

December 5, 2009 - 4 Seasons Recreational Club Monthly Meeting

The secretary's report was approved on a Charles/Mark motion.

The treasurer's report was approved on a Dick/Charles motion.

Old Business

- Posts and signs have been installed at the Park & Ride.
- Some signs are missing at various places on the trail. Will need to order some ATV signs.
- Charles met with the appraiser at the building. They agreed to \$400 value for the club's personal property and \$43,100 value for the building going back one year. Charles explained that the addition was just completed this year, so the appraiser agreed to half the value, or \$21,550 for 2008.
- A Dick/Don motion was made and approved to pay 2007 and 2008 property taxes.
- Christmas wrapping for the children's Christmas party will be on 12/19/2009 at 10:00 at the Wascott Town Hall. There are lots of gifts to wrap and volunteers are needed. We have enough supplies, but wrappers may want to bring scissors.
- Patti will be opening a separate bank account for the funds/donations to the Christmas party.
- Raffle tickets are printed. Charles made ticket holders for businesses to display raffle tickets. Patti has tickets available for members to sell. Contact Patti if you need some books to sell.
- A Charles/Doug motion was passed to pay C&C \$162.50 for printing raffle tickets.
- The committee of Mark, Jon, Dick and Charles met to discuss the proposed agreement with the Town of Wascott to discuss the use of the land where our building is located. The town presented a list of 10 items that were of concern. Our committee agreed to all 10 items, however when the formal agreement from the town was received, it was different than the original proposal. One of the main differences was that the town wants the club be liable for any bodily injury or property damage that occurs at the ball park by anyone who uses it. As the permit to use the ballpark is between the individual/group and the town, the club should not be liable for "all" ballpark use. The club's committee prepared its own agreement based on the original 10 items and would like to present to the town committee on 12/15. A Mark/Mick motion was passed that the committee move forward and present the agreement based on the original

10 items. Doug Bush was present but abstained from voting.

- The club winter ride is scheduled for Jan 23, 2010, to Siren. A block of 10 rooms have been blocked at The Lodge. Cost is \$98 per night. Anyone planning to attend will need to make their reservations prior to 12/23/2009 or rooms will be given up. To make reservations call 1-877-843-5634.
- A Mick/Patti motion was approved to pay the following bills: \$60.00 to C&C for Park and Ride signs, \$122.00 to Charles for parts for groomer, \$286 to Jon for gates and posts.
- Thank you for donations from Al & Debbie Carpenter, Paul Nemeth, John & Cathy Fischer, Crystal Lake Bar, Lookout donation box, Chipmunk Grill & Bar for donation of proceeds from the meet raffle, and View Point Lodge for donation of proceeds from pull tabs.

New Business

- Patti made a To Do List to highlight items that need to be discussed each month at club meetings. This will be helpful for all new board members to avoid any oversights. Any additions to the list are welcome.
- Groomer maintenance will be done this week.
- Thanksgiving card was received from Northwoods for donation to Septemberfest
- Patti will be preparing a request to ECE for their next grant cycle in May to request funds for gravel for the Park and Ride. She will be requesting \$2,000 as that is the most they allow for this type of activity. The grant request ranks higher when several groups are involved, so she will be approaching tourism and other area groups to support the request. She is also working with the ITBEC grant and a state grant for funds. To show club support for the project, she would like to include in her request that the \$1800 in proceeds that we received from the winter raffle be used toward the Park and Ride. A Mick/Jean motion was passed to donate proceeds from the winter raffle to gravel for the Park and Ride.
- Snowmobile safety class will be held December 30-31 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.
- Town of Wascott would like a signed agreement with the club for the Park and Ride. The club's committee feels that an agreement is not necessary. The Town requested the land and the county gave the land to the Town, not the club, for purposes of building the Park and Ride. The club agreed to maintain the lot with the exception of snow plowing which is being requested that the Town plow the lot after all other snow removal is complete. A Tim/Mark motion passed that we do not respond to the Town's agreement regarding the Park and Ride. Doug Bush was present and abstained from voting.

- Jon received information from Tracks about groomers that are available. It was suggested that we need to keep exploring our options as parts for our groomer will not be available much longer.
- Patti spoke with the food shelf and was told that they have a lot of donations. It was agreed that we wait until spring to donate to the food shelf. This item was added to the To Do List for discussion at our March meeting.
- Dick and Mark have volunteered to plan the Tour of Businesses for 2010. Tentatively scheduled for April, but tabled further discussion until the January meeting.
- Tim reported on NW Trails. Our dues of \$15.00 are due. The DNR has decided not to have the extended 16 day deer hunt next year. DNR reported supplemental funding is at 67%. They are \$2.89M short because the agreement for the increase in registration dues neglected to specify the additional money was to be for supplemental funding, so the money went in to the general fund and likely will not be reallocated for this year.
- The personal property tax bill that proposes clubs do not have to pay personal property tax on groomers passed the committee and will be voted on in January or February. The law now states that it is the opinion of the local assessor if groomers are included as personal property. Several clubs in the southern part of the state were charged personal property tax on their groomers this year and it is being challenged.
- Thank you to Barb and Mike Stupak for the salad server that they donated to the club.
- It was suggested that we get other club members involved in organizing the meet raffle. Everyone was in agreement and a schedule will be discussed at the January meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:23 on a Charles/Patti motion.

Respectfully submitted,
Doris Youngquist