

HARTLAND WINTER TRAILS

Business Meeting 2009

October 31st. In attendance were officers and family for a total of 7 people.

Thanks to:

All the landowners who continue to make this trail a reality.

Mike and Jan Fisher for letting us set up the work cards in their yard/garage.

Theo Ambros for brush hogging the trail, and getting the new snowmobile ready for use.

A hard copy of the treasurers report was presented. Balance summary shows an income of \$4487.00 from fundraising, donations, and interest.

Expenses were for mailings, brush hogging, oil and gas, culverts, trail maps and trail improvements. Total expenses were \$3913.00

Thank you to our volunteer treasurer, Lorraine Nichols, for keeping the books this past year.

Cartographer Report by Theo Ambros: New maps with trail intersection numbers have been printed and are ready for this year. Thank you to Ned Swanberg and Tom Ramsey. Trail name signs still need to be made and placed. Theo has made a few signs and hopes to post them in the next few weeks.

Special events report by Andrea Ambros: Last year we participated in the Hartland Winter Fest., helping people try xc skiing and snow shoeing. The third annual Tiki Torch Family ski and snowshoe fundraiser was held. It was a beautiful night with stars shining brightly, a spectacular bonfire maintained by Jeff Bell, and food from local restaurants. We almost ran out of food as the turnout was supreme. I actually had to resort to canned soup.

Plans for this coming year: Help out with Winter Fest. in February. Host a couple of informal night ski/ snowshoe outings. Coordinate with the Rec. dept. for a family or youth outing. Volunteer for races to bring in revenue for HWT.

Tiki Torch Trek family ski and snowshoe event Saturday February 13th.. 5-8pm.

Volunteer Coordinator: Is there someone out there who would be interested in keeping the volunteer list and providing volunteers for special events such as the Tiki Torch Trek?

Web Master report by Gary Trachier: This summer Gary totally revamped the website. It looks fantastic. We can always use new pictures and trail reports are great. Check the web site for news, information, events, and trail grooming/ trail conditions. Pay Pal has not worked for several years. Will look into getting Pay Pal up and running. We changed web hosting domains this year.

Trail Meister report by Theo Ambros and Andrea. How about a name for the new trail groomer. Got any ideas? It's a big snowmobile and is bright yellow. The Hammond property looks like a bomb went off, could be interesting skiing there this winter. Report on new trail.

Old business:

1. Discussion about the possible purchase of the 1.05 acre lot across from the fire station where cars have parked for many years. Nothing new here.
2. The Hammond family is looking into the possibility of establishing a permanent easement with the Upper Valley Land Trust. No new word from the Hammonds.
3. Mrs. Little suggested having a new snowmobile dedication and party some afternoon this winter. Hot chocolate, doughnuts and a chance to drive the new machine with groomer attached. Some Saturday or Sunday afternoon in Jan. or Feb. There will be a posting on this web page and the trail sign -in boxes. We will wait to see what and when mother nature brings us some snow this winter. We did this and it was a big success.

Goals for the future and new business:

Help with Winter Fest. in February.

Host the Tiki Torch Trek family event on Feb. 13th. from 5-8pm. Any ideas to make it different? Something new to do or eat..

Free night ski/ snowshoe outing.

Finish the connection between Cobb Hill and Howe field.

Howe family to name the new trail. What will it be???

Work Green mtn. stage race and Xterra games to earn donations to HWT

Trail name signs at all trail intersections

Look into grant money or other big donations to purchase an enclosed trail groomer.

Update landowner list using GPS and new map. Send letter of Thanks to all landowners.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Trail Grooming- drive the snowmobile with groomer setting tracks after snow storms.

Snow bank shoveling- after snow storms to cut down the large banks plowing creates at all road crossings.

Volunteers Coordinator- Keep a list of volunteers. Provide volunteers for special events, coordinating jobs to be done, times to be done with volunteers available.

Special Events Coordinator- Organize and run special events such as the tike torch trek.

Working races for revinue.

Election of officers for the 2009-2010 season.

Executive director: Andrea Ambros

Secretary: Jan Fisher

Treasurer: Lorraine Nichols
Cartographer: Theo Ambros
Trail Meister: Theo and Andrea Ambros
Special Events : VACANT
Volunteers Director: VACANT
Web master: Gary Trachier

Please e-mail to volunteer for any vacant position or even a position not vacant. Most of us have been doing these jobs for a long time out of love for HWT and necessity. We would not be heart broken if someone else wanted to volunteer for a position.

I look forward to hearing from you. Andrea Ambros aambros@vermontel.net