NORTHWEST TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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General Membership Meeting

August 2, 2011

Call to Order – 7:37 pm

Secretary's Report – Rocky Johnson

- June minutes approved; filed for future audit.

Treasurer's Report – Randy Baudler

- Income: last benchmark of DNR Grant.
- Expenses: interest expense on groomer loan; utilities; landowner appreciation gift certificate reimbursements and shed improvement expenses.
- June report approved; filed for future audit.

Director-at-Large – Joel Johnson

- Nothing to report.

Trail Coordinator –Steve Hohag

- DNR grant application for next season submitted.
- List of trail items to be discussed at next month's meeting; looking to improve some marking; any known trail issues should be forwarded to Steve.

New Members

- None present

Old Business

- June Work Night – great success; got quite a bit of work done; cleaned; organized; shelving built; trail signage stowed; groomer/drag put away; outdoor signage and some light landscaping done. Looking for donated refrigerator for shed, if anyone knows of one contact a board member.
- Appreciation Picnic – Thursday, August 25th, 6:30 pm, Corcoran City Park Pavilion; catering by Corcoran Locker; picnic for all members, advertisers, landowners, volunteers, city sponsors and state legislators – all welcome!

New Business

- Membership Renewal – Nancy will handle project again this year; targeting for late Fall mailing.
- Map Status – plenty of maps in the shed; no need for reprinting; plan for distributing in November; suggested that we start selling map ads much earlier for 2012-2014 map (January 2012).
- DNR GPS Map - DNR grant is based on trails GPS mileage; suggested that club invest in GPS unit rather than having to borrow personal ones and piece together; will investigate pricing and propose to membership at next meeting.
- Upcoming Industry Events – see MnUSA below.
- Trail Captain Meeting – Thursday, September 29th, Corcoran Pizza Parlor, 7:30 pm; for trail captains (anyone that marks trails or would like to).
- Landowner Gift Certificates – gift certificates and cover letters done and available now to trail captains; contact Rocky to get supply.

Club Updates

- Maple Plain Snomads – new club; working on logo and membership; meets 2nd Wednesday of every month at Monie's Grill in Maple Plain.

MnUSA – http://www.mnsnowmobiler.org

- Region 8 Meeting – Tuesday, August 16th, Davanni's, Minnetonka, 7:30 pm (7:10 pm pizza).
- MN State Fair – August 25-September 5; looking for volunteers to work booth; will pay for your admission; contact Nancy if interested.
- Outlaw Drag Race – Aug 26, 27 and 28th, Princeton, MN.
- Haydays, near North Branch, MN, September 10-11th; camping available; visit their website at http://www.snobarons.com/haydays/index.html; this event drives a lot of membership to local clubs; consider volunteering for MnUSA.
- MnUSA 2011 Fall Workshop – October 21-23, Holiday Inn, Otsego, MN; annual membership meeting; elections; fun workshops

Committee Reports

- **Membership**: no report.
- **Sunshine**: no report.
- **Map**: no report.
- **Safety**: no report.

Adjournment - 8:28 pm

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, September 6th, Medina Entertainment Center; board meeting 6:00 pm; happy hour 7:00 pm; general membership meeting 7:30 pm
- Receive newsletters via email; save a tree, save us postage; provide us your email address at **nwtrails@nwtrails.net**. **Thank you!**