



# NORTHWEST TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010

## General Membership Meeting

January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Call to order: 7:45pm

### Secretary's Report – Robert Johnston

- Minutes approved and filed for future audit.

### Treasurer's Report – Brian Mackenzie

- Balance on hand \$38,502.03
- First part of DNR grant paperwork has been submitted.
- Report approved; filed for future audit.

### Director-at-Large – Rocky Johnson

- Elections coming for 2010. All positions are up for movement. (Secretary, President, Vice President, Treasure)

### Trail Coordinator – Steve Hohag

- Full system has been covered except for Hwy 55 into Hamel and Plymouth.
- Loaner cat has been used for a few days. It is back at Track and can be used again if needed. We do need to cover the system to fulfill our DNR obligations. We will take a wait and see approach to further use.
- Trail Captains and members need to be aware of Corcoran City Hall and the swamp right behind due to the geo-thermal system. We need to stay exactly on the trail, signs have been put up. Let everyone know.

### New Members-

- Paul Neu, Deb Crook from Maple Grove, Lloyd from Champlin, Jeff from Plymouth.

### Fun Nights-

- January 14<sup>th</sup> Thursday Sundance 7pm
- February 11<sup>th</sup> Thursday Dehn's 7pm

### Old Business-

- **Shed committee update:** Robert has been in contact with Wally and Doug Doboziuk 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. Bryan has contacted a friend on Cain Rd and Cty Rd 30 as a possible option. 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.
- Pat Miester thinks the club should approach Corcoran with a plan for this shed. We will do so after discussions with current prospects.
- New trail from Elm Creek to 121<sup>st</sup> is a hit, signage needs to be put up with "t's", arrows and possibly a map. Craig will talk with Three Rivers to remind them.
- MAPS NEED TO GO OUT, WE NEED TO GET RID OF

THEM THIS SEASON!!!!

### New Business-

- The Tucker groomer has suffered severe damage along Hwy 55 during removal from the ice. Vehicle is at Track and an estimate has been worked up. Insurance has looked at it and will be giving their evaluation. Parts have been ordered, work can progress because it has to be fixed one way or another. 3-4 weeks expected for repairs minimum. \$26K is the current estimate.
- Damage appears to have been done by the wrecker service. All groomer drivers and members need to understand when the groomer gets stuck in ice in the future it needs to be lifted, not pulled and mats need to be placed under the running gear and so on. No more pulling.

### 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>

- January 19<sup>th</sup> meeting at DaVani's in Minnetonka will have Three Rivers Park Mr. Tom McDowell present. This would be a good opportunity for NWT to show support and ask about Baker Park. All fossil fuel burning folks should attend. Please let Nancy know if you are able to make it.
- Legislative reception near the end of February. Concerns over gas tax money, trail pass money and dedicated accounts. Gas tax is a huge amount of budget. Approx 1/2 of the 14 million is tied into the gas tax.
- MNUSA Rendezvous, Feb 12-14 at the Hinckley Casino. Veterans ride on the 11<sup>th</sup> in Pine City.

### Committee Reports -

- **Membership: DUES ARE DUE, YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE. SO PAY UP!**
- **Must be a member to work on trails, drive groomer etc.**
- **Map:** Get maps out, last season on the current map.
- **Sunshine Committee:** Nothing to report.
- **Safety Training:** Nothing to report.

**Adjournment:** 8:30pm

### Next Meeting:

- Tuesday February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 at Medina
- Board Meeting, 6:00 pm; Happy Hour, 7:00 pm; General Meeting, 7:30 pm.
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