



NORTHWEST TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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General Membership Meeting Tuesday April 2nd, 2013

Called to Order – 7:36 pm

Secretary's Report – Michael Keane
March minutes approved as amended

Treasurer's Report – Grant Scheibe
Map box fund collection needed

- File for future audit.

Director-at-Large – Rob Bell

- Elections including last call for nominations

Trail Coordinator – Colin Brown

- Special thanks to all groomer drivers
- Pulling trail signs – use discretion in farm fields
- Map boxes should be collected and returned to shed
- Trail Shelters – anyone interested or knowledgeable in building and placing shelters should contact Colin Brown
- New trails are still unfunded from the DNR but ARE on the DNR website
http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/snowmobiling/interactive_map/index.html
- New vinyl maps need to be placed on old map stands

New Members

- None present

Old Business

- Trail shelters are/will be cover under trail insurance
- Trail accidents – record “**How, When, Where**” in written statement and obtain pictures

New Business

- Election results – Election of a new Secretary Liz Johnston
President, VP & Treasurer elected to a second term
- Secretary to inform Sunshine committee of needed actions
- Second Benchmark has been received, third must be submitted by April 15
- There is NO 4th BENCHMARK reimbursement for 2012-13 season, but still must be filed!
- BBQ June 4, 6 p.m. at the NWT shed – need food & beverages
- New ramp needed on west shore trail of Lake Independence – use one at the shed
- Motion approved to obtain new 2014 Tucker Sno Cat from Track, trading in the 2011 unit. Trade-in allowances were very good and Track sweetened the offer to keep us with the same amenities at no additional cost!

Club fun Dinners

NWT Club Fun Dinner
Thursday April 11th, 7pm at the Bistro 11
Thursday May 16th, 7pm at Mackenzie Pub

MnUSA Update – <http://www.mnsnowmobiler.org>

- Calendar photo contest- photos must be submitted by April 22
- Odometer Tampering bill likely to pass this session
- Spring meeting April 26-28 in Walker, MN
- Snowmobile SNEAK PEEK at the Blaine sports center April 5th from 4-9 pm and Saturday, April 6th from 9am to 5pm
- Merchandise is now available via the MnUSA Store, as the NWT's logo has been digitized and is ready to go
<http://mnsnowmobiler.org/index.php?pageid=448>

Club Updates

- Hamel Sno Runners – EOY party at Inn Kahoots April 27th, no meeting in April
- Brooklyn Park SnoPatrol – Inactive
- Loretto Sno Birds – Sign removal April 13
- Maple Plain Snomads – April 10th meeting 8 pm Monies bar and Grill www.mpsnomads.com

Committee Reports

- Membership: no report.
- Sunshine: Submit needs to Shirley Johnston
- Safety: no report

Adjournment – 9:20 pm

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, May 7th, 2013
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