphy, seconded by Scott Grover it was voted to reimburse Brett for his fuel costs.* The preferred improvements to the intersection of our Route 127 trail and South Hill Cross Road will have to wait until next year. Randy Ellison reported that he has met with the President of the Mount Holly club and reported that they are proceeding with minor improvements of Trail 7 near US 155 and will pursue a major improvement next year. Scott Grover and Brett Sanderson will survey for trail improvements at the Nelson Road crossing. Landowner permission has already been obtained for this project by Bruce Ingerson, we now need to plot the trail and request funding for next year. VAST has recommended a format for standardized intersection signs for the trail system. *Upon a motion by Brett Sanderson, seconded by Randy Ellison it was voted to approve \$741.00 for the purchase of new aluminum intersection signs.* Trail Master Randy reported that the Healdville Station bridge in Mount Holly will not be replaced by the Town of Mount Holly, therefore our grooming will have to end at Healdville Station again this year.

Randy will discuss the possibility of installing a bridge for the groomer with the President of the Mount Holly club and the Town of Mount Holly. President Murphy reported that he is in discussions with VAST who inquired about the possibility of extending our grooming to the Mount Tabor side of US 155 to help out other clubs in that area.

Under **Committee Reports**; it was reported that the Membership Committee has TMA's available at the local vendor locations and that approximately 750 applications have been mailed to past members. The Activities Committee is discussing the possibility of a Landowners Cook Out for next year. President Murphy reported that we will host the Windsor County Snowmobile Clubs November 13th meeting at Sam's

Under **Unfinished Business** Safety Officer Ron Bixby reported that due to a low registration so far for this year's Safety Class he may ask another club to combine classes. Our class is planned for December 1st at the Church on Depot Street North.

Under **New Business**; it was reported that the contract with Snow Country Snowmobile Rentals has been signed and along with a copy of our minutes approving their use of our trails, has been sent to VAST. The yellow restriction signs at the Trail Heads need to be removed. Brett Sanderson reported that he has secured a contract for the groomer fuel for this winter. The status of the club snowmobile at the Country Store was discussed.

The next meeting will be held Saturday, December 1st and will be held in conjunction with our Annual Holiday Party at Tim and Michelle Doyle's home on Gulli Road.

Upon a motion by Scott Grover, seconded by Randy Ellison the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM