



OFFICIAL Meeting Minutes from January 8th, 2017 meeting
Accepted at the February 5, 2017 Meeting

Steve Forrest called the January 8th meeting at the Belmont Fire Station to order at 8:05 am

- **Treasurer's Report-** Balance in account: around \$25,000 345 TMAs sold so far. The Treasurer's report was motioned to be accepted by Steve Howlett and seconded by Don Richardson. \$1,200 was spent on fireworks. A couple hundred people attended. It was a big success!
- **Secretary's Report-**The December 4th, 2016 meeting minutes were motioned to be accepted by Steve Howlett and seconded by Steve Forrest.
- **Trailmaster Report-**
 - Curt and Steve went to National Forest meeting.
 - Two new younger people taking over Bill Garrison's position
 - Beaver Dam
 - Weston club broke dam to open trail
 - Salt Ash
 - Logging corridor 7
 - Many complaints
 - No signs, they are supplying
 - Logs sticking out into the trail on bridge
 - Extreme caution
 - Did not groom it yet
 - Accident 1/7/2017
 - Snowmobile accident behind Brooklyn Pub rider went airborne Broken Femur, leg, and hip issues. Also chest injuries transported to Brooklyn Pub area for ambulance.
 - Transported to Rutland airlifted to Dartmouth
 - 40 year old male, Don Richardson responded as good samaritan. Waited with patient until rescue arrived. Gave first hand account of rescue.

- Well coordinated rescue. Everyone did an outstanding job, it was a complex rescue. Don Richardson wanted to stress the effectiveness of responders. Spectacular teamwork
- **Rutland Regional Planning commission-Report from Don Richardson**
 - Another meeting coming up
 - Don will voice lub questions
 - Dictates standards for culverts
- **President's Report**
 - Steve Forrest reported back the minutes from the County level meeting.
 - Tim Park new County Trails Coordinator
 - Curt Marechaux, new Head of County
 - More than 1,000 online TMAS sold..
 - New login for VAST website for trail update and information
 - New Snow Traveler's guide to Vermont from VAST nicely printed guidebook
- **New Business**
 - Carol Mattson provided the club with statistics from the website. Most people are using mobile devices to access the page.
 - Defender
 - Hitch got bent first time out with machine. Still at shop
 - Straightened out rear A arms. New design failed. Dealer supports that it's not a good design.
 - List of problems with model machines
 - Looking into converting into gooseneck style. Hopefully getting covered under warranty for repairs and reinforcement.
 - Offer from Jeff Laden to construct a roller
 - Don Richardson going to another water quality issue meeting this month if anyone has any concerns or questions
- **New County Trails Coordinator**
 - Tim Park was present at today's meeting. He is excited to be working with the clubs and wanted to meet everyone. .
 - He shared his experiences and life long passion for snowmobiling.
 - Started riding in 1972,
 - 1st coordinator for Rutland County
 - Working on trails for 40 years
 - Worked on largest bridge in world for snowmobiles
 - Other big projects
 - His goals for the county are:

- Smaller portable free maps at major intersections for Rutland Country
- Offering better signs helping county clubs obtain them
- Assist clubs to tackle projects and get funding if need be.

At 9:31 Steve Forest motioned to close meeting, Mike Poulin seconded.

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