

**MILL VALLEY SNOWMOBILE CLUB
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 17, 2004**

The meeting was called to order by President, Larry Tucker at 7:10 p.m.

There were 30 members in attendance. Guest speaker was Sgt. Stu Ziemba from the Environmental Police.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

June Opsitnick, Secretary handed out the minutes from the October 20, 2004 meeting in advance. Minutes were reviewed and accepted by the members.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ray Racicot reported the following:

Income	
	\$ 3,415.95
SAM deposit	<u>1,534.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 4,949.95
Expenses:	
Addtl. Stickers	1,800.00
Other Expenses	<u>726.83</u> (includes postage, envelopes, GPS, Trail work supplies, signs)
Total Expenses	\$ 2,526.83
General Balance	\$ 2,215.34
Trail Fund Balance	<u>207.78</u>
Balance	\$ 2,423.12

Treasurer's report voted on and accepted by members.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Thank you to Paul Kellogg from the club for putting the club refrigerator magnets together.

Larry mentioned that a thank you from Flamingo Sports was received for being at their open house selling memberships and trail permits.

Vicki Slate reported that as of this date 70 memberships sold including 10 new members and 113 trail permits.

Event sponsor list for January and February was passed around to members for anyone who was willing to sponsor an upcoming event.

A Garmin Vista GPS was purchased for the club at R & R Sports. Kevin Slate did research for software package with a decision to purchase the Expert GPS at a cost of \$59.95 for one unit and \$45 each for 2-5 additional licenses. This system is compatible with SAM's system. Club members thanked Kevin for his research and for willing to pay 1/2 cost of the program along with Bill Lyons and Larry Tucker's son. A motion was made for the club to 1/2 of the cost of the Expert GPS software and for the three club members to pay the other 1/2. Motion accepted

Jim Tucker updated the members on the trail work. The crew has replaced bridges with additional work to be done. The trail to Robbin Farm has been completed with the next phase to clean out Robbin Farm once the owner grants permission.

OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Mill Valley memberships available at the following locations:
1. Website
 2. Chaffee Helliwell Insurance at the South Hadley Commons; they also sell snowmobile insurance
 3. Flamingo Motor Sports
 4. Orchard Hill

Winner of raffle, which was a Thanksgiving dinner for eight was won by Allen Touissaint. A thank you to Ray Racicot for obtaining the gift.

Sgt. Stu Ziemba gave the club an overview of the snowmobile laws in the state of MA. Highlights are as follows:

1. \$75 fine for operating under the influence
2. Any violation affects your regular record for 6 years, \$25 fine.
3. No SAM permit \$75 fine.
4. A snowmobile can be operated in Hampshire County with a suspended license.
5. Helmet is to be worn at all times.
6. A citation will be issued if riding on a public way.
7. No curfew
8. A SAM sticker is not required in a state park.
9. Permission is required from a landowner to cross/use land.

Next meeting will be our annual Christmas Party to be held on **Wednesday, December 15, 2004 at 6:30 p.m.**; everyone is asked to bring a potluck dish and a gift for the Christmas raffle.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

June Opsitnick
Secretary