

LUDLOW SIDE HILL CRONCHERS MEETING MINUTES

The 4/18/13 meeting of the Ludlow Side Hill Cronchers Snowmobile Club was called to order by President Murphy at 6:41 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 Dave Berry, the Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.*

Upon a motion by Ron Bixby, Seconded by Randy Ellison, the minutes of the 2-28-13 meeting were approved.

All correspondence was reviewed by the Secretary.

Under **Groomer**; President Murphy presented two quotes for a new groomer both of which included a trade in of our existing groomer. The differences in the bids and the operational differences between the two groomers were thoroughly discussed. *Upon a motion by Dan Stowell, seconded by Patrick Neher it was voted to Purchase a 2013 Piston Bully groomer outlined in the bid, contingent upon the approval of a grant from VAST. A \$5,000.00 down payment was authorized which will be returned if VAST denies our grant request.*

Under **Trails**; it was reported that;

- a. The South Hill Trail Improvement will be handled by Brett Sanderson.
- b. The Nelson Road trail reroute project will be marked by Scott Grover, Randy Ellison and Bruce Ingerson and estimates for the work will be solicited. The landowner will be contacted and asked to sign a permission slip.
- c. The Mount Holly trail improvements near US 155 will be handled by Patrick Neher. The Mount Holly club will be contacted by Patrick to determine if they will have the work done. Patrick will also talk to the Mount Holly club about clearing trees on the trails we groom in their area to allow the new groomer easy passage.
- d. The Mount Holly Bridge project near Healdville Station will be handled by John Murphy and Brett Sanderson. John will contact a member of the Mount Holly Board of Selectmen for guidance.
- e. The Gate and Culvert installation on the Lannon property will be handled by Scott Grover.
- f. The access trail to local restaurants on Rte. 103 has been completed with the exception of a couple more trees to assure groomer access. Steve Kondracki will coordinate completion to allow for groomer access. Bruce Ingerson will be contacting all of the local food establishments that will benefit from the trail asking them to donate money to cover the cost of new signs and trail maintenance.

- g. The new Intersection Signs are in the trails trailer and ready for installation. Randy Ellison reported that they will be installed in the coming season. Scott Grover will assist with this project.
- h. The Mandatory VAST Construction Seminar to be held in Barre on April 20th will be attended by Bruce Ingerson and Scott Grover.
- i. All were reminded that accurate estimates for trail work must be in by June 1st.

Under **Committee Reports**; John Murphy reported on the County Snowmobile Club activity. A discussion was held on the benefits of owning a Side by Side ATV to be used for trail maintenance and secondary trail grooming. Dan Stowell will solicit updated pricing for a new unit for the next meeting. A presentation on a roof for the warming hut deck was made by Bruce Ingerson. Bruce reported that there is a contractor that will supply the labor free of charge and the material will cost around 2,000.00. *Upon a motion by Ron Bixby, seconded by Steve Kondracki, it was voted to authorize Bruce Ingerson and Scott Grover to go forward with the project.*

Under **New Business**; *upon a motion by Dan Stowell, seconded by Ron Bixby, it was voted to donate 250.00 to the 6th grade class at Ludlow Elementary School for their class trip.* 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 Dan Stowell seconded by Bruce Ingerson the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.