

Gray Snowolves Snowmobile Club
Minutes of Meeting
10/09/07
10 Members present

- 1.) The meeting was called to order at 7:17pm
- 2.) The Secretary's report was. (Mark was not at the beginning of the meeting so we skipped the report)
- 3.) The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. Checking: \$2,884.92 Savings: \$6,694.08 Total: \$9,579 (Payouts this month included gas receipts, groomer parts, petty cash, postal charges, and Cook's Hardware supplies.)

Trailmasters: West Gray just needs to be clipped and signed and the bridges checked. Brad needs to put a crew together to repair the bridge at the beginning of Knudsen rd. The three maps that are placed on trail locations will need to be replaced and updated. These locations are behind Cooks, the line where the Windham trail enters West Gray and on the North end of the bypass. There are two good size trees down in the West Gray to high school area. One is roughly ½ mile before you get to the high school on the Ramsdell rd./High School trail. The other is at the Birchwood rd. end of the Libby Hill trail. There are a few developments going in we need to check on to make sure trail access is not an issue. The first is the off from Mayall rd. on our trail from Rt.115 that crosses Mayall rd. then Merrill rd. and onto the pipeline before hooking up with the New Gloucester trail system. The development abuts our trail and construction began this summer. The other area is the road that was put in this spring from Grover's Pit (the pit at the Public Safety building end of the bypass), up into the woods along the High School/Town property line. It crosses the Ramsdell Rd/High School/South Gray intersection point out behind the bypass. A 50 foot wall of boulders is currently blocking our trail that leads towards south Gray. We will need to reroute it and also find out what the intentions of the road are. We have heard rumors that it is strictly going to be used for access to a gravel pit, but need to verify our access across this area is permitted.

South Gray: Jarod has two bridge projects that need to be addressed as soon as we can get a work party put together. One is on the trail towards Cole Farms from Rt.115, the other is on the pole line out behind the Interurban. The entire end of the trail system in South Gray is signed well and just needs minor brush work, etc. beyond these bridge repairs.

High School area: Bronc, Branden, Terry Taylor, and Jim Kiwior will be pulling the bridge behind Liberty's field (near Dead River) back into place as it washed downstream again this spring/summer. Bronc will also be coordinating trail use

permission from Sherwood (Tim's Run area), and the Libra Foundation as they now own the Turf Farm near where our trail system ends and New Gloucester's begins.

New business:

- 1.) All of our family and business memberships need to be renewed.
- 2.) We need new sign backers. We'll ask Jim Kiwior if he can provide us with some more.
- 3.) The club will be applying for the rescue sled grant again this year.
- 4.) We need to renew club insurance. Kim has the renewal and will be mailing in the check for approx. \$1,300 to V&V insurance in the next month.
- 5.) Brad needs to submit the trail grant application for the 07-08 season by December. Along with the application we need to specify our sign order and officer elections. The sign order has been placed, and the officers elected last night remain the same as last year. Mark Brown will be stepping aside as Secretary at some point during the season as he is moving, we thank him for the 12 years he has held this position as he has been a huge help in keeping this club organized! Anybody interested in filling this vacancy should contact me or one of the other club officers so we can find a replacement ahead of time.

President: Brad Shelley

Secretary: Mark Brown

Treasurer: Kim Shelley

Trailmaster: Jarod Castonguay

Director to MSA: Bill Murphy

- 6.) Our club trip is planned for the weekend of January 25th, 2008 at Sally Mountain Cabins in Jackman. If you are interested you can make reservations by calling 1-207-668-5621, mention that you are with the Gray Snowmobile Club, fee is \$30/night/person.
- 7.) Bruce Libby will be speaking with Robert Sawyer in regards to the trail crossing on Rt.115.

Events and Fundraisers: Brad plans on putting together the Pine Tree ride again this year with a pre determined route. The ride will consist of the same criteria, each rider needs to be sponsored at least \$100 and the ride will take place in Mid February. The proceeds as decided at tonight's meetings will instead go to the Emerson family and the ride will be dedicated to Jordan. The club's annual Winterfest & fishing derby is scheduled to take place on March 1st 2008. Brad will be submitting the Ice Fishing Derby Application to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in the next month.

Grooming Equipment Search:

- 1.) Bruce Libby has a coworker who has a 2002 Arctic Cat Bearcat 550 Liquid with High, Low, and Reverse. It is wired for a drag. Under 1,000 miles asking price is \$2,100. He also has a few drags and other grooming equipment for sale. We hope to go check it out this weekend (10/13 or 14). The club has

approved to spend up to \$3,500 if we find the right sled or drag to supplement our current setups.

2.) The big drag we had originally purchased for use with the Bombi is for sale in the Maine Snowmobiler for \$1,000, Bronc has received no calls yet on this.

3.) If we make a purchase before December 31st we will be eligible for a Capital Grant reimbursement as long as we spend \$3,000. The state usually awards around \$1,000 per \$3,000 spent by the club. If we can sell the drag and get a \$1,000 reimbursement from the Capital Equipment Grant we will have only spent \$1,000 to \$1,500 out of pocket for \$3,500 worth of equipment, this is something I wanted all club members to be aware of.

Trail Work Parties:

October 14th at 9am: Contact Brad Shelley at 428-3308 if you can help! We need help clearing two good size trees near the high school, and basic clearing and signing in this area.

October 28th at 9am: Contact Jarod Castonguay at 615-3671 if you can help or email him at teamshadetree@hotmail.com . He is putting together a work party to repair a couple of bridges in south Gray behind the plaza. Details on meeting place and time from Jarod in the next week or so.

1. The next meeting will take place on Nov. 13th, please attend!
2. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm.

Submitted by,

Brad Shelley, President