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Washington Snow Riders Inc March 2, 2019

Presidents Message: The March meeting had five for the potluck and we had Ten people at 6:30 as we called the meeting to order. A few straggled in late.

Normal business was conducted, and the Dance will be March 16th at Camp Morgan - 8pm.

This will be my last Season as president of the WSR, along with Penny Wilkens as Secretary. I would like to thank all that have supported us during our term. It has been our pleasure to serve as Officers and look forward in taking some time off and letting some others have an opportunity to serve.

My first THANK YOU! goes to Penny Wilkens for the endless hours performing the duties of Secretary. It could not be done without the "all in" commitment to this position. I would also like to thank V.P. Bob Williams for bailing on me at the beginning of the Season and moving to Florida! No worries Bob. Thank you, Brett Taber, for keep the books in order. The TA/TM position is an appointed position and I would like to thank John Thompson for accepting it and doing his best to keep the grant paperwork and landowner permission in order. We all understood your work schedule and you still did your best to help when you could. Thank you to everyone that helped work on projects and groom the trails as the WSR is all about the Trails!

It was brought to my attention that someone was telling people not to come to the monthly meetings because they don't mean anything and are blah blah blah. I usually don't react or respond to these comments, as in the past, they were false claims. When I heard who it was and that it was an active member, I was surprised.

I mentioned this at the meeting and that person said that the people don't want to come to the business meetings, etc..

I will agree that some of the REQUIRED actions of the meeting can be boring, but that is part of the WSR club! Per the WSR by-laws we have to have a minimum 10 person quorum to hold a meeting.

People getting involved by first coming to the meetings will ensure that the club has a future by introducing them to more than "just riding the trails" attitude. That is where the future Officers and Trail Masters are developed. They could see firsthand what is REQUIRED and start helping a little at a time until they felt comfortable with assisting with the duties. New Activities can be planned and expanded on instead of just doing the same thing with the same small group of people.

We currently have had the same 10-12 people with a few others, on occasion, at most every meeting. Thank you to all of them for being active in the club meetings!

The upcoming Annual meeting will be here before you know it and the report from the Nominating committee was that Larry Gaskell stated he would be President if no one else and that he was asking a few other people to fill the positions.

I am sure that once the next Seasons slate of Officers are in place that there will be a renewed interest in the club. It has happened in the past and I am sure history will repeat itself again. The WSR has been maintaining the Trails in Washington for many years, and with everyone's help will continue for many more.

Thank you all again for your membership and involvement in the Washington Snowriders. It has been my pleasure and honor to be an Officer of the WSR over the years.

Until the next time....be safe!

Secretary's Message: My last message as secretary is a simple. It started many years ago with a groomer we purchased, and Vivian Clark at The Corner Store. Registered our own groomer and grooming funded with plastic donation jug that Viv put on her counter. One stop shopping for membership, sled registration, maps, food, and gas! Fond memories teaming up with Gary Edwards, Matt McClure and the infamous toilet bowl. The Shedd Hill run was then and still today a challenge. Served as trail master for Hillsboro and a member for several years, groomed for Stoddard Rock Hoppers, and worked with Jeff Jones Forest Protection Society of NH on trails through Pierce Forrest, you never knew when you'd see him cross country skiing in the dark looking like Santa Claus. John Lightbody would be out with the sled and drag and we all worked together. Things progress and change, I was asked by someone to be a member of Washington Snow Riders, so I did and began working with the club simply as a volunteer which made sense to work where you play. Helped to maintain trails, build bridges, find reroutes, donated our equipment and my husband, worked the flea market food booth, prep chef (I still hate slicing onions) Ed's Corner was the best Linda, Tom Marshall, Gail and Don Revane, aka the Sno-coach. Meet and greets there were the best! The last several years as secretary, with a short break, (thanks Ed & Colleen Whitney) have been rewarding with new friends, old friends, and feeling like you've done a good job for members. I've always taken pride in making sure you're your needs were met weekdays or weekends. I have a strong moral compass, knowing when it's time for change, knowing when it's time to move on. Thank you all who have made the experience worth the trip!

Many Thanks to my workforce: Don & Gail Revane, Jim & Gwen Gaskell, Vivian Clark, Brett & Melissa Taber, Tom & Linda Marshall, Sandy & George Eccard & Family, Premier Printing, WGS (Nancy Curran & Dan, Ryan Curran), Deb Defosse, finally my husband for being understanding and supporting me.

Trail Administrator's Message: Thank you to all the groomers for great work this year. Again we get it all at the end of the season. It's been great riding and hope everyone has enjoyed the good days.

News Letters can be accessed online WWW.Washingtonsnowriders.org!

Washington Snow Riders Minutes March 2, 2019

Meeting called to order: 6:32 pm by president Don Revane

Secretary's report: Secretary's report was read. Motion to accept Norman Robert 2nd Melissa Taber. Passed

Treasurers Report: Brett read the monthly financial report. Motion to accept Tom Marshall, 2nd Norman Robert. Passed

Trail Administrators Report: Don asked for trail reports from the groomers in Johns absence. Phil said that this year the snowmobilers were being more respectful about staying on the trails. He had been to Halfmoon Pond trail with some rocks showing, Larry said he had been on his side of the trails were in good shape to Pillsbury was also good, Norman said he hadn't been out from his side recently because of the china trail was rocky and didn't want to damage the sled and drag. Tom and Linda went out to Eccard, 31 corridor 6 and it was flat and hard. Don and Tom went out on E Washington side, went up Lovell Mtn to cut a couple trees and groomed. The hill is icy, and they slid backwards toward the top of hill use caution.

Old Business: After a discussion between Penny & Don it was decided to table the bylaw changes. It should be left to the new officers and generation of members that are staying with the club. Trailer has a bad axel so on to bigger and better If it comes. Nominating Committee, John is home sick, Larry Gaskell said that he would probably be President, Barbara Gaskell ½ of the secretary duties. He is working on the rest of the slate of officers. He said it will be nice to have a trail master that wants to do something. The Dance is March 16th from 8-11pm, he stated that the landowner invitations did not have the time posted. The amount of money for the band was discussed and Brett will handle the payment the night of the dance. Motion to pay for advertising by Tom Marshall 2nd Larry Gaskell. We will obtain paid through Stone Bridge Post, Free calendar ads on WMUR What's Happening NH including the What's Happening Page of Stone Bridge Post, or any other agency's free ads.

New Business: Phil was discussing the damage to his track truck, and that he needed parts plus the plastic tube was missing. He's running it with just the bolt for now. He wants to know where to buy the parts, they don't make them, Larry Wilkens will tell him how to make the plastic covers he needs. Larry Gaskell wants to get the bridge positioned before the snow is gone. The steel is buried in the snow so when the snow melts, he can get it. We still do not have landowner permission for this location. Deborah Defosse asked it the club if

they would like to have the food booth at an event, she would like to have the WSR food booth so the club could raise funds. She is looking at Touch-A-Truck event for families at Camp Morgan, the Highway Department, National Guard, backhoes and more. This would be a kid friendly event where they could experience the world of equipment. Looking at around Father's Day. Making this another Community event for Washington. Motion to have the food booth support the Touch-a-Truck event by Penny, 2nd Melissa Passed. There were disrespectful emails sent to the club, a short discussion ensued. It was mentioned that there were many years of experience sitting in the room that know when to go out and when not to, damaging equipment is not in the best interest of the club or membership. It was also mentioned that one of the emails was not a member of the club.

Motion to adjourn by Norman Robert, 2nd by tom Marshall Passed

Meeting Adjourned at 7:05 pm

Respectfully submitted, Penny Wilkens Secretary

Washington snowriders ANNUAL APPRECIATION DANCE.

FREE ADMISSION

SATURDAY MARCH 16, 2019

8:00 TO 11:00 P.M.

CAMP MORGAN LODGE

MILLEN LAKE ROAD

WASHINGTON NH

LIVE MUSIC BY: Traci Fulton and the Tony Hackett Band!

Same great band new name!

BYOB

50/50 RAFFLE