

RESERVOIR Club RIDERS Newsletter Winter 2009

New Club Policies

The Club has enacted a few new policies to formalize how donations are distributed and the use of the Clubhouse.

Throughout the year, the Club receives many request for donations from civic and school organizations. As a method to fairly determine how funds are awarded to the requester, the requesters are required to present the need on the new "Request for Donation Form".

Primary questions on the form include:

- Type of organization
- Event name and description
- Contact names, address', and telephone numbers
- What the funds are going towards
- Amount requested

The organization's are asked to present there request in person at either a general membership meeting or board meeting. Having the requester at a meeting has allowed members to ask questions to clarify the funds use. Request must be made at least 30 days prior to the event allowing the board to decide if the request will be forwarded on to the general membership for approval.

The other policy is updating and enforcing the use of the clubhouse. The primary purpose this was undertaken was to know who is using the building and when the use is taking place.

Copies of both policy forms are included in this newsletter.

Trails Were Ready and Used

Through many hours put in by our dedicated members and friends of snowmobiling, the Club's trails were in excellent condition before January's rain. Our trails provided some of the best riding conditions we have had in recent years and received complements from other groups and organizations, the Blizzard Tour members was just one.



Picture from the groomer by Phillip Lockett.

A few new features were added along the trails last fall such as this picture showing new informational signage. These markings are included on new posts installed at intersections and when a trail crosses a paved road.



Post with new signs.

The information included on the post is the road name or number, the trail's name, and numbers to match the State and Club maps. This will assist those unfamiliar with the area and those from out of town looking at multiple maps.

Another feature you may notice on the trails is the placement of three new outhouses. These outhouses were funded by the Trail Grant Funds that are generated through the sale of trail stickers. A little relief through another cost that was added to our sport.

Club News & Events

25th Club Anniversary

The Club is entering into the 25th year of organization and is requesting information from it's members that may have original Club history. If you have stories, pictures, and adventures that happened over the past years, please pass them on to Kilian.

We will be putting this information into an anniversary brochure and proposed web site. The growth of our Club has been phenomenal such as providing great trails and great stewardship from the creativity of the resources of our past members!

Bi-Laws

As part of the upcoming anniversary, the Club's bi-laws are being retyped and entered into the Club's database. Members are asked to provide any information regrading past Club legislative measure's that the Club has enacted.

Trial Maps

The new trail maps are completed and distributed to the advertisers. A few changes were made such as condensing the trails from Jay Coke Park to the Two Harbors area. Local trail names and numbers are indicated on the map as well as the road crossings.

This map also indicates the state/county road numbers to aid in locating the trials for those from out-of-town. Each trail is identified by Club and the Club's trail number with points of interest and advertisement. Please patronize the map's advertisers when you have the chance.

Youth Snowmobile Safety Class

The Club had 24 students participate in this years snowmobile safety classes and driving course. Our instructors Gary Mantay and Gail Mantay taught the students through a classroom setting of the ventures that is required to safely handle and ride today's sleds.

Each student was then required to demonstrate basic knowledge of a snowmobile's technology and mechanics prior to an abbreviate riding trail course.

Fish Lake Classic Snowmobile Challenge

The Club is again this year supporting this annual vintage snowmobile ride on February 28. Event organizer, Steve Wick, is looking for volunteers to help out with parking assistance in the morning from 8:00 to noon. Please contact Steve at 348-3591 if you can lend a hand.

The Club will have the Clubhouse open for the DNR as a respite for this event as a thank you to the DNR officers and to give visibility to our Club.

Club News & Events

Board Elections

The new Club officers were elected in December 2008 and one Board at Large position remains vacant, *please* apply if you are interested in serving our Club:

President:	Phillip Lockett
Vice President:	Gary Mantay
Secretary:	Kilian Ottman
Treasure:	Gail mantay
Board at Large:	Mark Jazdzewski Lora Lockett Melody Morris Gary Venzina

Hi-Banks Trail Re-Route

Through many conversations between the Club and the Hi-Banks Resort, the safest route to the Resort bypasses the trailer park grounds to the north, avoiding contact with the trailer septic systems.

Capital Expenditures

Use of Grant-In-Aid funds from the Minnesota trail permits have included the outhouse placements and trail re-routes. Waiting disbursement from the Fredenberg Township, Club's State sponsor, the Club request ideas for future projects from it's members. Please forward any trail needs to the Club for additional trail grant request.

Region 7 MnUSA

Our Club is represented by Dean Claussen who states that the Region & organization is working with the state DNR on the G.P.S. measured trails lengths. Our Club was shorted by 10 plus miles and will be adjusted after the meetings with the state DNR.

An upcoming meeting with the DNR and MnUSA will configure an appeals process for clubs to contradict the calculated trail lengths.

Party in the Pit

The Club participated in the snowmobile ride and picnic at the French River Pit on February 8 with three area Clubs.

Care Committee

The Club wants to hear about and from those that are in need of encouragement due to an injury or illness. Please contact Vonnie Peterson at 525-3816 if you know of anyone in need so we can contact them.

Request for Newsletter Information

I am always looking for information that you would like to see added to the newsletter or stories of Club and snowmobiling interest. Please forward to me at this email or telephone number on the last page. *Thanks!*



Trial Report

A group of seven club members had a great Sunday outing to the Toimi/Seven Beaver area two weeks ago. The area has many forest roads and a small trail system groomed by snowmobile and small drag. The trails are not funded at all. The day started with 4" of new snow and continued as the group stopped at Big Lake and Seven Beaver. We made our way over to the Yukon Trail and stopped at White Pine Picnic area for lunch. The fire crackled as we cooked Polish and Brawts. We met up with DNR personnel conducting a Pine Martin/Fisher study on our return trip.



The large white pines are a rest area along Lake County Hwy 2 called "White Pine".

Our seasoned guide Mark even managed to find some great untracked powder to wet everyone's appetites.

The day could not have ended better: with a great sunset shortly after we loaded up and headed home. Remember a great day on the trail doesn't always mean riding a busy trail and putting on 150 miles by noon. Get out and explore the out-of-the way places.

If any club members would like to submit a photo or two or some of their favorite areas and some comment please do so. The area can be local or non local, even out-of-state. We would all enjoy hearing what our members are up to this winter.

The groomer/trail picture (on the front page) shows the newly reopened Chicken Creek/Mud Lake trail in Taft. Come explore and enjoy the less used trails. Unfortunately Walt's River Inn will not be reopening after the fire and they will be sorely missed. They have been great friends of the trail and an anchor for that end of our trail system.

Phillip Lockett
Club President

Associate Members

Duluth Lawn & Sport
Eagles Nest Resort
Fredenberg Minnowette
Hartel's/DBJ Disposal
Hi-Banks Resort
Humes Plumbing & Heating
Island Lake Boat & RV Storage

Island Lake Inn
Lakehead Trucking
Northwest Outlet, Inc.
Old Wisconsin Sausage
RJ Sport & Cycle
Sportsmans Inn

Club Membership

Members receiving this newsletter by email and are not getting the MnUSA magazine have an expired Club membership. If you no longer want these mailings, please reply to be removed.

Members receiving this newsletter by mail and have an email address, please forward to Kilian the email address as a way to decrease the cost of postage.



Reservoir Riders Snowmobile Club
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Regular Club Meetings:
Second Thursday of each month at the Club House
7:00 p.m.

Club Board Meetings:
Fourth Thursday of each month at the Club House
7:00 p.m.

Board of Officers

President - Philip Lockett, 729-9152
Vice President - Gary Mantay, 525-4849
Secretary - Kilian Ottman, 722-3657
Treasure - Gail Mantay

Board at Large

Lora Lockett

Mark Jazdzewski

Melody Morris

Gary Vezina

Club Contact/Newsletter Editor

Kilian Ottman, 722-3657

Trail Administrator

Philip Lockett, 729-9152

Regular Club Meetings
2nd Thursday of the Month
7:00 p.m.
Club House

Club Board Meetings
4th Thursday of the Month
7:00 p.m.
Club House

The Reservoir Riders Snowmobile Club encourages and promotes safety, education, and responsibility in the sport of snowmobiling.

Reservoir Riders Snowmobile Club Clubhouse Rules and Use Permit

The Clubhouse User(s) agrees to conduct only those activities that are socially acceptable and lawful as to the following rules.

1. Activities will not reflect in a negative manner on the Reservoir Riders Snowmobile Club.
2. The Clubhouse is open for use by Club members who have had a one year membership in good standing.
3. All activities are to be requested for approval, in person, at a general membership meeting of the Club unless otherwise approved by the Board of Officers.
4. There will be two individuals of the User group identified as Responsible Persons who are responsible for the activity; one Responsible Person must be a member of the Club.
5. The User agrees to compensate in full for any and all damages to the Clubhouse buildings and grounds, inclusive.
 - 5.1. A Reservoir Rider officer will inspect the facilities prior to the activity and after use to determine any damages and that the facilities have been left in an acceptable condition. The Responsible Person(s) may accompany either inspection.
6. All trash and garbage generated during the activity are to be removed immediately from the buildings and grounds
7. Use of the Clubhouse fireplace is prohibited.
8. Smoking is not allowed in any Club buildings.
9. A \$75.00 deposit is required prior to the date of use and will be refunded if the above conditions are met.

The following information is to be completed and provided at the general membership meeting.

Reason for Use: _____

Date(s) of Use: _____

User/Organization: _____

Responsible Person: _____
Club Member

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Responsible Person: _____
Alternate

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Signature of Responsible Person
to Agreement of the Use Rules

Approval by Club Officer, and Date

The User(s) agrees to indemnify, save, and hold harmless the Reservoir Rider Club, Club officers, and Club members for any and all injuries or harm upon the use of the Club facilities, inclusive of all buildings and grounds.

Signature of Responsible Person, Club Member

Signature of Responsible Person, Alternate

Reservoir Riders Snowmobile Club Request for Donation Form

The Reservoir Riders Snowmobile Club invites request for donations from organized groups for public events. All request's must complete this form.

Request must also be made in person at the regular Club meeting on the second Thursday of every month or at a fourth Thursday Club Board meeting. This presentation will need to occur 30 days prior to the date of the event the funds are requested for.

Please attach any additional supporting information your organization would like to be included.

Type of Organization: For-Profit Non-Profit 501C3

Organization Event: _____

Amount Requested: _____ Event Date: _____

Contact _____ Address: _____
Person(s): _____

Cell Phone: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Event _____
Description: _____

What will the _____
funds go _____
towards: _____

Remit Form To: Reservoir Riders
5099 Fish Lake Rd
Duluth MN 55803

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