



Newsletter of the Phantom Trail Riders

December 21, 2000

Minutes of the last meeting on Dec 5, 2000

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Secretary: John McNally
Treasurer: Don Melin

Old Business:

- Work Day on October 21st was quite successful with Don Melin doing some serious branch disposal
- 119 Trail permission has been achieved
- Corn is still up in one section of trail

New Business:

- Trails can open on December 1st with a 4" base if the base is not 4" we wait until it is.
- Markers can go out on 119 now
- 119 trail gained approximately 2 miles due to route changes
- Groomer is at Melins and needs the hitch
- Chains for the Groomer should be at Burnett Dairy
- Brush guard is approximately 1/2 built
- Davie Chell will put up the new signs for the Dairy
- It was noted that we need more NO SNOWMOBILING signs
- Our current balance is approximately \$4,000.
- New signs that accommodate business memberships cost around \$600
- Land Owner permission slips for 150 was brought up, no conclusions
- Bill trail marking signs to the county
- T-Shirts are \$10.00
- Map Ads are in and Maps should be here soon
- All future meetings will be the 1st Tuesday of every month at 7:30 P.M.
- There was some discussion about ATV use winter and summer, no conclusions
- Roe Andreason was nominated for District
- Representative Tom Gall was nominated for County Director
- Snowmobile safety class is happening now
- Phantom Trail Riders club stickers will be given to the participants of the class
- It was decided that we need some fill at the bridge near Mike Carey's on County Rd. Y
- The trail to Wolf Creek is groomed by Polk county most of the time
- Send something out in the newsletter regarding e-mail addresses for future newsletters and communication
- Possibly set up a ride at the next meeting

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

If you have not paid your dues, please do so now!
We have to get the list to AWSA.
Dues are \$25.00 for single or family per year.
Send to: *PHANTOM TRAIL RIDERS*
c/o John McNally
379 State Road 70
Grantsburg, WI 54840

FUTURE NEWSLETTERS:

We will be doing a newsletter every month during the season with perhaps some during the summer months for get-togethers and fund-raisers.

If you'd like to get this newsletter via e-mail please send your e-mail address to
johnmc@grantsburgtelcom.net
and we will send it and save the club some postage.

If you have an article or suggestions for the newsletter, you can contact either John McNally (463-2251) or Tom Anderson (463-2281).

This is our first attempt so feel free to be critical (one time only).

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS:

- Trails are open as of Sat., Dec.15.
- Groomer has been on Trail 150, 119 and 45 to Danbury and back as this time, (Dec. 21)
- Groomer still needs a winch and fluid in front tires expected to be done by the first of the year.
- All new informational signs have been put up and additional trail markers are going up as needed. Rick Melin and Tom Anderson have some trail markers, so let us know if we missed something.

ADDITIONAL GROOMERS NEEDED:

This new groomer is a blast to operate.

Comfortable

Warm

Easy to operate

Good stereo

Good for the mind to see the trails at 7-9 mph.

We would like to get a grooming schedule made, so volunteer some of your time for the benefit of all that ride our trail system. Give T.A a call (463-2281).

TRAIL INFO:

- It has been heard that the trails in Grantsburg Village are being monitored and prudent speed is expected, so behave.
- Do not ride ditches between Gin Rickey's and Amoco.

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TRAIL INFO: (continued)

- Remember that the trails are not a closed-course one-direction racetrack. Ride as if you were coming at yourself.
- Until more snow can be packed into the trails be aware that some rough and bare spots are to be expected.
- There is a large bump on the north side of the North Dike Bridge that we cannot do anything about until we figure how to get the groomer in there without getting stuck. Perhaps fluid in the front tires and a winch with the addition of more snow will allow us to remedy the situation. Until then, the alternative route into the flowage on the south side of the bridge is probably the better route (the path most everyone takes from the handicap duck blind around the island).

NEXT MEETING:

- **January 2, 2001, Gin Rickey's, 7:30 P.M.**

The last meeting was well attended and with that much input from members much was accomplished.

Encourage other members and new members to attend.

- Merry Christmas & Happy New Year (if Kimo doesn't have my truck again).
- Till then, ride safe!

See ya!

T.A.