

Bowdoinham Snowbirds Minutes  
November 18, 2009

Meeting called to order

**Announcements:** None

**Correspondence:** None

Secretary's Report read and accepted

Treasurer's Report read and accepted

**Committee Reports:**

**Trail Masters:** Grants are done and sent out. Lots to do on the trails. Right now we only have 4 or 5 guys helping out on the trails. Bridges are the worst with all the water we had this year. Most are washed out or partially torn apart. Pat has new trail sheets for the season.

Website: Dave is working on it. We should form a committee. If you want to be part of it, contact Dave.

Maps: We need to find out if we will be getting the money from the town. Val will check on this.

Trip: We are set for Eagle Lake for February 4 to 7<sup>th</sup>. Need to cancel 1 month before for the cabin and 24 hours to any rooms.

Spagetti: Need new helpers this year. Maybe we could do shifts. We will check with businesses to see if they would donate or give us stuff at reduced prices. If not we could buy something to raffle off this year.

Old Business: We will go to the winner of the landowner prize, Kathy Johnson this Sunday. No one showed up for the Regional Meeting that was supposed to speak. We had around 17 people from the club that showed up and around 9 from other clubs. A motion was passed that we would let someone else hold next year's meeting. As of today we have sold 754 tickets. Loy still has the old Skidoo and he needs room in his garage. We will try to sell it.

New Business: Do we want to order some t-shirts, hats etc. June will check with the company we used last time about costs.

For the Good of the Club:

Next meeting is Pot Luck

Next meeting will be December 16, 2009 at 6:00 pm

Meeting Adjourned.

Bowdoinham Snowbirds Minutes  
October 22, 2009

Meeting called to order

**Announcements:** None

**Correspondence:** None

Secretary's Report read and accepted

Treasurer's Report read and accepted

**Committee Reports:**

**Trail Masters:** Pat is working on the club grant and the capital equipment grant. Need a picture of the 4 wheeler with the tracks on it. Arts culvert is fixed. They have been working on the trails and the bridges. May need a bulldozer to fix one of the trails or shut it down if it can't be fixed. One trail from Dingley Road to Brad Russell's needs to be cleaned up and behind Jesse's house. Dave indicated that the trail by their house has been fixed up (new culvert).

Trip: The consensus is that the club wants to go to Eagle Lake. Bev received information from a couple of places and the weekend of February 4-7<sup>th</sup> is available. It appears that the cost will be around \$35 a per person per night. Bev will update us as we get more information.

Old Business: MRA Regional Meeting will be November 1. Need refreshments made. Clint Davis was at the meeting to thank us for offering. If there is anything we need to just let him know.

A motion was approved to go ahead with the spaghetti dinner again this season. Need to pick a date and get better advertising. May want the weekend after the Pejepsot Snowchiefs sleigh ride.

To date 347 tickets have been sold. Bev needs the tickets back by December 5<sup>th</sup>.

Kathy Johnson won the day of labor. We need to contact her to see what she needs done and schedule a date and time to go to her place.

New Business: Dennis Weeks is out of work after an injury. Bev asked if the club would be willing to donate \$100 to his family. He has helped us out in the past. A motion to give \$100 was approved.

Need to put a windshield and hand warmers on the 4 wheeler at a cost of about \$175. A motion was passed to purchase these items.

It was also suggested that we name a trail after Al Aker for all his years of service to the snow club. The motion was passed. We just need to get a sign and do a presentation. We will name trail 1 the Al Aker trail.

Dave has started a new website for the club. It is [www.mesnowbirds.com](http://www.mesnowbirds.com). He indicated he would get it going and keep it up but would like to start a committee to run it and decided what should be on the website. Decide on this the next meeting.

The club has been paying for Gardiner Rentals membership for a while. Do we want to continue to do this. They do donate to the club when they can. It was voted to pay again this year and decide from year to year.

Next meeting will be November 18, 2009 at 7:00 pm  
Meeting Adjourned.

Bowdoinham Snowbirds Minutes  
September 17, 2009

Meeting called to order

**Announcements:** Val thanked everyone for helping with the Landowners Picnic and Bowdoinham Day. Membership dues are due now and raffle tickets are available for sale.

**Correspondence:** Received a thank you card from Al Acker

Secretary's Report read and accepted  
Treasurer's Report read and accepted

**Committee Reports:**

**Trail Masters:** Voted in Pat as the new trail master. Stan L was having work conflicts and needed to pass the torch. The small loop trail by Stan L's house may not be usable this year. New house has been built on the property. The bridge by Al's needs to be fixed. Al indicated that the stakes had been left in the field by his house. Need to repair the culvert by Art Boulay's house as it is coming out of the ground. Starting this Sunday anyone interested in maintaining trails should meet at the Town Landing at 8:00 am. Dave Thanked Stan L for his 9 years of help in the capacity of trail master.

Maps: We should be all set this year. We should start thinking about getting sponsors for the next round to raise funds for the printing in 2000-2011.

Trip: Where to go this year? It's the first weekend in February again. Possible destination is Eagle Lake.

Old Business: Pat asked if we wanted to do the spaghetti feed again this year. Think about this for the next meeting.

New Business: We will be sponsoring the MSA Regional Meeting on November 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 here at the Fire House. The meeting will be about 2 hours long. We will serve refreshments. Val is seeing if other clubs would want to be involved.

For the Good of the Club: New members were at the meeting. Welcome to all. In the MSA Newspaper there is a Skidoo Certificate that you can bring to a dealer and they will give \$10 to our club. This is good through November 15, 2009. Try to cash these in.

Next meeting is Pot Luck

Next meeting will be October 22, 2009 at 6:00 pm

Meeting Adjourned.

Bowdoinham Snowbirds Minutes  
March 18, 2009

Meeting called to order

**Announcements:** None

**Correspondence:** Received a thank you note from Pine Tree for our donation

Secretary's Report read and accepted

Treasurer's Report read and accepted

**Committee Reports:**

**Trail Masters:** "Trails in great shape." Trail grant is due the end of April. Bring in slips to the next meeting. Start picking up stakes.

Spaghetti Dinner: 86 or 87 people came to the spaghetti feed. It was requested that we send thank you notes to Tri Sports, Steve & Brook Cox, Dave Skelton at the Country Store and the Lisbon Snowmobile Club. We would like to start early and get more of the other clubs involved next year.

Nominating Committee: Openings for the Treasurer, Secretary, President and Vice President. Dave Akers will stay on as Director. Bev Wallace to stay as Treasurer and Shawn Mowers to stay as Secretary. Brian Benson will become Vice President and Val Chiang will become President for the upcoming year. Bobby Wallace will serve out the vacated Director's term. Secretary casts a vote for each person nominated. All nominated and accepted by club.

Old Business: The Skidoo hasn't been sold yet. Loy will store the sled if its not sold.

New Business: Tri Sports will give us a 2008 ATV with wheels & tracks. Its worth \$4500. We could raffle it off and see what we make. Motion was to table the discussion until the next meeting and find out more about it.

For the Good of the Club: Thanks Jim for your hard work the past 2 years as President.

Refreshments: Pot Luck 6:00 pm

Next meeting will be April 15, 2009

Meeting Adjourned.

Bowdoinham Snowbirds Minutes  
February 18, 2009

Meeting called to order

**Announcements:**

- Currently 42 family members and 35 business member's (77)

**Correspondence:**

- Secretary's Report read and accepted
- Treasurer's Report read and accepted

**Committee Reports:**

- Spaghetti dinner, Christine from Pine tree let us down, did not receive materials until Monday afternoon (16 Feb 09). Dinner will be held on Sat 21 Feb 12 – 4.

**Trail Masters:**

- Crossing on Post Rd. near driveway sleds are tearing up driveway, Stan Lothridge has attempted to call with no luck.
- Trail 24 closed off to prevent driveway from being torn up.
- Dave G. mentioned that there was no arrow on trail coming off the Dingley rd.
- Becky Dunn complained about snowmobiles riding off trail, signs added in hopes to prevent any further problems.
- We need to start gathering materials for trail grant.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

- Jay Brown received a helmet and leather gloves from Tri Sports to raffle off at the Spaghetti feed. Club voted that all proceeds will go to Pine Tree. Club will donate Hat, T shirt and patch for raffle also.
- Time to start thinking about a location for the 2010 club trip.
- Election committee will be made up of the board of directors.

**Next meeting:**

- March 18, 2009 at 7:00 pm, refreshments Carol, Bev.

Meeting Adjourned.

Bowdoinham Snowbirds Minutes  
January 21, 2009

Meeting called to order

**Announcements:** None

**Correspondence:** SnowFarm Pamphlet received.

Secretary's Report read and accepted  
Treasurer's Report read and accepted

**Committee Reports:**

**Trail Masters:** Snows down on the trails. Dragging has begun. Road crossings are high. Post Road trail has not been used yet. New sled a 1999 Polaris Widetrack is doing good. Old Skidoo will be put up for sale. Need to build a ramp at the cat shack.

Spaghetti Dinner: Committee has been in touch with Pine Tree. They are going to be a big help. They will send out a media package. They will help design posters. Signs on the trail need to be done by us. The dinner is in the MSA paper. It is listed for February 21<sup>st</sup> from 12-4 here at the firehouse and the field next door

Maps: All printed and ready to go. Dave and Val built a beautiful map case that will be placed on their property on the Post Road. Information can be displayed there. The club voted to reimburse them for their expenses and thanked them for the hard work.

Old Business: CD's mature before the next meeting. Keep the CD around 6 months or less and put into one CD. Motion was passed.

New Business: We would like to check into a new drag. Denis Weeks will get something together. Will give us an estimate soon.

The VP of the Coastal Region of MSA visited the club. There are 63 snowmobile clubs in the region. He talked about doing a safety check on the trails. It is a free service. He also talked about life flight. The MSA is asking for a couple of places that they can land in case of emergency. We would need to maintain the sights so that they can be landed on at any time.

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