



# NORTHWEST TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009

## General Membership Meeting

December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 Call to order: 7:39pm

### Secretary's Report – Robert Johnston

- Minutes approved and filed for future audit.

### Treasurer's Report – Brian Mackenzie

- Balance on hand \$41,053.80
- Initial talk about the possibility of paying off the groomer. Will wait till next DNR installment and meeting to further discuss this possibility, pay down debt before possible shed expenses etc.
- Report approved; filed for future audit.

### Director-at-Large – Rocky Johnson

- Nothing to report (absent)

### Trail Coordinator – Steve Hohag

- DNR Grant was approved
- Signed permit and trail marked behind farm and church north of Mama G's. Finally!
- Elm Creek extension approved, Crow Hassen approved, Baker Park is not approved and is a dead issue this year.
- Maple Grove has increased the general liability required coverage to 1.5million. We have coverage through V&V at that amount but more discussion after the meeting about this, more to report in January.

### New Members-

- None present this time.

### Fun Nights-

- January 14<sup>th</sup> Thursday Sundance
- February 11<sup>th</sup> Thursday Dehn's

### Old Business-

- Groomer sign: Rob and Bryan say it will be mounted in December.
- **Shed committee update:** Robert has been in contact with Wally and Doug Doboziak about leasing, renting, or building our own thing on there land. Everything is open for discussion. Steve, Robert, Wally and Doug will get together and meet before the next meeting. Bryan has contacted a friend on Cain Rd and Cty Rd 30 as a possible option. Mark has a facility for lease on 116 and Larkin Rd. Steve has greased the wheels at Corcoran.
- All clubs within NWT to be involved. Hamel, Loretto, Brooklyn Park to make the shed a full encompassing meeting facility, groomer storage, sign storage etc. It can't be just one group so to speak.
- We will need in January more of what our bottom line is when it comes to what we can afford on a month to month basis, as well as buying the whole works etc.
- Realtor has an issue with the non exclusive, so we did not enter into an agreement with the realtor.
- Baker Park is dead this year.

- Expansion to the south along 119 is a dead. Mark is still working on his north trail expansion from Cty Rd 30.
- Maps need to be distributed to advertisers. Get map boxes out and about. Too many were left last year in the shed. It's a good tip jar!
- Drags at Butches: The longest of all the drags will be kept, the rest scraped. Rollers kept as well. Will need new hoses if we need to use the vehicle. Groomer training will be on a case by case basis this year. Contact Robert Johnston for one on one training this year.

### New Business-

- Disking of fields took place as of these minutes being typed. Wally Etzel and Mark Kalassa completed a good portion of what was needed. Thank you very much!
- Motion made and passed for repair of Butch Neumans ATV damaged during trail marking up to \$500.00.

### Club Updates-

- **Hamel/Loretto:** Youth training January 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> at the Hamel Legion.
- **Hamel Snowmobile Trip:** January 14<sup>th</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup> at Antler Lodge in Big Fork. Space is tight due to size of facility. Talk to Marc Dalquist.

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

- December 15<sup>th</sup> meeting at DaVani's in Minnetonka will have Three Rivers park rep present. This would be a good opportunity for NWT to show support and ask about Baker Park. Please attend if you can!
- MNUSA Rendezvous, Feb 12-14 at the Hinckley Casino. Veterans ride on the 11<sup>th</sup> in Pine City.
- Motion made and passed to donate \$250.00 to the Veterans ride.
- Calendars are for sale. \$20.00.

### Committee Reports -

- **Membership: DUES ARE DUE, THEY ARE WEAK SO. GET YOUR DUES IN NOW WE NEED THEM BAD!!!!**
- **Must be a member to work on trails, drive groomer etc.**
- **Map:** Nothing to report.
- **Sunshine Committee:** Nothing to report.
- **Safety Training:**
- Brooklyn Park. December 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Corcoran/Rogers, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, with the over the snow practical on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Help needed on the 12<sup>th</sup>!

**Adjournment:** 8:50pm

### Next Meeting:

- Tuesday January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 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](mailto:nwtrails@nwtrails.net). Thank you!