



NORTHWEST TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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February 2011

General Membership Meeting

February 1, 2011

Call to Order - 7:30pm

Secretary's Report – Rocky Johnson

- January minutes approved; filed for future audit.

Treasurer's Report – Randy Baudler

- Expenses include map printing costs and groomer maintenance.
- Revenue taken in included map ads and map box revenue, membership dues and DNR grant funds.
- Report approved; filed for future audit.

Director-at-Large – Joel Johnson

- No news to report; snowmobiling article still not published, was submitted last month may be competing with other big "news"; will follow up with contact at newspaper.

Trail Coordinator – Steve Hohag

- Grooming – extracted groomer for 3X this season; costly to club and must consider that some swamps still not frozen; now grooming Hwy 55 to west end of Lake Sarah; a number of conversations about grooming not meeting rider expectations especially on weekends after all the Saturday traffic along corridor between Loretto and Mama G's; established new grooming schedule to touch entire trail 1X per week and revisit high traffic areas more than that as needed; suggestion was made to communicate grooming schedule on website; noted that Facebook is updated regularly; motion made and never put to vote to groom trail system more than 1X per week, noted that it is a balancing act between responsible grooming and managing expenses for groomer fuel and maintenance; made commitment to adhere to newly formed grooming schedule to keep trails in good riding condition with budget constraints and consider Saturday night floater run to cover areas that need 2nd pass; also committed to discuss how new schedule and trails are holding up at next meeting.
- Trails – looking to establish new trail down to Luce Line, any landowner contacts people have please contact Steve.

New Members

- None present.

Old Business

- Club Fun Night Reminder –Feb 10th, Sundance Golf & Bowl, 7:00 pm; Mar 10th, Millside, 7:00 pm; Apr 14, Mackenzie's, 7:00 pm.

- Map Distribution – have been delivered to all advertiser locations; if anyone has need for more maps please pick up at shed or contact one of the trail captains for shed access.
- Phil's Quality Auto Ride last weekend – great ride, fantastic turnout with ~30 sleds participating; thanks to Phil and team and all who came and enjoyed the nice lunch and ride!

New Business

- Trailside Picnic – tentatively scheduled for Saturday, Feb 26th, noon, Cain & Bass Lake Road.
- One of our members has Breezy Point Resort condo available; 2BR/2BA full kitchen and laundry, open for minimal fee open Monday – Friday, beginning Feb 25th; contact Scot Jones for more information.
- Hamel/Loretto club's Snowmobile Softball Game – 1:00 pm, February 26th, on trail between Hamel and Loretto on the Cain property just south of County Rd 10, everyone welcome, hot dogs, beverages, great game!
- Local Trail Rides – reminder second Saturday of each month; Feb 12 and Mar 12; meet at 9:30 am, Sundance.

Club Updates

- Nothing to report.

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

- Feb 10-13, Winter Rendezvous, Arrowwood Resort & Conference Center, Alexandria.
- Feb 12-20, Take a Friend Snowmobiling Week, many manufacturers running promotions; for more info visit www.gosnowmobiling.org.
- Legislative Meeting – good session; seemed interested in what Michigan has done in coating of paved trails to protect from snowmobile traffic.
- Waconia Drag Race – great success; over 5000 in attendance.

Committee Reports

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

Adjournment - 8:55pm

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, March 1st at Medina
- Board Meeting, 6:00 pm; Happy Hour, 7:00 pm; General Meeting, 7:30 pm

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