

Ladysmith Driftbuster's Monthly Minutes for March 2011

Meeting was called to order at 1937 by President Ron Young with 11 members present. The meeting was held at The Ladysmith Family Restaurant.

Secretary's Report was presented and a motion to accept was made by Dave Lemke and a second was made by Linda Reissner; motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer was running late, but they are no major expenses to report; miscellaneous groomer parts (filters, etc.).

Trails

We are having a problem with trail signs being deliberately run over. It may retaliation for a letter to the newspaper asking for the behavior to cease. The sled tracks run towards the High School. Law Enforcement was contacted and asked to affect patrols. Discussion ensued to see what actions could be taken to prevent an occurrence next year. Hopefully, trails will not be closed to us as a result.

We will fence around the Hamilton's problem area next year.

We will try and get the Crooked Creek bridge (that doesn't really exist...) replaced; wheels are being set in motion. If we have a dry enough summer, there is a chance that it could get done before next season.

There are a lot of logging trucks being run down the Thornapple grade; trails are bad as a result.

The WRA mower has ended up with a broken mower blade caused by another club. It was commented on that the blade was new when we returned the mower after last usage.

Groomer/drags

Groomers and drags held up great this year! Only issue was a missing drag-blade that may show during the thaw.

We are also seeing a difference in grooming capability in the new drag from what we are accustomed to in the past.

Club

A suggestion was raised to help control postage expenses by emailing club info to those members that have supplied email addresses. It was remarked that this was tried in the past with mixed success, and we have email addresses for 2/3 of the club. The experiment will commence immediately.

\$46.63 was collected from the map boxes.

County

Shut trails down due to weather? Decision was made to keep them open for the weekend to assist anybody with travel plans.

Weyerhauser has trail tie-in with Barron county; landowner has agreed to keep trail open for one year to ease construction of a new route. Another landowner wants to shut down a key corridor trail down due to unhappiness with Governor Wwalker.

Visit to Madison by sledders planned to meet/greet new legislature members.

County Ride (we came in second in attendance), so we may host next year.

Next County meeting April 12 and is hosted by the Neighborly club at Rose's at 8:00.

Bruce warming shack suffered some vandalism damage.

Next meeting April 14 (7:30) at The Finish Line in Ladysmith for elections.

Dave and Linda motioned for adjournment at 2041.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Berger