



# NORTHWEST TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009

## General Membership Meeting

November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 Call to order: 7:34pm

### Secretary's Report – Robert Johnston

- Minutes approved and filed for future audit.

### Treasurer's Report – Brian Mackenzie

- Balance on hand \$42,247.88
- V&V trail liability insurance went in.
- Report approved; filed for future audit.

### Director-at-Large – Rocky Johnson

- Nothing to report (absent)

### Trail Coordinator – Steve Hohag

- Trail captains talk to land owners NOW to make sure you are ok to mark trails due to late crop and water issues. If unsure, double check!
- Bob Johnston to pick up signs at DNR
- Hamel approved route through Hamel thankfully.
- Corcoran has signed agreement and forwarded it onto DNR.

### New Members-

- Mike Keane and Mark Nelson. Welcome!

### Fun Nights:-

- November 12<sup>th</sup> Thursday Choo Choo
- January 14<sup>th</sup> Thursday Sundance
- February 11<sup>th</sup> Thursday Dehn's

### Old Business-

- Groomer updates. Just the sign. Rob Bell and Robert Johnston will check into this very soon.
- Shed committee update: Rob will work with realtor. Motion made and passed to venture into the realtor route as long as no exclusivity or a penalty of finding something on our own is involved. Also no cost to the club for researching. Possible interest from land owner / friend of Bryan Mackenzie's for a shed on his property. All offers being entertained and researched.
- Elm Creek trail expansion update: Route has been approved through park management, it will be on agenda for commissioners approval on Dec 19<sup>th</sup> in Plymouth 5pm. Volunteers from NWT should be present for a good show or any questions. This is important.
- Baker Park will be discussed at meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> in Plymouth. Use of the lake to the public access and then onto Maple Plain to the Luce Line. We need to wait for Three Rivers before we expand and put more effort into this.
- Burschville expansion, Mark absent, not much hope.
- Land owner certificates are printed and ready to be delivered.

### New Business-

- Trail brushing set for Thanksgiving weekend (Friday for sure), we need volunteers. Rob Bell will handle Bobcat rental. Some work is needed along Hwy 81 near Crystal Welding, Sundance to Territorial typical sections.

- Maps need to be distributed to advertisers. Get map boxes out and about. Too many were left last year in the shed. It's a good tip jar!
- Voice mail assignments are the same as last year. Rob will e-mail instructions and name list and have available for next meeting.
- Drags at Butches. 1 not useable, 2 are useable. Motion made to scrap two oldest drags at Butches. Butch will keep any and all proceeds from this.
- Groomer training will be on a case by case basis this year. Contact Robert Johnston for one on one training this year.

### Club Updates-

- **Hamel/Loretto:** Youth training January 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> at the Hamel Legion.
- Snowmobile softball game in the works at same location as last year. Date TBD.
- **Hamel Snowmobile Trip:** January 14<sup>th</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup> at Vacationairs north of Park Rapids MN. Loretto and NWT invited to join this ride. Contact Stephanie at 612 221 3531
- Possible second club trip in February, stay tuned for details.

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

- Thanks to members for helping with the snow show and sending letter to refuse increase in trail pass fees.
- Three Rivers Park is fishing with something in regards to member numbers, sled numbers, registrations.
- MNUSA Rendezvous, Feb 12-14 at the Hinckley Casino. Veterans ride on the 11<sup>th</sup> in Pine City.
- Working on statue to allow sled use on paved trails. Trying to simplify process and understanding on state trails.
- Calendars are for sale. \$20.00. Prizes a plenty in the calendar.

### Committee Reports -

- **Membership:** Dues are due in October.
- Please update addresses and E-Mails please.
- **Map:** Nothing to report.
- **Sunshine Committee:** Nothing to report.
- **Shed Committee:** See old business.
- **Safety Training:**
- Brooklyn Park. First two Saturdays of December 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>. Class is already full.
- Corcoran date has been reserved, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, with the over the snow practical on the 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Rogers training will be combined with Corcoran.

### Adjournment: 8:42pm

### Next Meeting:

- Tuesday December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 at Medina
- Board Meeting, 6:00 pm; Happy Hour, 7:00 pm; General Meeting, 7:30 pm.
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