



NORTHWEST TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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May 2011

General Membership Meeting

May 3, 2011

Call to Order - 7:30pm

Secretary's Report – Rocky Johnson

- April minutes approved; filed for future audit.

Treasurer's Report – Randy Baudler

- Expenses included groomer payment, electricity, donations to sunshine committee, MnUSA membership, trail expenses, landowner appreciation certificate reimbursement, March fuel expense and annual interest expense for groomer.
- Revenue included map ad sales, map income, membership income and grant income.
- Paid off ready reserve
- Report approved; filed for future audit.

Director-at-Large – Joel Johnson

- Nothing to report.

Trail Coordinator – Steve Hohag

- Trails - wet ☹; need to get trail markers out as soon as possible; keep track of your volunteer hours.
- Grant – another grant payment due by end of May; application for next payment due May 15th; and will go over with sponsor (City of Corcoran) should receive sometime in July.
- Three Rivers Park – met with 4 reps from Three Rivers Park, had 3 objectives: get trail established at north end of Rebecca Park, another to western segment to connect to south end and another through Baker Park; will require working with Wright county and DNR (environmental impact); staff recommending some of the sections to be reopened; a lot of work to mark pipeline and having new signage from MnUSA to assist; meeting with DNR May 11th.
- GPS Mileage – Mark Dahlquist or Mike to email Steve on new mileage.

New Members

- None present

Old Business

- Club Fun Night Reminder – Thursday, May 12th, Broadway Pizza, Rogers, 7:00 pm.
- Map Status – if any of you have map advertisers, pick up map boxes and secure storage of maps if they do not have storage.

New Business

- Summer Meeting – June 7th, at new club shed, work night, rebuild signs, spruce the place up, 6:00 pm.
- Groomer – maintenance on-deck for summer.
- Donation – motion passed to donate MnUSA calendar sales proceeds to Eric Skogland Fund (Reign in Sarcoma Charity).

Club Updates

- Loretto – completed trail sign removal, all is well.

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

- Recreational Trail Program - \$2.7M of federal grant funding at risk to not be reauthorized; program is funded from federal gas tax for multiuse trail projects to support motorized and non-motorized recreation; snowmobilers benefit from a good portion of this (bridges, trails, equipment, etc.); we have a 'dear colleague' letter to support inclusion of the recreational trail program in any future surface transportation bill, please contact your Congressman to express your support as we need support from constituents; note that Senator Amy Klobachar is a supporter of the program but we need support from federal House of Representatives.
- Successful in Senate with bill to reduce tort liability limit back to \$1M which could reduce club trail liability insurance premium; hearings in two committees in the house (HF32) but so far bill is held in Judiciary Policy & Finance Committee. Constituents in District 33A should contact their representative and request the bill be passed out of committee.
- Legislation to combine trail pass and registration pulled; will try again next year.

Committee Reports

- **Membership:** no report.
- **Sunshine:** no report.
- **Map:** no report.
- **Safety:** no report.

Adjournment - 8:52 pm

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, June 7th, at Club Shed
- All Meeting Work Night: 6:00 pm
- Receive newsletters via email; save a tree, save us postage; provide us your email address at nwtrails@nwtrails.net.

Thank you!