



NORTHWEST TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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January 2011

General Membership Meeting

January 4, 2011

Call to Order - 7:30pm

Secretary's Report – Rocky Johnson

- December minutes approved; filed for future audit.

Treasurer's Report – Randy Baudler

- \$5,392 club bank balance
- Revenue taken in included refund from insurance, map ads and map box revenue; expenses included insurance, map production, and trail maintenance expenses.
- Report approved; file for future audit.

Director-at-Large – Joel Johnson (not present)

- Snowmobiling article written and submitted to northwest metro newspaper; features sport and NW Trails; will print I next issue.

Trail Coordinator – Steve Hohag

- Groomer – encountered groomer extraction necessary; no damage; maintenance issues with blade, was redesigned and no issues since; 140 hours on new machine.
- Trails - entire trail system has been covered and will attempt to get out on regular basis; north end of trail system has held up better than south end; few complaints from municipality and land owners, all have been addressed; new trail from County Road 30 down to Mama G's which will eliminate the trail in the road ditch; brushing in the Loretto area this weekend; map stands will be deployed this weekend; attempting a plan to further trail through to Luce Line through Baker Park; request came in to see if we can groom west end of Lake Sarah out to County Road 92 discussing with Wright County and Three Rivers Park;
- Shed - all trail captains contact Steve Hohag to get access to new Champlin shed.
- DNR Grant - 1st benchmark due in shortly.

New Members

- None present.

Old Business

- Map Availability – January 11, maps storage changed to Champlin shed, email will go out to everyone regarding when available for pickup.
- Club Fun Night – Thursday, Jan 13th, 7:00 pm, River Inn, Hanover.
- Landowner Gift Certificates – agreed to add to April 2011 agenda to discuss amount, solicitations and timing for delivery.

New Business

- Snowmobile Fun Run – sponsored by Phil's Quality Automotive – 7590 West Commerce Street, Corcoran; Saturday, January 29th, 10 am ride with lunch at 1:00 pm; staff of mechanics are also sled heads and will conduct a snowmobile safety check for maintenance needed and align and tighten tracks on the spot! Ride your sled there or park and ride from the lot!
- 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!
- NW Trails Trailside Picnic - tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 12, more info at next meeting.
- Local Trail Rides – reminder second Saturday of each month; Jan 8, Feb 12 and Mar 12; meet at 9:30 am, Sundance
- Upcoming Club Fun Nights – February 10th, Sundance, 7:00 pm; March 10th, Mackenzie's Pub, 7:00 pm

Club Updates

- Hamel - snowmobile safety training test this Saturday, with brushing activities scheduled for directly after; Lake Kabetogama club trip Jan 13-16.
- Brooklyn Park – 45 students completed snowmobile safety training early December.
- Loretto – 67 students completed snowmobile safety training early December.

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

- Jan 7-8 3rd Annual Veterans Ride, Thief River Falls.
- Jan 18, 7:00 pm, Region 8 Meeting, Davanni's, Minnetonka.
- Jan 25, 4:00 pm, Legislative Reception, Kelly Inn, St. Paul.
- 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.
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Committee Reports

- Membership:** no report.
- Sunshine:** no report.
- Map:** see above old business.
- Safety:** All club trainings are underway or will be completed shortly; to date 170 youth certified within NW Trails Training Programs, thanks to everyone for their volunteer time and support of this very important mission!

Adjournment - 8:55pm

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, February 1st at Medina
 - Board Meeting, 6:00 pm; Happy Hour, 7:00 pm; General Meeting, 7:30 pm
- Receive information via email; provide us your email address at nwtrails@nwtrails.net. **Thank you!**