

LUDLOW SIDE HILL CRONCHERS MEETING MINUTES

The 2/28/13 meeting of the Ludlow Side Hill Cronchers Snowmobile Club was called to order by President Murphy at 6:50 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 Dan Stowell, the Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.*

Upon a motion by Ron Bixby, Seconded by Patrick Neher, the minutes of the 1-10-13 regular and special meeting were approved.

All correspondence was reviewed by the Secretary. *Upon a motion by Bruce Ingerson, seconded by Brett Sanderson, it was voted to send the LPCTV a \$500.00 donation as part of their matching fund solicitation program.*

Under **Groomer**; Groomer Master Brett Sanderson reported on the recent VAST Groomer Rodeo held in Barre VT. There is a possibility that a demonstrator will be brought to Ludlow next week for us to try on our trails. Brett reported that he had tried out a Tucker 2000 at the rodeo and was pleased with the new features. Brett is getting more information on groomers and will research the possibility of a grant from USDA.

Under **Trails**; it was reported 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 Bruce Ingerson and the landowner will be contacted in the spring.
- c. The Mount Holly trail improvements near US 155 will be addressed in the spring. Patrick Neher reported that some have already been done.
- 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 has been completed with the exception of a couple more trees to assure groomer access.
- g. The "rental" signs at the trail heads have been removed.
- h. The new Intersection Signs are in the trails trailer and ready for installation.

Under **Committee Reports**; John Murphy reported on the County Snowmobile Club activity. Safety Officer Ron Bixby reported that since 2002 our club has certified 367 students through our VAST approved Safety Class. Dan Stowell and Brett Sanderson reported on their research for the purchase of a new side by side ATV to be used for trail maintenance, winter access for trail work and grooming of secondary trails. We will consider purchase in July after the groomer purchase process is complete. Bruce Ingerson and Scott Grover will be designing and pricing material for the possible addition of a roof over the deck at the warming hut.

Under **New Business**; Brett Sanderson reported that a GPS has been installed in the groomer as part of a VAST trial program to evaluate their value for reporting trail grooming. John Murphy has been in touch with VAST to get the access to the information so our club can also utilize the device. A discussion was held on a reward program for groomer operators. President Murphy asked that a proposal be submitted for evaluation. It was reported that the Annual VAST Meeting will be held on August 28th at Jay Peak VT.

The next meeting will be set by President Murphy.

Upon a motion by Bruce Ingerson, seconded by Ron Bixby the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM