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# Washington Snow Riders Inc October 2018

## **Presidents Message for October 2018**

We had a fairly good turn out for the first meeting and a few were there for the Pot Luck dinner. Our VP, Bob Williams recently resigned due to relocating to Florida fulltime. We wish Bob good luck in the new Chapter of his life. Bob did a tremendous job with organizing Trail work and keeping an active group of volunteers. I appreciated everything Bob did for the WSR and thank him for serving as the VP for the club. I was surprised that with the amount of people in the club knowing of Bob's leaving that no one mentioned or volunteered a person to fill the VP position. There was some joking about it and people asking me who it should be? As I looked around the room, I saw the same small group as always. There are always a few that come and go and might be able to help every now and then, but the core group has been the same for many years. Most of them have been an Officer or held a position over the years and I feel if they wanted to do it again they would. So, currently we have no VP and no one is stepping up at this time. This is not meant to be a negative comment to any member in the WSR and I am not trying to offend all of the Volunteers that do help out, these are just the plain facts about volunteers needed to keep the club going year-round. That is leading us to an upcoming problem of maintaining the Trails. It cannot be done by the few that are at every meeting and involved. This is the gap that needs to be filled. The WSR is looking for someone to be an active member in the club that can and will, plan, organize and schedule Trail work details. In the meantime, if any member wants to get out there and work on the Trails by them it would be greatly appreciated.

Fall is upon us and time for swapping out the Seasonal toys as they say. I have been hearing sleds revving and the leaves are falling so it won't be long now.

Until the next time...Be Safe

**Secretary's Message:** Welcome to the 2018-2019 snowmobile season. We have had changes to the registration requirements again! You will not be able to get your membership the same day you register your sleds at the Washington General Store you can still get your membership forms there preseason. Your voucher must be in hand or on your phone at the time of registration or you will be billed full price without the discount you receive as a member of the club. This will have an adverse effect on the club membership numbers. As your secretary I am working vigilantly on rectifying the situation. There will be options for you to use. Our membership is crucial in maintaining our trail system and operating expenses of the club. Safeguarding your privacy & information has been and always will be my priority. Second is the club's funds, I believe they should be kept in house with our treasurer, under our own watchful eyes. With this being said I will find us a better solution for the current situation. Stay posted for updates. As I have in the past I will be available during the week and most weekends for your convenience. Please try to register for the club in advance. Thank you for a great 2017-2018 Season looking forward to 2018-2019 season.

**Trail Administrator's Message:** Work parties are being coordinated on weekends to reroute and redeck bridges that need repair. All volunteers are appreciated, and most work parties are morning scheduled until around noon or a little later.

We will post and email dates and times.

# Washington Snow Riders Minutes October 6, 2018

**Meeting called to order: 6:45pm** by president Don Revane

Don welcomed all the members back and thanked them for coming.

**Secretary's report:** was read. Motion to accept as read Phil Barker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Normand Robert passed

**Treasurers Report:** Brett gave the financial report from over the summer including the profit and costs of the raffles, flea market, and all associated bills that needed to be paid. Motion by Vivian Clark to accept as read, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt Joslyn passed.

**Trail Administrators Report:** John reported on the work party to be held on October 13<sup>th</sup> at Twin Bridge Trail for the removal of materials and finish the decking. Two other bridges are in need of repair prior to the season. One is at Brighton's is approximately 30 boards to be installed for safety. The other is up at Tom Marshall's bridge and will need approximately 60, .2 X 10's to finish the job. Half Moon Pond trail is on hold temporarily.

## **Old Business:**

Our major concern is a trail closing in E. Washington that is coming soon. We need to reroute and have asked the Society for the Protection of NH Forests to access a strip of land and so far, are denied. We have reached out to the Sullivan County Director, Terri Callum to get support from NHSA, who in turn said he would need permission from Chris Gamarche, at Bureau of Trails before a letter of hardship supporting our access to The Bell-Coffield land could be written, which is also denied at this time.

We are looking at new maps with GPS coordinates but work still needs to be done to make them using overlays of our trails. Discussion on pay for grooming and the changes that may be coming on this. 2 gates are needed for a landowner property that has people in restricted area. Larry Gaskell said he had one he would donate for this and Don can go up after the meeting to pick it up. John Thompson made a motion to buy one gate for the land owner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Barbara Gaskell Passed

**New Business:** Trunk or treat is October 27<sup>th</sup> on the town common. We were asked to have the food there again this year. Time is 1-5pm. Motion by Don Revane to have the food booth and have all proceeds go back to the club 2<sup>nd</sup> Penny Wilkens. Passed Next meeting is November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Suggested that we may contact Fish & Game for their insight on the trail problem. Scandic that Norman has needs work on the steering. All equipment should be serviced now so they are ready to go when snow flies.

*Motion to adjourn by Larry Gaskell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vivian Clark*

*Meeting Adjourned at 7:30pm*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Penny Wilkens*

*Secretary*

What's New?

**October 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Trunk or Treat**

**Washington Town Common**

**1pm-5pm**

