



# NORTHWEST TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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## General Membership Meeting

March 5, 2013

**Called to Order** – 7:31 pm

**Secretary's Report** – Michael Keane

February minutes approved as amended

*(Date in corner, MNUSA gear web address correction)*

**Treasurer's Report** – Grant Scheibe

- File for future audit

**Director-at-Large** – Rob Bell

- Elections for NWT board members coming up in April meeting. Interested parties should contact Rob Bell

**Trail Coordinator** – Colin Brown

- If you see Bob Johnston, say thanks for all he does for NWT
- Second benchmark submitted
- Check your map boxes for money to be turned in
- Trail Shelters – anyone interested or knowledgeable in building and placing shelters should contact Colin Brown  
**\*\*Need to contact Insurer regarding liability for shelter**
- New trails are still unfunded from the DNR but *ARE* on the DNR website  
[http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/snowmobiling/interactive\\_map/index.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/snowmobiling/interactive_map/index.html)
- Accidents – we have had three known this year, groomer drivers need to take pictures of accident sites and document any effort from NWT

**New Members**

- None present

**Old Business**

- NWT Reflective Stickers are available, \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00
- Motion approved for \$75 logo digitizing fee for merchandise ordered via the MnUSA website **<click on> MnUSA Store** (will be shipped directly to your address)

**New Business**

- NWT Club Fun Dinner  
Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup>, at **Millside Tavern** (St Michael), 7pm  
Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup>, at **Bistro on 11** (Loretto), 7pm

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

- Three Rivers Parks is mediating a dispute by Pedestrians to close snowmobile trails in the Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve in Scott County
- MnUSA Legislative Reception in St. Paul on February 12<sup>th</sup> was well attended
- March 11th DNR meeting to discuss current registrations and potential budget shortfall impacting trail funding
- Registrations are up around 92,000 this year but still shy of goals (down 35,000 previous year)
- Odometer tampering bill proposed may pass in this legislative session

**Club Updates**

- Hamel Sno Runners – Won Snowmobile Softball Game with a score of 8 to 5 over the Loretto Sno Birds, End of Year party at Inn Kahoots 1:00 pm April 27<sup>th</sup>  
**\*\*No regular meeting in April!**
- Brooklyn Park SnoPatrol – Inactive
- Loretto Sno Birds – Had an unfortunate loss to Hamel Sno-Runners in the annual Snowmobile Softball Game  
**\*\*Needs help with increasing club membership**
- Maple Plain Snomads – March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting 8 pm Monies bar and Grill [www.mpsnomads.com](http://www.mpsnomads.com)

**Committee Reports**

- Membership: no report.
- Sunshine: Address deaths of long time landowners  
**\*\*Willard Dean (wife) and Norman Lehn**
- Safety: no report

**Adjournment** – 8:29 pm

**Next Meeting**

- Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 at 7:30pm **\*\*Election\*\***
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