



NORTHWEST TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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March 2013

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
- 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 14th, at **Millside Tavern** (St Michael), 7pm
Thursday April 11th, 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 12th 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 27th
****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 13th meeting 8 pm Monies bar and Grill 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 2nd, 2013 at 7:30pm ****Election****
- Receive newsletters via email; save a tree, save us postage; provide us your email address at nwtrails@nwtrails.net