

Silverthread Outdoor Recreation Club Minutes

General meeting South Fork Community Building

November 17, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Longfellow at 7:05 pm after a pot luck supper. Bill welcomed everyone, 33 members present.

Bill asked if everyone had a chance to read the October club meeting minutes. As there were no additions or corrections, motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Lloyd gave the report. Even having paid the groomer insurance, we are well positioned for the new year. Motion was made and seconded to accept the report. Motion carried.

Christmas Party: Bill has tickets available for \$10 each. You will also need to select 1 of 3 entrees. If you want to participate in the gift exchange, bring a gift. The limit is \$15.

Activities for 2010: The board will be meeting to plan activities for next year. There will be a winter party at Joe's™ for snowmobiles and snow shoeing. Twin Pines will lend snowmobile for folks to try out. The Sled Race will be in February with a newly redesigned sled.

Election of Officers: The proposed slate included Lloyd for Treasurer, George as Vice-President and Joe as a Director. The slate was elected.

Safety Officer Report: Dick, newly returned from FEMA in Atlanta, gave valuable information to club members who snowmobile. A snowmobile website listed 3 questions to answer before you head out.

- Where will you ride?
- How long will you ride?
- Who will you ride with?

Notify someone of your plans in case you don't return. Take a good map. Pay attention to the distance of the ride. Ride with dependable people. Remember you are more tired for the trip back home. Have a buddy. No careless operation of machine, which causes most accidents. Ride with folks more experienced than you. Mistakes often made:

- Hugging the inside curve on corners
- Speeding, especially near foot traffic
- Overriding headlights
- Poor visibility when snowing
- Riding on the wrong side of groomed trails
- Linda: If you can smell the exhaust of the person in front of you, you are too close!
- Passing on blind corners and hills
- Steve: Don't wear drab clothing. The brighter the better!
- Dwayne: Set a time to meet up for the ride back to vehicles!

- Barbara: New riders should learn from others who are good riders
- Steve: Do not let up on the throttle when on slush!

Hiking Report: Gail reports the group is now snow shoeing. No hikes this week for Thanksgiving. Join in the fun each Monday now at 10:00 at the Visitors Center. Bring lunch/snack, water, cold weather/ rain gear and a friend!

Membership: Kim says membership is down, especially in winter. We had 90 members at one point, now 40+. Get the word out: renew your membership now!

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Silverthreader Clothing Items: Barbara reminds members of club clothing and assorted items. Call her if you want to buy something.

FS Grant: Roy reported the FS suggested the club apply for a grant to repair trails. Bill explained that last year the club (George) did writ the grant application and then the FS refused to sign off on it. Also, we have to be careful that we do not risk losing our non-profit status.

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50-50: The \$20 was won by Betty who donated her half to the club.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Towns.