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NEXT MEETING: Thursday, February 2, 2007 at 7:00 pm

Winterfest 2007 To Be Held "SNOW or SHINE"

Winterfest 2007 is all set to be held Saturday, January 27th, with or without snow. The fun filled day will begin at 10:00am and run until dark, and is open for all HLSORC members and their guests only.

On the agenda are snowmobile drag races and radar runs, beginning at 10:00 and a poker run from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Local dealers will have new machines on display and food vendors will be open throughout the day. Additionally, a Chinese auction and 50/50 drawings will be ongoing. There will also be a "Sled Show and Shine" with some vintage and new snowmobiles on display, so polish your sled, old or new, and be a part of this attractive display.

In the event there is no snow, Winterfest will still go on with the same activities, but bring your ATV for the poker run and still enjoy a great day. However, ATV's will not be permitted if there is snow.

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"Christmas is for Kids" a HUGE Success

In November when our club chose to support the local "Christmas is for Kids" program, nobody knew what to expect from our members. Well, when our December meeting rolled around, what a surprise it was to see how you responded.

Approximately 50 new toys were brought to the meeting to be given to needy children. In addition to the \$200 donated by the HLSORC, members in attendance opened their hearts and wallets and a special collection was taken and another \$160 was collected.

Brenda King, chairman of the Christmas is for Kids program, presented our club with a plaque in appreciation of our efforts and support. She stated that this is the 17th year that Post PA 51 of the Veterans of Viet Nam War has sponsored the program in the area. All donated money was used to buy additional toys, and all were given to needy children in the Muncy, Hughesville, Montgomery, Montoursville and surrounding areas. In all, the local effort donated to 247 children, making their Christmas much more enjoyable. To Brenda, her staff and all our members who contributed, THANK YOU!



HLSORC Secretary Janet Williams and President Matt Fry accept a plaque of appreciation from Brenda King, Chairman of "Christmas is for Kids" and Gary Jenney, Commander of Post PA 51, Veterans of Viet Nam War.

EFFECTIVE WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17th, ATV TRAILS AT HIGHLAND LAKE MANOR WILL BE OPEN DURING NORMAL CLUB DAYS, WEDNESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY, DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS ONLY!

January 4th Meeting Minutes

The meeting was brought to order by President Matt Fry and The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Matt Frye opened the meeting. We have guest speakers this evening from DCNR and PSSA so our regular meeting will be brief. The minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Ryan Messner reported bills from last month that had been approved were paid and deposits were made leaving a starting balance of \$6331.26. New bills are as follows: Buck Lumber \$62.20 for sign lumber, Mike Clementoni \$22.62 for postage. A motion was made to pay the bills and seconded.

Winterfest Committee: Winterfest will be held on January 27th snow or shine. If there is no snow, ATV's will be allowed to run the radar runs and possibly a poker run. Bring your machines for the show and shine event.

Membership Committee: Mike Clementoni announced that we currently have 241 members. Nine new members were announced and voted in. Lake Country Motor sports will also be offering 10% to members with cards. There are 89 members from last year that have not renewed their membership as of today. Those memberships expire March 1, 2007 if not renewed.

No other committee reports at this time.

Richard Glinski and Joe Dotzel from DCNR spoke regarding projects that are going on throughout the Loyalsock State Forest. They will be purchasing a new groomer for our area and have put it out for bid. The old groomers will be kept for smaller trail maintenance. They are looking for ways to connect different trail systems in the future.

The Spring Hill Trail by Big Bear has been completed and open for snowmobile travel along with a small parking area. The parking area at Cabbage Hollow has been enlarged as well. Their office will be moving to Laporte in the near future.

If you have questions or need information please call 717-787-5651, or go to their web site at www.dcnr.state.pa.us and link to the forestry site for snow conditions.

Dennis Smouse, Regional Director of the Pennsylvania State Snowmobile Association, spoke to us and covered a various topics. The annual general membership meeting is on March 31 in State College, all are welcome to attend. HLSORC already has members planning on attending the various workshops.

He suggested that we contact our local Emergency Management and inform them we have snowmobiles available if a snow emergency is declared and sleds are needed.

Tickets are available for the Snow Angle Fund.

OLD BUSINESS:

*A trailer is still needed to store the signs and supplies we use for outdoor events. There is the possibility of a member having a trailer and he will hold it for us until after Winterfest so this can be brought up again and decided on.

*Todd Arthur reported we will need \$2500.00 for a cash contribution towards the grant as well as \$4500.00 in man-hours and equipment usage that we can accumulate during our volunteer workdays.

NEW BUSINESS:

*The Snowshoe Rails to Trails Club is asking for our support for a connection in the Renovo area. We agreed to send a letter of support to Michael DiBeardinis, Secretary of DCNR.

*The Polaris Grant will need to be done this week. We will need to coordinate with HLM for this project.

*Jim Hine, Dave Smith and Todd Arthur were to the Loyalsock Sportsmen's last meeting and provided them with a GPS map of the area and the proposed trail thru their property. The meeting went well and an open dialogue has been established. Our Club Representatives will continue to work towards gaining the approval to utilize a defined trail from the State Forest Lands to Shore Acres from the Sportsman's Board of Directors over the coming months. At this point we DO NOT have any type of permission to ride over their lands. Please think about joining their club.

*Winterfest is well underway, with or without snow. Haywood's and Judy's concessions will be providing the food for this event. We will still need volunteers for this event.

*Also volunteers are needed for the King of the Mountain Hillclimb on March 17.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Janet Williams, Secretary

Renew Your 2007 Memberships Now!

If you have not yet renewed for 2007, your Highland Lake Snowmobile and Outdoor Recreation Club membership is due to **expire March 1**. Your support in the club's inaugural year has been greatly appreciated, as we have accomplished a lot in our infancy. We sincerely hope that you will continue to support our efforts by renewing your membership now for 2007. Annual membership fee is \$20. Checks should be made payable to HLSORC and mailed to Highland Lake Snowmobile and Outdoor Recreation Club, P.O. Box 223, Hughesville, PA 17737.

Also, your membership to Highland Lake Manor expired December 31st if not renewed. Memberships are available for \$30. As you know, you must be a member of Highland Lake Manor to be a member of HLSORC. Checks should be made payable to Highland Lake Manor and mailed to Highland Lake Manor, 2826 Genessee Trail, Hughesville, PA 17737.

PLEASE DO NOT COMBINE CHECKS! We are two separate clubs and applications must be mailed separately. Applications for both clubs are also available on our club's website. In lieu of mailing, you can also renew your memberships in person during our regular monthly meetings.

I Love Baseball.....

That's right.....I Love Baseball. Ever since I was kid playing Little League, or coaching my own kids and watching them play through high school and college, I've enjoyed the game. Yes, I'm a Yankee fan, but don't hold that against me. I look forward to spring training, the long season and the World Series. Unfortunately, during the off season, there's not much going on, so I watch some football, but it's just not the same to me. I don't complain about it as I know that's the way the seasons have always been and will always be.

Why do I tell you this? When our club was started in late Fall of 2005, many people complained and refused to join our club because "it was all about snowmobiles". I heard complaints about the newsletter being too focused on snowmobiles, too. Then as Spring and Summer came around and our focus shifted to ATV's, horseback riding and other activities, the snowmobilers said there wasn't any emphasis on snowmobiling! And guess what, now that it's Winter, the complaints have shifted back to "too much emphasis on snowmobiles".

Whether you enjoy baseball, football, NASCAR, hunting or fishing, ATV's or snowmobiles, **THERE ARE SEASONS FOR EACH!** They come and go, and always will. As a year round recreation club, our focus will shift, too, but we will always try to put as much emphasis on your sport as we can.

Mike Clementoni

Mark your Calendar

01/20— Black Moshannon Snowmobile Club Winterfest, Poker Run & Vintage Sled Show near Black Moshannon State Park, Philipsburg, PA.

01/27—HLSORC "Winterfest" at Highland Lake Manor for members & guests only

02/01—HLSORC Meeting

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03/17—"King of the Mountain" Snowmobile Hill Climb at Ski-Sawmill, Morris, PA.

Snowmobiler's "CODE OF ETHICS"

1. I will be a good sports enthusiast. I recognize that people judge all snowmobile owners by my actions. I will use my influence with other snowmobile owners to promote fair conduct.
2. I will not litter trails or camping areas. I will not pollute streams or lakes
3. I will not damage living trees, shrubs, or other natural features. I will go out only when there is sufficient snow so that I will not damage the land.
4. I will respect other people's property and rights.
5. I will lend a helping hand when I see someone in distress.
6. I will make myself and my vehicle available to assist search and rescue parties.
7. I will not interfere with or harass hikers, skiers, snowshoers, ice anglers or other winter sports enthusiasts. I will respect their rights to enjoy our recreation facilities.
8. I will know and obey all federal, state and local rules regulating the operation of snowmobiles in areas where I use my vehicle. I will inform public officials when using public land.
9. I will not harass wildlife. I will avoid areas posted for the protection or feeding of wildlife.
10. I will stay on marked trails or marked roads open to snowmobiles. I will not snowmobile where prohibited.
11. I will NOT drink alcoholic beverages before or during snowmobiling.

Several HLSORC members enjoyed a great day of ATV riding on Saturday, December 30, at the Snow Shoe Rails to Trails Winter Ride, sponsored by Best Line Equipment. Over 300 riders participated, making this ride their largest ever.

President: Matt Frye
Vice President: Jim Hine
Secretary: Janet Williams
Treasurer: Ryan Messner

DIRECTORS:
 Todd Arthur
 Chris Iachini
 Dave Smith
 Travis Layton

COMMITTEE CHAIR PERSONS:
By-Laws: Jim Hine
Membership: Travis Layton
Trail Development: Dave Smith & Jess Fry
Special Events: Todd Arthur
Public Relations: Lorne Crawford & Janet Williams

“King of the Mountain” Hillclimb at Ski Sawmill

The Highland Lake Snowmobile and Outdoor Recreation Club will once again be sponsoring and conducting the “King of the Mountain” Snowmobile Hill Climb on Saturday, March 17, 2007 at Ski Sawmill in Morris.

This all day event is expected to be even bigger and better than last year’s hill climb, with state-wide publicity already having been in the PSSA newspaper. Additionally, our club website is continuing to receive “hits” requesting information.

There will be numerous classes based on engine size for this head-to-head, double elimination race to the top of the hill. New safety rules will be in place for this year, so if you plan to compete, be sure to review those rules as soon as possible as they may require mechanical modifications to your sled.



Two racers leave the starting line during last year’s snowmobile hill climb at Ski Sawmill.

Food will be available throughout the day as well as dealer displays. There may even be some new factory displays, if the timing can be coordinated.

Club member Lorne Crawford is coordinating this event and is asking for assistance from as many members as possible. This is a significant fundraiser for the club, so your help is greatly needed! Please contact Lorne!

Nationally Approved Snowmobile Hand Signals



STOP*

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Either arm raised from the shoulder and extended straight up over the head with palm flat



SLOWING

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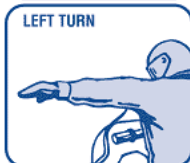
Left arm extend out and down from the side with a downward flapping motion of hand to signal warning or caution



RIGHT TURN

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Left arm raised at shoulder height, elbow bent and forearm vertical with palm flat



LEFT TURN

LEFT TURN

Left arm extended straight out from shoulder and pointing in direction of the turn



LAST SLED IN LINE

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Raise forearm from handle bar and show clenched fist at shoulder height



SLEDS FOLLOWING

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Arm raised, elbow bent with thumb pointing backward, in a hitch hiking motion move arm forward to backward over your shoulder



ONCOMING SLEDS

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Left arm raised at shoulder height, elbow bent and forearm vertical, wrist bent, move arm from left to right over head, pointing to right side of trails



HAPPINESS!

Large grin, from ear-to-ear, signifying a deep snowfall has just arrived.