

Minutes
January 16, 2015
Hague Sno-Goers General Membership Meeting
Held at 231 West Hague Road

Roll Call of Members Present:

Attendance: Beth Crusius, Mara Haskell, Kim Coffin, Mike Putman, Walter Peterson, Matt Coffin, Mike Putman, Donna Trudeau, Joey Trudeau, Art Steitz, Meg Haskell, Tom Haskell, Maureen Cherubini, and Michael Cherubini

President Thomas Haskell brings meeting to order at 7:13 P.M.

Ms. Cherubini made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections of December 13, 2014. Ms. Haskell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Trail Committee: Mr. Coffin reported everyone has been helping out to get the trails ready. We need to continue up to the Fish and Game Club and add some trail identification numbers and signs. Unfortunately, there is not a lot of snow right now so we need to try to use the trails that are already groomed. Anyone who goes through to groom should bring some clippers to clear the brush along the way.

Roger's Rock has all the signs and is ready to go for now.

Groomer Committee- The Groomer is running great. Ms. Coffin, Mr. Putnam and Mr. Coffin have all learned to use it. The Groomer has to be run when it is cold and it takes a long time to run it. From the Mill Road to Jabes Pond took four (4) hours. In the off season we will install the wench. Mr. Coffin is going to find out if the groomer can be studded and will try to get them donated. The Skandic is running and so is the Yamaha.

Events/Membership/Fundraising Committee- Ms. Crusius will purchase the hot chocolate and cups at Restaurant Depot. The event starts at 2:00, we will start to set up between 12:00 PM and 12:30. We can borrow a pot from the Fire Department. We will need to set up the tarp and signs for registration. We are sponsoring the event which will not cost us any money. We need to write a letter to the Chamber asking for funds for the event. We will need money for advertisements and promotion of the Town of Hague. Walmart is going to help and will send people.

Ms. Coffin collected \$75.00 for membership. If anyone is approached for memberships and they are not sure what to do, just send them to Ms. Coffin or President Haskell. We should give out registration forms on the day of the Polar Bear Plunge.

We will put a sign at Roger's Rock that says that the trails are maintained by the Hague Sno-Goers. We can also solicit cross country skiers to join.

Budget Committee- The Budget Committee met and determined that the Club should purchase the Groomer.

Treasurer's Report-

Ms. Haskell reported that we had total expenses of \$1635.29 and the total deposits of \$1,800. We have a balance of \$5100.93. The payment on the new groomer is \$502.00 per month. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by Vice President Peterson and Seconded by Ms. Crusius; the motion carried.

President's Report:

President Haskell reported that we have 21 members in the Club. NYSSA will start sending the Club its money via direct deposit. We need to make a decision on when we will be opening the trails. We can report that the trails are open from Fish and Game to Jabes pond if the trails are ready. President Haskell will also put ordering signs about registering sleds and will have the signs placed around Hague.

Correspondences:

President Haskell received an email from a State Trooper who is a member of the snowmobile unit. They are looking to attend events and would like to participate in events and will be patrolling our trails.

New Business:

Northern Washington County Trail Blazers is having a pasta dinner fundraiser on February 7 from 4:00 to 7:00.

We are encouraging members to join other clubs to support them and bring the money back to the clubs. On January 23, 2015, there is a ride in Speculator which is a fund raiser to fight cancer. The Ice Fishing Tournament is on February 28 and March 1, 2015. We will need volunteers to help pick up fish. Vice President Peterson made a motion to assist The Hague Fish and Game Club, the motion was seconded by Ms. Haskell and was passed unanimously. We need to reach out the Fish and Game Club to confirm that we will have the supplies necessary to assist them.

The Rescue Sled is on the Clubs trailer and is being stored at the Town Shed. We will keep it at the Shed in case there is an emergency.

Vice President Peterson encouraged everyone to review the By-Laws and start thinking about changes. The web site www.FreeSledMap.com provides free maps for of the Adirondacks.

Old Business:

We need to get a log book at Tuffertown because we will receive \$.08 a gallon back. President Haskell will also confirm that Tuffertown has what they need to record snowmobile gas expenses. President Haskell will find out the process on how our Club can be reimbursed if we use other gas stations.

The next meeting will be February 20, 2015, at 231 West Hague Road at 7:00 P.M.

Ms. Crusius made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Ms. Coffin and passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned 8:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Elsbeth J. Crusius
Sno-Goers Secretary