



NORTHWEST TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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General Membership Meeting

March 3, 2009 Call to order: 7:40pm

Secretary's Report – Robert Johnston

- February minutes approved; Change made to NWT club trip dates. Filed for future audit.

Treasurer's Report – Brian Mackenzie

- Balance on hand in checking \$19,967.03
- Expenses for fuel, landowner appreciation, memberships and vets ride. No income for February.
- Little Jax, Hassen still outstanding, Polaris map add is in.
- Report approved; filed for future audit.

Director-at-Large – Rocky Johnson

- Second call for elections. Current board will stay in place, but will welcome new board members anytime. Everyone should have a turn and try it out.

Trail Coordinator – Steve Hohag

- Trail North of Mama G's; Steve will follow up with Denny Stieg but assumes it's done for this year in terms of re-route.
- Steve will keep in contact with Corcoran, grant money approved by board to be released at last meeting. Should be in the mail.
- Hassen escrow approved should be in the mail.
- Second application for grant to be filed around the 15th of March.
- 130 hours approx this year racked up on the groomer.
- Baker Park conversations have been strictly preliminary.

New Members-

- Little Mark's father James was present. Nice to have you!

Fun Nights-

- Thursday March 12th, River Inn @6pm to get good seats; April 16th at Choo Choo in Loretto; May 14th at Dehn's in Dayton at the normal time of 7pm

Old Business-

- Re-visited drag discussion. Discussion to purchase drag was motioned, seconded and passed according to the proposal of \$5,000.00 for our trade in, with \$11,500.00 out of checking to pay for the new drag. New drag is currently at Butches and attached to the groomer ready for use.
- Current sign "may" fit drag with modification. Tool storage box will need to be figured out.
- Marc Dalquist will get in touch with Nick Roehl to look at how to get us back into Baker Park from the North end.
- Craig talked with Todd Bemis at Three Rivers Park / Elm Creek. We should be all the way to 101st. We will do that next year and turn around at that location per our agreement. Todd and Craig will meet on Thursday the 5th but hopes aren't high from Todd's point of view. Steve will take a look at places along 81 just to get a visual of what is there.
- Check the voice mail: March 1-15 Bobby Ford; March 15-31 Stan Liedman.

- Shed & Groomer storage committee was formed with 5 members to research opportunities. Robert Johnston, Rob Bell, Mark, Steve Hohag, and Earl Klersey.

New Business-

- Continue voice mail or abandon it? We are paid up through April. It's not expensive, but it's also not highly used or even routinely checked throughout the year. Option to go electronic may be alternative; also forwarding to cell phone in a text message format could be different ways to keep it going.
- Sign up sheet for members when they attend the meeting. It's something that has been done in the past and it fits into our bylaws for voting purposes.
- NWT should try keeping its name in the media by donations. It used to have a big presence but doesn't anymore, something to think about. Worthy causes?

Club Updates-

- Hamel/Loretto:** Snowmobile softball game was a big success.
- NWT:** Club trip set for March 6th – 8th, 2009

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

- This legislative session will be IMPORTANT, contact your representatives and explain how important snowmobiling is. Meet them at the Kelly Inn to explain your position. VERY IMPORTANT.
- Tuesday March 10th 4-7pm at Kelly Inn Capital will be a very important wine and cheese venue at Kelly Inn in St. Paul.
- DNR GPS came up 1000 miles short of what was being funded. Grants may go up due to this about \$20.00/mile. Stay tuned to this.
- Tuesday March 17th Region 8 meeting at Davanni's in Minnetonka.
- North Shore Trail bill to be renamed C J Ramstad Memorial trail.
- 2500 Bills introduced thus far. Some concerning, MNUSA will keep their eyes peeled for ones effecting recreation and snowmobiling.

Committee Reports -

- Membership:** Nothing to report.
- Map:** Problems with map that are noticed. Please contact Rocky as she is keeping a file for the next map printing.

Safety Training: Nothing to report.

Adjournment: 8:45pm

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday April 7, 2009 at Medina
- Board Meeting, 6:00 pm; Happy Hour, 7:00 pm; General Meeting, 7:30 pm.
- Receive information in your inbox; email us at: nwtrails@nwtrails.net. Thank you