

**Draft, Minutes of Monthly Meeting
January 26, 2012**

Attending: Adam Peaslee, Dick Breed, Chuck Carroll, Chip Kimball, Troy Boynton, Jim Schipmann, Julie Dolan. The meeting was called to order at 7:05. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to pass the minutes of the November 17, 2011. (The meeting in December was not official because we did not have a quorum.)

Treasurer's Report: Motioned, seconded, approved as written.

Trail Master's Report: No specific report other than on-going trail re-routing issue reported here in Trail Admin. section.

Trail Administrator's Report: Jim Schipmann reported on meeting with Chris Gamache from the State and discussing replacement parts/ new equipment purchases (for informational purposes only at this point). Jim also reports receiving a few landowner yearly permission forms, but group discussion ensued regarding the need for a full and continuing update of the list of landowners as well as the status of active/ temporary/ permanent permission forms. There is also a need to keep current when land is sold/ purchased to allow for seamless continuation of landowner permission. There are still missing pieces of landowner permission forms. Jim will continue trying to get all of this together. Along those lines, Adam and Julie updated the members present about a land closure on the south side of Mill Bridge Road just north of Squam Lake. That small piece of land is the connection between the Sandwich trail system and points south and west via Squam. The Club had received a letter from a lawyer on behalf of the landowner stating that he did not grant permission to use his land and was closing the trail to future use. Julie has written letters in response, but for the time being the issue is unresolved. Adam has been in touch with Mike Weeks from the State, Town of Sandwich Selectmen and Police Dept., and State DOT and has been granted permission (pending letter from State) to use the shoulders of Mill Bridge Road and Squam Lake Road and then access the Lake via the Town boat ramp. Signage will be placed at the site as soon as final permission is fully granted.

Membership: No report

Snowshoe Race: The decision was made on the night of this meeting to cancel the Race due to poor conditions.

Sled Dog Race: The committee met last week and plans continue to move forward, even though snow conditions at this point are not great. Upcoming expenses will include \$300 for insurance and appx. \$80 for Forest Service permission. A motion was made, seconded, approved for these expenses. Some discussion of food tent, "Sidehiller Café" issues ensued. The tents that the Club put up last year were basically destroyed in the winds of last year. Gary Floyd has offered his barn to serve as the Café. Barbra Carroll is heading up planning and preparation. ***Volunteers are still needed to help out with this Club fundraiser!!***

The next monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, February 16th, which is one week early to accommodate any issues regarding the Sled Dog Race. We still need **MORE volunteers** to help with this event. **Please consider helping out in any way you can!!** Barbra Carroll could always use more help with the Café and help with the Race itself includes staffing road crossings, parking, trail maintenance, etc. Please email me at juliedolan6206@yahoo.com if you need more info.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Dolan, Secretary