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September 2024 Meeting Minutes

The scheduled meeting was held on September 10, 2024, at the Granite Steak and Grill in Rochester. President Nick Bickford called to the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. There were 17 members present.

Secretary's Report:

Ginny Abresch presented the April meeting minutes to the membership. Copies of the minutes were available on site and were also posted on the website for members to review prior to the meeting.

The minutes were accepted.

Membership Report:

Membership director Deb McLaughlin reported there were 17 new members this month. Last year we had 15 at this time. So far, we have received \$250 from NHSA for memberships. Deb still does not have access to sign up members online. It is the responsibility of individual members to sign up.

Membership report was accepted.

Trail Master Report:

Bob Bickford reported that Mike Gelinas has been doing an exceptional amount of work over the summer. He is working on PT 352 on Quaker Road & Rt. 11, raising the trail bed. All wetlands permits have been granted. Further south on PT 352 there will be additional work. If landowner finishes his logging we can get to work. Otherwise, it will have to wait till next year. The town of Farmington built a new bridge on River Road. The SELT and Lions Camp Pride work is complete. The RTP work is finished. The 6 miles of grading came out nice. Bob sent in for reimbursement from the state for \$5,000 and \$3,000 later this week. Power Sports Junction has offered a parking area for riders

and trailers. We will have to clear some brush and Bob applied to NH DOT for a permit for a road crossing. It should be ok since it is in a straight area and no other crossings are nearby. BOT has already approved it. Bob requested that if anyone knows of a new landowner to keep us updated. Stu Hotchkiss walked the area with the landowner and there is still a little more wet area to be repaired. We can move some soil from the top of the hill to fill in the problem areas. A culvert may need to be moved a little but we just can't tell yet. It's not that bad and we can decide after work starts. A permit is good for 5 years. Southern groomer posted for sale on Sunday. By Monday morning we had 6 clubs interested at asking price of \$50,000. We are expecting a 10% deposit and the groomer will be headed to Wisconsin. Bob requested to retain the RTP money to go towards payment of the new groomer once they look through the archives to see the actual percentage. Hopefully, we will hear by the end of the week. There is a new person handling the GIA requests and turnaround time has been much quicker. Campground owner on Rt 28 has given permission for Den access. We have a verbal permission but need it in writing. We will need to add the new parking to our trail maps for public access. The new groomer will handle trails north and west of Rt. 11 and the Southern groomer will cover the remainder. There is now a bypass around Corr. 22 trail to get downtown.

Trail Master Report was accepted

Treasurers Report:

The new budget template is all set. Nick Bickford did a great job setting things up Income and Expenses on one side and grant related on the back. Deb moved \$5,000 from the groomer fund so as soon as we received reimbursement from the state it will go back. She paid the monthly subscription for QuickBooks for \$30 and the groomer payment was paid. Our checking Acct. balance is \$18,405.00, the Capital Fund balance is \$4,039.72 and the Groomer Fund balance is \$13,064.03 for a total of \$35,508.75 cash on hand. The credit card balance is \$5,714.57.

Treasurer's report was accepted

Old Business:

Grassdrags volunteers should sign up with SledNH to earn \$10 an hour donation for the club. They have already started work putting up fences. There are jobs available in ticket sales, parking, security, etc. before and after the event. Ginny needs the names of clubs who have paid for plaques at the cabin.

New Business:

The recent By Law changed requirements for past president. With that in mind, we are bringing George Pevear back to the position. We welcome his experience and knowledge in the future. Nick announced the SledNH super raffle tickets will be available soon. Prizes include two different sleds, 2 trailers and a 2-night stay in Pittsburg. We are hoping to raffle off our own Artic Cat Lynx donated by Trailside Powersports. We will be holding our Sponsor A highway on Sunday September 29, 2024. Volunteers should report to the New Durham Fire Hall at 9 am. The more help we have, the faster we can get our section of Rt. 11 cleaned. Ginny will put an announcement on Facebook. There is a new design for this year's sponsor shirt. It is grey with green print. Sponsor spots on the back will cost \$275 including one

complementary shirt. Sponsors will have their name and location printed randomly on the back. Ginny will make up a sponsorship form and post on Facebook along with an announcement to preorder this year's shirt. With the increasing cost of postage and printing, it was decided to forego the annual "Lick and Stick" newsletter mailing this year. A request and reminder for membership with a link will be posted on Facebook instead.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Ginny Abresch