

Minutes
April 11, 2014
Hague Sno-Goers General Membership Meeting
Held at 231 West Hague Road

Roll Call of Members Present:

Attendance: Thomas Haskell, Meg Haskell, Barbara Mizer, George Mizer, Art Steitz, Teresa Morzello, Steve Morzello, Elsbeth Crusius, Walter Peterson, Matthew Coffin, and Kim Coffin

President Thomas Haskell brings meeting to order at 2:08 PM.

Trail Reports/Spring & Summer Trail Repairs

The Club needs to set a date for trail maintenance. The bridge on the TNT loop needs to be repaired and the culvert gets filled with leaves. A bridge needs to be constructed in the Fish and Game loop and trees need to be removed. The signs need to be upgraded and the ones at the La Pointe property need to be replaced. The sleds need to stay off of the cross country ski trails at Roger's Rock. Additional signs need to be put in place before the snow. A specific sign should be purchased denoting the trail to Roger's Rock Beach and the Lake access. Since it is hard to see the trail access at night the Club is considering purchasing a solar powered orange light to mark the trail. The Club is encouraging members to actively post regarding any trail issues on the Facebook page during the upcoming seasons.

The trails have been mapped using a GPS. There are several new trails.

The North Warren Club has not been grooming their section so the Sno-Goers groomed their trails last season.

We must maintain better logs of our grooming to be submitted to the State. The State is considering installing GPS on Club sleds. Hopefully if we maintain the log books there will not be a need for this extreme member.

We have secured permission to store the groomer at the landfill in their building. We also have permission from the Town Board to park in the main building at the garage.

The Club will meet on August 16, 2014, and perform a train clean up at that time.

Groomer

President Haskell researched Bobcat and Kubota, but 2 track and 4 tracks and did a comparison and looked at the hydrostatic drive and independent tracks. Some have problems grooming up hills. LiteTrax is a new company that has different options and we may be able to negotiate terms with them terms such as 0 down and 0% financing. President Haskell will explore these options at the Convention.

Treasurer's Report

Meg Haskell reported that the Club has \$7580.00 on hand. The Club received \$9000.00 from the County and money from the State. We paid our gas bill and for the TNT lease.

Fundraiser/Events/Membership

Meg Haskell suggested that we do a fundraiser and invite members of other clubs. We will put a float in the Hague Memorial Day Parade. Tom will drive the float. Meg Haskell, Elsbeth Crusius and Kim Coffin will coordinate to put together a table at Oktoberfest with a 50/50 raffle and Michigan/Coney Island Sale. There will also be membership information and applications at the table.

Elections

Elsbeth made a motion for a new set of officers and positions. The motion was seconded by Kim Coffin and passed unanimously. The slate is as follows:

President: Thomas Haskell
Vice President: Walter Peterson
Secretary: Elsbeth Crusius
Membership Secretary: Kim Coffin
Treasurer: Meg Haskell
Trail Coordinator/Grooming Coordinator: Matthew Coffin
Vice Trail Coordinator/Grooming Coordinator: Chad Dunklee

Meg Haskell made a motion for candidates for the Board of Directors. Elsbeth seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The slate is as follows:

Art Steitz
Meg Haskell
Kim Coffin
Steve Morzello

Old Business

The website needs to be updated. Meg Haskell will speak with the site administrator.

There is not adequate parking for riders to park their trucks and trailers along the road.

The Sno-Goers need to connect the trails to the Ticonderoga Trails. We need to get the northern trails groomed, even if the Sno-Goers do it themselves.

The next meeting will be held on May 17, 2014, at 2:00 at the Haskell residence on the Beach. The Club will prepare the float for the Memorial Day Parade at this meeting.

The following meeting will be held on August 16, 2014, time to be determined later, at the Mizer residence. The meeting will be followed by trail maintenance.

Elsbeth made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Walter Peterson and passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned 3:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Elsbeth J. Crusius
Snowgoers Secretary