



# NORTHWEST TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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January 2012

## General Membership Meeting

January 3, 2012

**Call to Order** – 7:37 pm

**Secretary's Report** – Rocky Johnson (absent)

- December minutes approved; filed for future audit.

**Treasurer's Report** – Randy Baudler

- December report approved; filed for future audit.

**Director-at-Large** – Joel Johnson (absent)

- President Rob Bell put call out to membership that all positions of board are up for replacement this Spring.

**Trail Coordinator** – Steve Hohag

- Grant check should be received shortly.
- Bridge at Sundance fixed.
- Bridge installed at County Rd 19 and County Rd 50.
- Bridge may be needed at Hwy 12 and County Rd 92 to cross creek; more info to follow.
- NWT and SnoMads have requested funds from the Andover club in terms of a grant for expenses for bridge repair.
- Trail east of Hamel on Hwy 55 approved.
- Trail captains must check signs in fields and crossings; due to high winds and no frost some signs are down.
- County Rd 30 crossing near Mama G's moved east towards alpaca farm to provide for safer crossing.
- Three Rivers Parks have done a great job of brushing trails, especially in Baker with the new extensions.
- Monies Bar & Grill will provide meals to groomer drivers that groom to their establishment.

**New Members**

- Welcome: Dave Rasmussen, Michelle Mickelson, Marta Patterson.

**Old Business**

- Groomer brought to SnoMads kick-off event at Monies; big success; invoice for transportation approved and will be paid.

**New Business**

- January 21 – Minnesota state wide trail stop
- January 21 – NWT Trailside Picnic (pending snow)
- January 12 – Club Fun Night, Sundance, 7pm
- February 16 – Club Fun Night, Dehns, 7pm

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

- Statewide Trail Stop – Jan 21<sup>st</sup>; to promote safety week and promote local clubs.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Appreciation Ride – Jan 7, Madelia, MN; in jeopardy of being cancelled due to no snow; new date TBA.
- Endangered trail signs available and are to be placed where trails are in danger of being closed; suggest putting on park trails.
- RTP grants to go through March 31 unless extended; this is the grant that provides aid for large purchases such as groomers, equipment, bridges, etc.
- Legislative reception scheduled for late February, Kelly Inn, St. Paul; TBD on exact date/time.

**Club Updates**

- Hamel Sno Runners – meets 1<sup>st</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Brooklyn Park SnoPatrol – no report.
- Loretto Snowbirds – annual snowmobile softball game Feb 25<sup>th</sup>; location TBD.
- Maple Plain Snomads – meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month, Monie's Grill in Maple Plain, 8:00 pm; the clubs first inaugural kickoff meeting and fundraiser was big success; membership at 51 already!

**Committee Reports**

- **Membership:** no report.
- **Sunshine:** no report.
- **Map:** need to consider selling map ads now; deadlines need to be in place for advertisers; need to determine map ad costs.
- **Safety:** no report.

**Adjournment** – 8:27 pm

**Next Meeting**

- Tuesday, February 7th, 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](mailto:nwtrails@nwtrails.net).

**Thank you!**