



Northwest Trails Association

Celebrating 50 years

Date: November 5th 2024
Time: 7:30pm Medina Entrainment Center

General Membership Meeting 10/03/2024

Called to Order 7:30 pm by President – Randy Baudler

Secretary's Report – Clive Burton

Treasurer's Report – Matthew Chimento

- Reviewed P & L
- Membership renewal cards mailed – reviewed: good response (cards are generic and extra cards can be used next year.
- Motion to file for future audit

Director-at-Large Report – Brandon Kobberdahl - No Report

Trail Coordinator Report – No Report

- Last batch of stakes to be picked up – (divide between north/South maybe 200ct)
- Bridge replaced on Cty Rd 19 (south of Storman's)
 - **THANK YOU:** Brandon K., Mike Livieri, Randy Hatcher, Ernie Meyer & Mike Hanson
- **Donation use of ARGO – Lance Tollas**
 - Thanks to Lance for arranging the use of this ARGO, the club has many miles of trail in swampy areas and this sure does make it easier. (Check out the videos on the Members only Facebook page!)
- South end had a trail brushing day with a big turn out of hands and equipment. A feast (Lunch) was held at the south shelter for everyone helping. (pictures on the facebook)
- **STIEG ROAD – RE ROUTE**
 - Phase 2 construction on Stieg Rd started earlier than expected. The trail will continue north past Stieg Rd up 116th and turn right just @ Cty Rd 117 (after the golf course) and run back towards the original trail to cross Rush Creek.
- Insurance certificate needed to be sent in to Three Rivers Park – Colin will send in when he gets its from Matt/Randy

Trail Equipment

- Reach out ahead of time to book equipment
- Please clean the equipment up before handing it off to the next person.
- Please report any damages or repairs needed on equipment

Old Business

- **Map AD Sales** – We are getting close to wrapping up, with an projected date to get to print by Turkey Day.
 - Updated trail map sections will be put together by Colin (south end) & Clive (North end)
 - **Trail Captains** - Any corrections to your sections please email:
 - Colin Brown – cb-brown@live.com
 - Clive Burton – mr.cliveburton@gmail.com
- Maple Grove Permit – no movement on this, MG will not allow but are open to further discussion. Colin will follow up. (Doesn't effect trail plans for this year)

New Business

- **MnUSA** – Fall work shop rotates through the regions and region 8 will be on the hook next year. Send in your suggestions for venues and sponsors, events and ideas in general
- **MnUSA calendars** – Randy ordered 100 – These have been received.
 - Reach out to Randy if you would like to purchase one (\$20) OR collect some to sell on behalf of the club. (NWT receives a small amount for each calendar sold)
- **Calendar for tracking equipment:**
 - look into App for tracking who and when club equipment
 - SignUp Genius has been suggested
 - Or a shared Google calendar to the Trail Captains list.
- **New DNR Safety Certification Class Training Rules – starting 2025**
 - No longer able to complete the practical course using wheels on the sled
 - This forces classes to be held when snow is available (possibly forcing classes to held in January)
 - All Classes must be registered 30 days Prior to ensure DNR insurance and materials are updated sent out. (MUST use new forms/Training manuals as sent out each year)
 - DNR Data System updates 2025/26
 - Many DNR data systems are being worked on over the next couple of years.
 - All forms and materials will be updated as needed. DO NOT Keep and use old forms during this process. Several moving parts over a long timeframe.
- **Proposal put forward:**
 - NWT moves class to January
 - NWT stops teaching the class altogether (maple Plain/Hamel have classes)
 - Randy B. steps down as Safety Director of the class but continues to teach classes
 - Further discussion to had – and options explored.

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

- 2025 Winter Rendezvous - Bemidji – **Feb 6th – 9th 2025**
BOOK YOUR ROOM NOW - Block Rate: \$129+tax

Club Updates

- Hamel Sno-Runners – Raffle ticket available
- Maple Plain Snomads
 - Fall kick off party – Plans in the works

Committees

- Groomers: No Report
 - **Notes:** Groomers both running, Work to be finished on the Blade
 - **Sean Elliot** – Taking lead on the South groomer
- Membership: No report
- Map Ad:
 - Checks and Ads still coming in over 50%
- Safety: Randy Baudler
- Sunshine: no report
- By-Law committee:
 - Satellite clubs now represented at the board meetings

- Fund Raising / Grants: no report

Good of the Association

- Softball Game – **March 1st 2025**
- Bridge Mats – Date TBD
- NWT Club Trip – Timberwolf Inn - Marcell
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Adjournment – 8:30 pm

If you have new business for consideration, please email the board at nwtboard@gmail.com

Next Meeting: December 3rd 2024