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# Washington Snow Riders Inc December 2018

## **Presidents Message for December:**

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to everyone.

Thank you to Jim and Gwen Gaskell for hosting the Christmas Party and meeting at their home. There is snow on the ground and cold temperatures, but the Trails do not open for riding until the 15th. Once the Trails are open, we will be out riding the Trail system and identifying any problem areas. This will have to be done before any grooming will begin. If anyone is out riding, please help clear the Trails and report any problem areas that will need attention like downed trees and trail blockers. The Season looks like it is starting off well and with everyone's help we can get the Trails in shape for grooming to begin.

The next meeting is Saturday January 5th. There will be discussions about scheduling any upcoming Winter activities. These activities must be voted on and then planned. Without volunteers showing up, voting., and committing to help, these activities will not happen. We have had a good turn out for the work days to repair bridges and Trail work. Let's keep it going for our other events.

Until the next time....Be Safe.

Don Revane

**Secretary's Message:** Thank you to all the members that have already signed up for their memberships for the 2018-2019 season. Looks like we may have a good year, well it's starting that way. Looking forward to doing some riding this year and I am doing the snow dance! Hope that you have a great holiday season filled with good food, good times, and good friends. If anyone is interested in having an open registration day let me know, as always you can mail them in early too. Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays!

**Trail Administrator's Message:** The trails are still closed, and we need more snow before any grooming can be done. With the wet weather we had, the ground is still not frozen. Please be respectful of our landowners and not damage their property. We will let you know when the trails open. Check the Facebook page for updates. We will send out notices email to you too.

# Washington Snow Riders Minutes December 1, 2018

**Meeting called to order: 6:35 pm** by president Don Revane

Don welcomed all the members. Thanked Jim & Gwen for hosting the Christmas Social.

**Secretary's report:** was read. Motion to accept as read Vivian Clark, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Marshall Passed

**Treasurers Report:** Penny gave the financial report from the last months income and expenses. Motion to accept as read Tom Marshall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Larry Gaskell. Statement submitted. Passed

**Trail Administrators Report:** John said that the last bridge job scheduled will not be able to be done due to the weather conditions. He is anticipating good snow conditions for this winter. Tom's bridge needs to have a few boards replaced for winter and will tackle that at a later date. Trails are closed until December 15<sup>th</sup>. There was only 1 ½ of ice reported on Asheulot Lake and it is not safe. Highland reported that they still had open water. Grooming is not to be done until the trails are ridden and checked for down trees and debris after the storm damage. No grooming equipment should be on the trails until there is ample snow cover. We need to look out for our landowners. Jim asked about the insurance coverage and how it works with the dates. We will need help clearing the trails when there is enough snow and after the 15<sup>th</sup> of December, weather permitting. If you are out on the trails, please let us know what conditions you find. If you know of anything that needs clearing notify the trail master.

**Old Business:** Trail by Dube's will still be used this winter. We have not heard anything from the society after submitting all the paperwork they requested. We are hopeful that we will be able to re-route the trail next year. We will keep you informed of any progress as it occurs.

**New Business:** Lengthy discussion about the rate hikes, grooming rates and concerns about the amount of funds held by clubs. This will change the way treasurers will have to do the reporting and audits. This may also trigger some changes to the non-profit status.

Discussion was had about the new membership registrations and that The Washington General Store is not going to do our memberships any longer. This has forced us to change our process yet again! Discussion was that we need to set up a Paypal type system in order to receive credit/debit cards online to stay in control of our funds. After exhaustive measure we have gone to online registrations with NHSA for the season. For the last-minute memberships, you can go to the NHSA member management online. The office will still handle pre-registrations. Remember that you will not receive the discounted price if you do not get your voucher prior to registering your sleds.

Motion was made by Larry Gaskell to have the treasurer look into us having the ability to accept credit/debit cards. Second by Tom Marshall. Passed

*Motion to adjourn by Vivian Clark, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Gaskell Passed  
Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 pm*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Penny Wilkens  
Secretary*

## **Next Meeting**

January 5th

Camp Morgan

6 pm Pot luck

6:30 ish Meeting

*Season's Greetings from all of us to  
all of you &  
Happy New Year!*