

MILL VALLEY SNOWMOBILE CLUB

MINUTES JANUARY 19, 2005

The meeting was called to order by President, Larry Tucker at 7:15 p.m.

There were 26 members in attendance.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

June Opsitnick, Secretary handed out the minutes from the December 15, 2004 meeting in advance. Minutes were reviewed and accepted by the members.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ray Racicot reported the following:

Club Fund	\$ 1,961.50
Trail Fund Balance	<u>421.78</u>
Balance	\$ 2383.28

Deposits totaled \$2,483 and expenses were \$1,768.55. The expenses consisted of snowmobile repairs, club breakfast, and newsletter mailings. Also, additional 100 SAM permits were purchased for a total of \$2,500.

Treasurer's report voted on and accepted by members.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Announcement was made of the death of two former members of the club, Jim Smith of Smith Sled Shop and Howard Cortis who was a founding member of the club. The club members had a discussion on how to honor Howard. It was voted and approved to send a \$50 donation to the Belchertown Fair in Howard's name, as he was very involved with the fair. In addition, a sympathy card is to be sent to Howard's wife with a note about the donation and also that the club is naming a trail in Howard's name and marking it as such with a plaque. The members also discussed naming one of the bridges in honor of Jim Smith.

Mike Loftus explained to club members the initial cost our club has to SAM at the start of the season for permits. SAM has to pay the cost of insurance, which is \$80,000 - \$83,000; this covers \$2,000,000 per club and \$1,000,000 per accident. Mike also stated that SAM refunds all clubs the cost of unsold permits by April 1st.

Vicki Slate stated that as of 12-31-04 we have 125 members (34 new), and have sold 210 SAM stickers. Vicki also informed the club that newsletters are being sent to all new members and that as of 1-19-05 those who have not joined will be taken off the mailing list.

EVENTS

Breakfast ride (no ride) was held on Sunday, January 16. Thanks to Ray, Greta, John and Mike for food purchases, preparing, raffle, and TV with snowmobile tapes to entertain while we enjoyed the great breakfast.

Wendell ride for January 23rd was cancelled--no snow.

Poker Run will be held on January 30th at the VFW in Belchertown. Cost will be \$10 for poker hand and lunch and \$5 for lunch only. Start time will be 10:00 a.m. with lunch following the end of the ride.

OTHER BUSINESS

Club members discussed a new fundraiser in addition to the Belchertown Fair Parking. Mike Loftus suggested purchasing a TroyBilt snow blower (below cost) and selling tickets at all open houses and the Big E Snow Show at a cost of \$5 per ticket. Members were interested in doing this and decided to carry over further discussion of this as a "action item" at next month's meeting.

Raffle prizes were won by Vicki Slate-gloves, George Steward-mystery gift, and Mike Loftus-UMA sweat pants.

Next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 16, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

June Opsitnick
Secretary