



NORTHWEST TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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December 2011

General Membership Meeting

December 6, 2011

Call to Order – 7:30 pm

Secretary's Report – Rocky Johnson (absent)

- November minutes approved; filed for future audit.

Treasurer's Report – Randy Baudler

- Income: none.
- Expenses: bank line of credit fee; groomer drag parts; liability insurance; workman's comp insurance; bank loan interest; landowner appreciation.
- November report approved; filed for future audit.

Director-at-Large – Joel Johnson (absent)

- Nothing to report.

Trail Coordinator – Steve Hohag

- Grant & Aid contract approved by City of Corcoran and sent back to DNR.
- Three Rivers Park contract complete; Lake Rebecca access point for Wright county approved; Baker Park additional access to SW corner of park approved.
- City of Maple Grove contract in process.
- Sundance bridge needs repair and welding for reinforcement; motion passed for approval of funds up to \$1200 to get completed.
- Reroute around dairy farm expansion north of County Rd 50; includes new bridge; volunteers help Sunday, Dec 11.
- Signage and stakes needed for Baker Park and Maple Plain area; please return any leftover to shed for use by others; Steve has reached out to DNR to get remainder.
- Hwy 55 east of Hamel private property landowner has requested no snowmobiling across his land this year which would shut down 8 mile section and access to Plymouth on Hwy 55; trail captain and trail coordinator considering all options and will report at next meeting.
- 4 each map stands are still to be deployed; if you have areas that you would like to put them they are at the shed.

New Members

- None present.

Old Business

- Three Rivers Parks issues – all cleared up; thank you to everyone that took time to speak with their commissioners and those folks who spoke on our behalf; good idea to send follow-up thank you to commissioners.
- Trail Brushing – complete; thank you to the crew went out day after Thanksgiving.

- Club Fun – December 15, 7:00 pm at Millside; January 12, 7:00 pm at Sundance.

New Business

- Trailside Picnic - January 21st; volunteers contact Randy to assist in coordination.
- Trail Ride – January 28th, Phil's Quality Automotive hosting.

Club Updates

- Hamel Sno Runners – meets 1st Monday of every month at American Legion Post in Hamel, 8:00 pm; Jan 19-22 Ash River Lodge club trip; traditional youth safety training course scheduled for Jan 3, 5 and 7th.
- Brooklyn Park SnoPatrol - safety training underway and wraps up Dec 10th.
- Loretto Snowbirds – annual snowmobile softball game Feb 25th; location TBD; trained 22 youth through safety training this past weekend.
- Maple Plain Snomads – meets 2nd Wednesday of every month, Monie's Grill in Maple Plain, 8:00 pm; the clubs first inaugural kickoff meeting and fundraiser scheduled for Sat, Dec 10th, 1-5 pm, Monies Bar & Grill, Maple Plain; check out new website www.mpsnowmads.com.

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

- Statewide Trail Stop – Jan 21st; to promote safety week and promote local clubs.
- 4th Annual Veterans Appreciation Ride – Jan 7, Madelia, MN; please encourage current active duty and veterans.
- 2012 MnUSA Rendezvous, Feb 9-12, Fairmont, MN.
- MnUSA Annual Raffle Calendar – available now through NWT; 10% of calendar sale is given back to NWT; if interested in selling or purchasing see Randy Baudler.
- Region 8 Meeting, Tuesday, Dec 20, Davanni's, Minnetonka; 7:00 pm; all welcome.
- MnUSA Legislative Agenda Items: proposing legislation to combine annual state trail sticker and registration to one sticker; also proposing to amend the existing statute regarding studs on paved trails so that trails will be open to all snowmobiles unless posted closed to snowmobiles with studs; proposing additional funding from gas tax increase go to grant in aid; trying to lower the amount of insurance necessary to be carried for clubs.

Committee Reports

- **Membership**: no report.
- **Sunshine**: no report.
- **Map**: no report.
- **Safety**: some clubs have already completed, some in full swing and others scheduled for early January.

Adjournment – 8:58 pm

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, January 3rd, 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!