



NORTHWEST TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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November 2013

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Call to order: 7:35pm, November 5

SECRETARY'S REPORT - LIZ JOHNSTON

October minutes approved as written

TREASURER'S REPORT - GRANT SCHEIBE

- Audit sometime in November
- Checking \$9,942
- Filed for future audit

DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE - ROB BELL

Nothing new to report

TRAIL COORDINATOR - COLIN BROWN

- Trail marking is underway; remember to double stake trails, stop ahead and stop signs must be on right hand side of trails.
- Deer season underway, wear orange and check with landowners for your own safety. Middle of the day is best
- Land owners changing frequently, this season should be ok. Next year could be interesting.
- Trail disking needing to be done. Coordinate w/Colin before heading out or on what needs to be done.

NEW MEMBERS

None present

Club Dinners

- November 14, 7pm – Mackenzie's
- December 12, 7pm- Sundance (arrive via sled snow pending)

OLD BUSINESS

- Youth safety training w/ Randy Baudler at Corcoran City Hall- Pre-registration Friday, November 29, 7-9pm; Training - Saturday, November 30 @ 930am.
- Training sled has been acquired w/wheel kits.

NEW BUSINESS

- Trail liability insurance now has extended property damage coverage this year. This would have helped with our costs due to crop damage this past year on the north end reducing our overall expenditure.
- Brushing scheduled for Friday-Sunday, November 29 – December 1st. Contact Rob Bell and Colin Brown for coordination. Bob cat will be rented for the weekend. Bridge in Loretto needs dirt on both sides for ramp, and some more extensive brushing in select areas.

MnUSA Update

- Snowblast - November 16-17 10am @ Medina. Tickets \$10. Devon Worley Band 8pm.
- Calendars available \$20 includes NWT photo-Credit Rob Bell.
- DNR Grant cut 6.5% this year. \$ 323/mile previous year is now 310/mile in our area. Last year's cut was a one-time 10% reduction in grants. The sled registration decline directly affects the grant disbursement.
- Marc Dalquist elected MNUSA treasure. Congratulations!

CLUB UPDATES

Hamel Sno Runners – Club trip Ash Trail Lodge, Jan 16-20, Potential second trip to Trails End Lodge in Byck. Raffle \$20

Loretto Sno-Birds – Softball, March 9

Maple Plain Snomads – Kickoff Dec 21, 1pm @ Monies. Club trip, Jan 31-Feb 2, Ely Tentative.

ADJOURNMENT

8:29pm

NEXT MEETING

December 3 – 7:30pm @ Medina