

BOWDOINHAM SNOWBIRDS

Meeting Minutes for October 20, 1999

- The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m.

- Special Announcements

- The Richmond club is hosting a Hunter's Breakfast on OCT 30th from 4-9 a.m.. The Bowdoinham Fire Dept is also hosting a Hunter's Breakfast on OCT 30th from 4:30 a.m until whenever.

- Secretary's Report - The Secretary's report for SEP 15th was read and approved as amended.

- Treasurer's Report - The Treasurer's report was given and accepted as read. The donation to Pine Tree Camp and the fee to Maine Coast Railroad have been paid.

- Committee Reports

- Super Raffle Committee - Dot Wallace reported that 362 tickets have been sold to date. Plenty tickets are still available to sell.

- Club Ride - The Ashland trip is set FEB 3-6. Members were encouraged to think about organizing other trips if members are interested.

- Trailmaster's Report - Waiting for snow. There are new houses being built which are on or near our trails so, some work will have to be done to re-route the trails. A trail working day was scheduled for OCT 31st at Rte 138 & the access road.

- Old Business

- By Laws - A final discussion was held on the proposed By Law changes. Dave Acker made a motion to adopt new language on the definition and membership for supporting business members. That motion was seconded and approved. A motion was then made and seconded to approve the By Laws as amended. The motion passed on a show of hands vote. Copies of the By Laws will be available for all club members at the November meeting.

- At the last meeting of the 1998-99 season, the club voted to purchase a new weed wacker. The Trail Masters now want to make that purchase. The earlier decision was affirmed.

- New Business

- Scott Keith volunteered for and was approved as the alternate MSA Director.

- A discussion was held about purchasing a rescue sled. The clubs to the north have joined together to purchase a sled. The discussion was tabled in order to gather information on the cost of such a sled and the feasibility of cost sharing with other local organizations such as the Ambulance service and area fire departments. Loy Mitchell will check on sleds and Jack Tourelotte will check with area organizations.

- Pine Tree Camp has offered to send a representative to one of our meetings if desired. They have made such a presentation in the past. It was not felt they needed to make another such presentation.

- Good of the Club

- There was nothing under the good of the club.

- Refreshments/Adjournment

- Paula & June

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Special Meeting Minutes for November 3, 1999

- The special meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

- Old Business

- The special meeting was called to further discuss the Rescue Sled. Loy Mitchell has discovered that an order may still be possible through MSA, however, that order must be made by November 15, 1999. Jack Tourtelotte could not attend but, he had indicated he had contacted the ambulance service. They were interested in joining with us-but, it was not known to what extent. An issue was also raised about where the sled would be stored. It could not be stored at the Bowdoinham Fire Department. Other issues were also raised including liability of club members who might participate in a rescue. Since there has only been one call for assistance in several years, it was the decision of the body to continue the process of building a relationship with area organizations and to investigate further several of the issues raised. Loy was given a list of issues to explore further.

- Meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

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Meeting Minutes for November 17, 1999

- The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.
- Special Announcements
 - There were no special announcements.
- Secretary's Report - The Secretary's report for OCT 20th and NOV 3rd were read and accepted.
- Treasurer's Report - The Treasurer's report was given and accepted as read.
- Committee Reports
 - Super Raffle Committee - Raffle ticket sales will be held at the Enterprise Farms Craft Show on NOV 26-28. Those who can work please see Dot. The final day for turning in all tickets to Dot is Friday, DEC 3rd.
 - Club Ride - Only one room remains unreserved for the Ashland trip.
- Trailmaster's Report - Still waiting for snow. The new weed wacker has been purchased. A trail working detail will be held on Sunday NOV 20th. Meet on the Millay Road by I95.
- Old Business
 - There was no old business.
- New Business
 - There was no new business.
- Good of the Club
 - There was nothing under the good of the club.
- Refreshments/Adjournment
 - December is Pot Luck month.
 - Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Meeting Minutes for September 15, 1999

- The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

- Special Announcements

- The president thanked the members of the Picnic Committee for their work in putting on an outstanding event. Special thanks went to Dave and Barb Aker for again hosting the gala event and for all the extra effort they put into making the picnic a huge success.

- The president also welcomed back two past members. Steve Cox, who saw the lights on and somebody home and Ken Cleveland, who's back from Bahrain and says the snowmobiling wasn't very good. He's also traded up to a Polaris !

- Secretary's Report - The Secretary's report was tabled until the October meeting.

- Treasurer's Report - The Treasurer's report was given and accepted as read. The previous months balance was \$6,458.98. The new balance is \$5,955.87. Al Aker asked if the \$100 fee for the railroad crossing had been paid. The fee has not yet been paid.

- Committee Reports

- Super Raffle Committee - Dot Wallace reported that 75 tickets had been sold at Richmond Days and 15 were sold or given out at the picnic.. Plenty of tickets are available for pickup from Dot.

- Club Ride - Gary reported that 12 rooms (11 doubles/1 single) have been reserved at the Four Seasons Motel in Ashland, Maine for FEB 3-6. Members were advised that deposits are not required but, reservations must be made by Monday JAN 31st. No deposit is required. No other trips have yet been planned.

- Trailmaster's Report - Bob and Al stated the trails are in pretty good shape. Just need some snow. Al talked about new houses being built on or near some of the trails. Some trails may have to be re-routed again this year.

- Old Business

- By Laws - A copy of the by-laws with all suggested revisions was handed out to all members present. Gary reviewed each of the suggested revisions and discussed the reason for each suggested revision. A floor discussion followed. The most contentious issue is the definition of a supporting business member and their standing in the club. Members were asked to review the proposed revisions. The by-laws will be brought back to the floor under old business at the next meeting in October for final discussion, revision and adoption.

- New Business

- Trail Grant - Gary read the changes to the trail grant program for 1999-00. The maximum grant has been raised to \$2250.

- Good of the Club

- Many of our members are residents of Richmond and members of the Richmond club but, are active members of the Snowbirds. Gary suggested that Bowdoinham residents also consider becoming active members of the Richmond club as a way of showing support for their programs as they do for us.

- Refreshments/Adjournment

- Gary finally remembered to ask for volunteers for refreshments at the next meeting but, he forgot it wasn't necessary because next month is pot luck.

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.