



# NORTHWEST TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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## General Membership Meeting

May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Call to order: 7:30pm

**Secretary's Report** – Robert Johnston

- March minutes approved; Filed for future audit.

**Treasurer's Report** – Brian Mackenzie

- Balance on hand in checking \$27,148.91
- Little Jax finally paid up! Don't hold breath for re-upping next time.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> portion of grant was mailed by Corcoran today of \$12,112 which will be going into the bank.
- Approx \$220 was collected in map donations for the season to date.
- Report approved; filed for future audit.

**Director-at-Large** – Rocky Johnson

- Nothing new to report.

**Trail Coordinator** – Steve Hohag

- 3<sup>rd</sup> benchmark payment from DNR has been received in Corcoran.
- Next application due by May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- We have applied for 15-20 more miles for re-routes, additions etc.
- Grant application will be less for the coming year, should be in the neighborhood of \$35-37K/year.

**New Members-**

- None present.

**Fun Nights-**

- May 14<sup>th</sup> at Dehn's in Dayton at the normal time of 7pm

**Old Business-**

- Current sign "may" fit drag with modification. Tool storage box will need to be figured out. Will figure it out at the June meeting at the shed.
- Shed & Groomer storage committee meet and have drafted a letter to hand out to prospective candidates. Will have to finalize the letter and get a plan of attack on the next steps etc. (i.e. putting in a paper, working with an agent etc., landowners, parks, cities, leasing, renting, and buying.) Drop dead date Dec 31, 2010.
- Baker Park / South side: Steve has contacts and numbers, Bob Johnston will help where needed with Steve. Nick Roehl and Marc Dalquist have good signs for Hamel section about getting that back, will need some work with a land owner but nothing too concerning. It will get us to the top side of Baker Park and now the connection to the south side of Baker Park needs to be figured out and worked with Three Rivers. Craig Wissik is working with Elm Creek and progressing to at least keep us where we are at and add a section on the west side of the park. A letter has been sent to Maple Grove about the Corridor trail.

**New Business-**

- **Shed work night June 2<sup>nd</sup>, along with BBQ at the shed. 6PM.** Brian will get the animals; Scott Jones to supply beverages.
- Housekeeping main agenda for that evening. Taking inventory on what we need to keep and what can go.
- Land Owner picnic on August 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm Corcoran Park like previous years. Corcoran Locker plant will be contacted about food.
- Rocky will dig up the card for mailing out.
- May 11<sup>th</sup> trails meeting in Corcoran. Joel Johnson is going to attend.

**Club Updates-**

- **Hamel/Loretto:** Nothing new to report.
- **NWT:** Will sponsor Hamel Rodeo for \$105.00 advertisement.

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

- North Shore Trail bill to be renamed C J Ramstad Memorial trail has been extinguished due to opposition.
- Grant money has passed through and will be getting the same amount for funding. Good news!
- Bill brought up to tax the sale of used recreational equipment between private parties.
- Keep an eye on House Bill HF2323
- MnUSA summer campout to be held July 10-12 in Askov, MN.
- Powersports show will be tied in Ice Fishing show in St. Paul this year first week in December. Region 8 is pondering having their own show? Stay tuned!

**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. Biggest issue is no phone number and very little NWT info on the map for trail users to know who the club is and what it is about.
- **Sunshine Committee:** Will be sending money for Steve Bauer (long time Track Inc salesman that has sold us many, many Tuckers throughout the years) for the loss of his significant other Christine this past week. It will be sent to the Relay of Life in memorial.

**Safety Training:** Nothing to report.

**Adjournment:** 8:25pm

**Next Meeting:**

- Tuesday June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 at the \*\*\*CLUB SHED\*\*\* 6:00PM
- 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](mailto:nwtrails@nwtrails.net). Thank you