



NORTHWEST TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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November 2008

General Membership Meeting

December 2, 2008 Call to order: 7:42pm

Secretary's Report – Robert Johnston

- November minutes approved; filed for future audit.

Treasurer's Report – Brian Mackenzie

- Balance on hand in checking \$32,892.09
- Map adds in and Polaris came through on their ad.
- Report approved; file for future audit.

Director-at-Large – Rocky Johnson

- Nothing to report, Rocky at Safety Training.

Trail Coordinator – Steve Hohag

- Trails are all marked except for small portion in Hassan.
- Trail brushing has been completed with rental Bobcat on Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving. Thanks to those who participated.
- Hassan: Conditional Use Permit has been APPROVED!! Some moneys are coming back from the Escrow account, not sure on exact amounts at this time. Should be 30 days.
- Hwy 55 and Cty. Rd. 30 has been marked for the expansion.
- Baker Park is NOT closed. Signs will be posted in park about this and read: Trails temporarily closed until further notice"
- Larkin Road down to Polaris has been worked and re-routed, it will appear on the map as a trail. Thanks to Butch and Wally for their hard work on this very important re-route!
- Contract from DNR, sending in first request for 40% of total grant.
- Anyone have extra stakes; please bring to shed so we can fix them for next year.

New Members

- No new members present.

Old Business

- Fun nights: None in December, January 15 at Mackenzie's, February 12 at Millside Tavern.
- Sled insurance will be put on sleds. Sometimes they are used for work on the trails. Trail permits are needed, we're a club that promotes doing things the correct way, so it will be done.
- Luce Line connection to Baker Park. Steve will talk to a contact at Southwest trails. Since we are ready now, we can tackle this, at least get some things in place for future possibilities.
- We have possibilities in all the parks, they will allow us in as long as there is trails out of them. Something to keep on the front burner and to explore other possibilities.
- Marketing our Club: "You are here" signs have been completed, one is in place and 3 others can be put into place soon. Plexi glass will be installed once maps are done.

- Club Picnics: Tentative date at Mama G's to go along with MNUSA's International Safety week of January 17th.

New Business

- Website calendar updates, any ideas or dates please forward to Rob Bell for addition to website.
- Keep on everyone's mind. Shed is done December 31, 2010. We would like to find options this summer in this area. Mention of putting an ad in a paper or building a facility could be one of the options. Current shed is 40x40 with a 10x12 door which is tight going in and out. 60x40 would be ideal with a 12x12 minimum entry door both ends.

Club Updates

- Hamel club trip Jan 15-18 Sandy Point. 2 cabins that sleep 6 are still open. If you are interested contact Bobby Ford and or Sandypointlodge.com or 1.800.777.8595 (Gordon)
- NWT Club trip tentative for 2nd weekend in March, possibly at the Fortune Bay Casino.

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

- Calendars available still
- DNR is going through reorganization. Combining certain departments. More streamlined process but money watch is needed.
- January 11th - 17th International Safety week with a club trail day on the 17th will be promoted on the MNUSA website. Good time for our picnic at Mama G's?
- Rendezvous at Sugar Lake Lodge in Grand Rapids Feb 12th-15th

Committee Reports

- **Membership:** Dues just about done, if you know of anyone that is delinquent please get them to turn them in, even get new members if possible. We always need more.
- **Map:** Map advertisers are done with Polaris finally coming together. It's ready to print with one correction on routing that Steve will handle during the week.
- New trails were placed on map along with re-routes and closures.

Safety Training:

- Hamel January 6th and 10th.
- Loretto December 2nd, 4th, and 6th at Polaris.
- Brooklyn Park December 6th and 13th.
- NWT safety training has been cancelled this year.

Adjournment: 8:25pm

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, January 6, 2008 at Medina
- Board Meeting, 6:00 pm; Happy Hour, 7:00 pm; General Meeting, 7:30 pm
- Receive information in your inbox; email us at: nwtrails@nwtrails.net. Thank you