

Hartland Winter Trails (HWT) Minutes of annual meeting 11-1-08

The HWT annual meeting was held on Saturday Nov. 1st, 2008 after the trail work day and pot luck supper. Eleven people were in attendance.

Participation in the trail work day was improved over last years turnout. Most of the projects and general trail maintenance were completed. Projects this year focused on improving the wettest sections of the trail, by either installing new culverts or putting down a layer of wood chips. A wood chipper was rented, and pulled behind a tractor and a layer of small logs topped by wood chips was laid down in several wet sections of the trail. A huge THANKS to all who participated!!

Financial Report:

- HWT purchased a new snowmobile last year for grooming the trails, and we were able to pay for it outright from our savings and still be in the black!
- Major sources of funds currently in our account:

Individual contributions from last winter	~ \$2000.
Tiki Torch event	~ \$ 700.
Donated funds from working at 2 race events	~ <u>\$1200.</u>
Current balance	\$ 4,468.
Minus chipper rental	- <u>\$400.</u>
	\$ 4,068.

Trail Report:

- Some minor map modifications are being made
- New trail signs will be put up this year (thanks to Theo Ambros, the signmaker!!)
- Continuing to work on a permanent solution to HWT access to the parking area across from the fire station
- Looking into the possibility of connecting the “Curtis” driveway with another existing trail, but the steepness of the slope makes this a challenge. This would make more route “loops” possible when parking at the Cobb Hill parking area.
- HWT renewed our annual web hosting privileges
- Last winter members of HWT were invited to attend a meeting at the Hammond’s home, to participate in an ongoing discussion with the Upper Valley Land Trust about creation of a possible permanent easement on the Hammond property. This would be mutually beneficial to all parties involved – these discussions continue.

Special Events Report:

- Once there is snow on the ground this winter, we would like to have a naming / dedication “ceremony” for the new yellow snowmobile. Watch for future announcements about this event
- HWT will be at the Hartland Winter Fest event again this year. Last year’s snowshoe demo was successful, and we hope to do this again
- Last winter our 2nd annual Tiki Torch event, which took place on a beautiful snowy night, was great fun and very well attended.
We will hold the 3rd annual Tiki Torch event on Feb. 14th, 2009 !!
- Depending on mother nature, HWT may host some “spontaneous” night skiing / snowshoeing events. Watch for announcements about these events on our website.

Positions Available / Help Needed:

- Our very dedicated current board members have agreed to continue in their existing positions for another year, although we would welcome volunteers for any position!
- The positions of **Volunteer Coordinator and Special Events Coordinator** continue to be open, and we would love to fill these positions as soon as possible.
- We are always looking for folks who would like to be trained to help with trail grooming. Previous experience driving snowmobiles is desirable.
- It is very challenging for the trail groomer to efficiently maneuver all of the road crossings on the trail system after a snowstorm without our help to keep these crossings shoveled (particularly after the snowplow comes through).

Please “adopt” a crossing near you and keep it shoveled throughout the winter!!

Our very special HWT community trail system resource depends on volunteer efforts and contributions to remain operational. We would love to have you join us!

For more information about HWT or associated volunteer opportunities, please contact Andrea Ambros (HWT director)

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