

# Oatka Valley Snowmobile Association, Inc.

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NEWSLETTER - January 6, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM by President Jeff Fitch. Previous minutes were read and approved. Board meeting will follow our regular meeting. We have approximately \$37,000 in our treasury after receiving the 30% balance from the trail fund.

## NEW BUSINESS:

The December paper newsletter didn't go to print because of a mix up in emailing the pdf files to the wrong address at Hilltop Industries. President Jeff apologized for his mistake and said that it has been rectified. Treasurer Gail Lawson has NYSSA raffle tickets on hand for anyone wishing to take some and sell them at \$5 each. If you would like some tickets please call Gail at 585-476-5701. The club gets to keep half of all that we sell. So far our club has made \$500 on them. We are always planning ahead and our next big event on our social calendar for fundraising will be our big steak/shrimp raffle party to be held at the QWL on May 17th which is a Saturday. This is always a big success for us and a fun time for all. Please set aside the date to work with us on that date. Treasurer Gail Lawson also has tickets for this event so contact her for yours. We have enlisted a local print shop to make up some 3" circular vinyl laminated stickers to put on your sled using our OVSA club logo. If you would like one or more please contact President Jeff via email or give him a call as he really love to talk to anyone. They are \$1.25 each plus mailing if needed.

The annual NYSSA forum will be held April 11-13<sup>th</sup> at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Niagara Falls. Board members are encouraged to attend if possible so please contact President Jeff so we can reserve our rooms. We are allowed one representative per 30 club members and we currently have 538 members.

Dave Martin is putting together a first annual club ride for OVSA and the tentative date is January 30<sup>th</sup> with an alternate date if needed in February. If you haven't signed up for the ride please contact Dave for more information at 585-535-7403 and he can fill you in on the details.

## TRAILS:

Trail coordinator Mike Black reported that the Rock Glen trail has been rerouted a bit south of last year's trail. This is a welcome piece of news. Working on trails and groomers takes a lot of time and we would like to thank Mike and all the guys involved with this aspect of the club. We also spoke about if an incident happens on the trail to please contact us with the details and request help if needed to remove your sled. We want to see you safe and our landowner's protected.

Another important topic that was discussed at length during the regular meeting and at our board meeting afterwards was to conquer the Varysburg trail by finding a way to put in a sled crossing bridge. Bruce Blankenship volunteered to walk the area with Dave Montgomery to see what can be done. We have a line on materials at the right price and if there's a way to do this we will. The Varysburg Hotel and Wyoming County Motorsports have been supporters of our events and held fundraisers for us too. This will work out for all of us. A trademark of OVSA is working together in a friendly manner to solve the problems that arise. Thanks for all your support.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30am keeping it short and sweet.

Respectfully submitted- Deb Smith, Secretary

Jeff Fitch, President

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