



NORTHWEST TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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March 2nd, 2010

General Membership Meeting

March 2nd, 2010. Call to order: 7:40pm

Secretary's Report – Robert Johnston

- Minutes approved and filed for future audit.

Treasurer's Report – Brian Mackenzie (absent)

- Balance on hand \$34,748.00
- Activity mainly related to fuel and maintenance items of grooming.
- Report approved; filed for future audit.

Director-at-Large – Rocky Johnson

- Elections coming for 2010. All Board positions are up for movement. (Secretary, President, Vice President, Treasurer) Treasurer in biggest need. Skills with Quick Books helpful. Contact Rocky if interested in positions.

Trail Coordinator – Steve Hohag

- Trails have been excellent. Thanks to the groomer operators for their efforts with this.
- Lots of off trail riding this year, not much we can do other than mark it well, in form people if you are in contact with anyone. Could lead to problems this coming season with permits, land owners, and public image.
- 1st DNR payment at Corcoran, same difficulty every time getting it from them. About \$13-\$14K of our grant.
- 2nd DNR request is in the mail for about \$8-\$9K.
- 3rd goes in by April 15 and 4th and final goes in with next years grant.

New Members-

- Daryl and Marge from Corcoran. Welcome to the club!

Fun Nights-

- March 11th Thursday at Millside 7pm; April 15th Thursday at Mackenzies 7pm

Old Business-

- Club ride was a good success, very good turn out.
- Map Committee chair person needed, Rocky would love to welcome new folks to this!
- Hamel sno-runners working on re-route to go from Independence to the Luce Line for next year. No information at this meeting about this project. Marc Dalquist and Nick Roehl spearheading it.
- Club motion made and passed to purchase a club laptop and case that can run Quick Books etc for the treasury, and membership has been found for around \$800. This will be purchased soon.

New Business-

- April work crew for trail removal needed due to the new sections of trail over the past year.
- Club ride for March 20th scheduled at Mama G's snow and weather permitting.

Club Updates-

- **Hamel/Loretto:** Softball game was a great event this year. Approx 50 people showed up and the score was 6-0 Loretto.
- Thanks to Steve Hohag for being the Ref at the game.
- April 10, final meeting at Inkahoots in Hamel.

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

- Dedicated account fear was remedied and is stable for now from being raided.
- Tuesday March 16th Leland Owens from the DNR on CD training for Safety instructors.
- April 23rd -25th meetings at the Lodge in Brainerd
- Rendezvous 2010 was perfect, Veterans ride had great turnout and Governor showed up for Governors ride.
- Next years Rendezvous is in Alexandria.
- MNUSA is working on trying to lower the insurance premiums to 1million instead of the current 1.5 million.

Committee Reports –

- **Shed committee update:** Still awaiting price from Doug. Dobo's option while it would work has been moved to simply a possibility like the rest.
- Brian Mackenzie's friend is a possibility to building something.
- Butch gave us info from Tim Homquist at the Corcoran Lions about a possible opportunity. We need to check this one out!
- Late news also comes from Brian with Tim Pivec at West Hennepin Tire and Auto in Loretto that has 25'x60' bays for rent.
- Joel and Rob will meet with Dan Donahue at Corcoran City Hall and get further information or at least get us in the door.
- Phil from Phils Auto in Corcoran is interested in the possibility of NWT putting a building on his property if needed.

Membership:

- **Must be a member to work on trails, drive groomer etc.**
- **Map:** Check with potential new advertisers while the snow season and snowmobile traffic is on the front burner and in their memory for this coming season. WE NEED ADVERTISERS BADLY!
- **Sunshine Committee:** Nothing to report.
- **Safety Training:** No Report

Adjournment: 8:45pm

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday April 6th, 2010 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!