

Hilton Sno-Flyers Newsletter – April 1, 2009

March Meeting Recap – the Hilton Sno-Flyers Club Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 18, 2009, 7:30 pm at the Brockport Elks Lodge. Attendance was light at 45.

Chris Zigrossi announced that part of the 50/50 raffle proceeds will go to benefit Rochester police officer Anthony DiPonzio who was recently shot in the back of the head, and currently in rehab. There will also be \$10 raffle tickets available for a benefit to be held at Ricks Prime Rib House on May 19th. Tickets are available at Nu-Look Collision shops. Jim Meyer announced the other half of the proceeds from the 50/50 will go towards the fight against Juvenile Diabetes, as the Benefit ride was cancelled.

John Miller read the treasurers report, and the bottom line is that we are in good shape financially, setting us up for a good season ahead.

Sam Pizo has clothing available, and will have some at the next meeting.

Jim and Janet Howard reported that membership is in line with last years membership count - a new member a few days ago has brought the total up to 1148.

Jim Meyer announced that we will be producing a new trail map for next season. The current trail has been GPS'd and we foresee no major changes. Our hope is to have the maps produced before the Snow Show in the fall. To do this we need your help in obtaining sponsors. There are about 40 spaces available for \$150 each on the back of the map and about 5 spaces available for the front at \$200 each. Contact Tom Francis for more information.

Groomers – the Board of Directors has decided to sell the Piston Bully Groomer and buy a different one. The Parks and Recreation Department has given us the authority to purchase another groomer.

Election of officers will be held at the April Club meeting. The Vice President, Treasurer, Trail Coordinator and a Board Seat terms are all up. Tom Francis, John Miller, Mike Weaghe and Bob Allen will all be running for re-election. Marty Sauer has been nominated to fill the empty Board Seat. At the end of this season Jim Meyer will be stepping down from his position as President and will be appointing Rich Manley to his open position to finish the term. This will open up the Secretaries position and therefore Jim, the outgoing president, will be appointing Teresa Madau to the Secretaries Seat. Jim will also be appointing Pete Dorazio to a special Board position.

As Jim steps away from the Presidents position he will be stepping in to help the trail coordinator to improve our trail system and educate our trail bosses and assistants. Our goal is to get our entire trail system marked consistently.

The Club is currently seeking 2 new trail bosses to take over trails for Rich Manley's section in Wheatland, and Jim Meyer's section in Riga. Please contact any Board Member to see how you can help, we are also looking for assistants to the trail bosses to take over short sections for better coverage and quicker responses to issues that arise through out the season. Right now is a great time to step up during trail take out to become familiar with the trails. An incentive to recruit more trail bosses is being offered – free membership and a club T-shirt will be awarded to all trail bosses starting next season.

John Miller reviewed the changes to the Clubs Constitution that the Board has been working on since the two-tier registration system has been enacted, and the Club has become a 501(c)(3) organization. Changes include; Membership terminology, Membership status, Free membership to trail bosses, NYSSA membership, November 30th Renewal Date, Officer and Director Terminology/Responsibilities, Trail Coordinator and Trail Bosses, the announcement of Constitutional changes, and Monetary benefits/disbursements.

The Details of the Constitutional changes and Budget will be included in separate files with the newsletter e-mail. Voting members will receive absentee ballots through a separate e-mail.

The 50/50 drawing winner was Tom Francis who re-donated all the winnings to the two charities - \$75 each – Thank You Tom!!

**The next Club meeting will be on the 2nd Wednesday of the month - April 8th
Elections and Vote on Budget and Constitution**