Monthly Meeting @ Poulin's and Zoom.

**<u>Call to Order:</u>** Meeting was called to order by Pres. Dale Sutherland at 6:34 p.m. March 7, 2023.

<u>Members Present:</u> Dale Sutherland, Claire Poulin, John Napier, Ryan Napier, Jon Lampert and Kim Lampert. Steve Howlett, Carol Mattson and Rick Close attended via Zoom.

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u> Claire presented a financial statement for ending February 2023. A few expenses and little revenue reported. Motion by Kim seconded by John. Motion carried.

<u>Secretary's Report:</u> Meeting minutes from February 2023 were emailed to board for review. Kim mentioned the free TMA / volunteer reward program still needs to be finalized. Club to review again. Motion by Claire seconded by John. Motion carried.

## **Club Events/Fundraising Efforts:**

**Shipping Expense:** Claire reported that shipping costs have increased. Carol will adjust pricing accordingly for the web.

**Snow Stakes:** Steve has received the first allotment of MHSF snow stakes. Price will be \$30 each (plus shipping if shipped). It is the club's hope that people will pick them up from Steve or Claire directly. Kim will research shipping services if we do have to ship to customers.

Golf Outing: John presented more info regarding the golf outing. Friday, September 23, 2023 is the date at Fox Run. Buffet is \$40 pp. Golf will vary according to the number of people who sign up. 144 is the maximum number of golfers for the day. Sponsorships \$75 each. Rick mentioned possible tiered sponsorship levels; \$400, \$300, \$200, \$100. Gift bags needed. Additional volunteers (not counting the board members) will be needed. Gift bags will be needed. Prizes will be needed for team winners, local gift cards and such. A 50/50 raffle will occur also. Kim will research hole-in-one. The Ludlow Club is sharing info with us in an effort to make this event successful. Ludlow sells out every year. Their event is June 23, 2023. John hopes maybe we can place a flyer in the Ludlow club's gift bag announcing our outing. The Ludlow Club will send our event info to their members and members of Windsor county. Dale said we can send to Rutland County members also. Club discussed our cash Calcutta raffle (200 tickets @ \$50 each or 400 tickets @ \$20 or \$25 was discussed) and if we'd draw the winning ticket at our event. An idea of donating a team of 4 to golf in ours as a prize for Ludlow was mentioned. More info to follow.

**Sign Board:** Dale reported two more business signs were sold. Wright Construction and ARC Mechanical.

**Clothing Inventory:** Our inventory is getting low on some items. The club will take an inventory of what goods we have and try to sell these items before restocking. Dale noted clothing prices have increased since our last order.

## **Trail Report:**

Multiple signs have been placed out in surrounding areas regarding the closing of the Belmont Store and no gas.

Dale reached out to Matt at VAST regarding our  $2^{nd}$  groomer payment. We have groomed over 600 miles to date. The GPS quit working. Dale submitted the December-February mileage reports to Matt. Possible date of 9/24/23 for work bee for our club.

Steve has a couple projects the club that will need to be addressed before next season. He has spoken to the State of VT regarding the Shrewsbury Bridge and funding.

Perry's Field needs addressing. Trail needs to be a bit wider by the beaver section. Dale suggested we speak to county director possibly.

Cook property / Healdville trail – 7A: the first section ¼ mile needs addressing. Water issues.

Yale Road (Ron Burgess) – the area by the log cabin needs addressing. Rick will contact Ron directly. Maybe Steve Flanders can re-slope this area.

<u>Public Relations:</u> Steve suggested we submit a press release regarding our snow stakes for sale to the Chit Chat and Mt. Holly Newsflash.

## **Old Business:**

Vermont SOS: Kim will renew the clubs VT Secretary of State for the club to be in good standing.

Kim will research the club being a 501(c)3 vs 501(c)4 and report back to club.

**Firework Celebration:** Kim has asked Sharon at Ludlow Insurance regarding the fireworks. Sharon will report back to us with more info regarding a one-day insurance rider policy.

**TMA Update:** Our club sold 341 TMA's; 19 to volunteers totaling 322 for MHSF. Numbers are very close to last year.

**Next Meeting:** Next Club Meeting will be tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at the Poulin's in person and Zoom options available.

Adjournment: Motion by John, seconded by Ryan to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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