

## LUDLOW SIDE HILL CRONCHERS MEETING MINUTES

The 1/10/13 meeting of the Ludlow Side Hill Cronchers Snowmobile Club was called to order by President Murphy at 6:52 PM. The meeting was held at Sam's Steakhouse in Ludlow.

The Treasurers report was presented by Treasurer Bixby, *upon a motion by Randy Ellison; Seconded by Scott Grover, the Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.*

*Upon a motion by Randy Ellison, Seconded by Ron Bixby, the minutes of the 11-10-12 meeting were approved.* It was noted under discussion that the meeting notices need to be send out further ahead of the meeting than has been the practice.

All correspondence was reviewed by the Secretary.

Under **Groomer**; Groomer Master Brett Sanderson reported that two additional operators have been qualified on the groomer. Brett also reported that he has completed necessary repairs to the groomer that caused breakdowns in the past couple of weeks. It was noted that there will be a VAST sponsored Groomer Rodeo in Barre Vermont on February 16<sup>th</sup>. As we are thinking of a new groomer purchase this year, interested members should attend to determine which groomer is best suited for our use. President Murphy reported that a demonstrator groomer will be brought here the week of the 14th for our inspection and use. Ron Bixby noted that he is picking up the groomer reports at Sanderson's each week. Ron requested that operators be more diligent in noting AM or PM on the reports. It would be best to use military time.

Under **Trails**; Trail Master Randy Ellison reports that;

- a. The South Hill Trail Improvement will be handled by Brett Sanderson in the spring.
- b. The Nelson Road trail reroute project will be marked by Scott Grover and the landowner will be contacted in the spring.
- c. The Mount Holly trail improvements near US 155 will be addressed in the spring.
- d. The Mount Holly Bridge project near Healdville Station has been approached by Brett Sanderson. He had a meeting with some local officials and Brett and John will pursue the project further with the Mount Holly Board of Selectmen.
- e. The Gate and Culvert installation on the Lannon property will be handled by Scott Grover in the spring.
- f. The proposed access trail to local restaurants on Rte. 103 will be done by Steve and Brett as soon as the weather permits. We are able to fund the project now and submit the paperwork to VAST next year.
- g. The "rental" signs at the trail heads will be removed by Randy soon and the new Intersection signs will be installed soon.
- h. Tree removal on the trails after the recent wind storm has been completed.

Under **Committee Reports**; it was reported that 493 Early Bird memberships have been sold to date. Ron Bixby reviewed the Charitable Donation Committee activity to date, John Murphy reported on County Snowmobile Club activity and Ron Bixby reported on the recent Safety Class.

Under **New Business**; a discussion was held on the need and practicability of purchasing an ATV for work on the trails. A unit large enough to carry personnel and pull a trailer was discussed. President Murphy appointed a committee to research our needs and to report back on their findings at the next meeting. Brett Sanderson is to chair the ATV Committee with members Ron Bixby, Dan Stowell and Randy Ellison to serve on it. A discussion was held on the possibility of putting a roof over the deck of the warming hut. Scott Grover and Bruce Ingerson will come up with a preliminary design and material price estimate. The volunteers that built the deck have indicated that they could do the labor. A discussion was held on getting timely trail conditions on the web site. Brett Sanderson will text Rick Yuris with the information on grooming as it occurs. On Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2013 the club will hold a Club Appreciation Cookout at the Warming Hut. Brett Sanderson will head up the event and the club will supply consumables.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 6:30 PM. President Murphy will designate a location.

***Upon a motion by Brett Sanderson, seconded by Steve Kondracki the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM***