



NORTHWEST TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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October 2008

General Membership Meeting

October 7, 2008

Call to order: 7:40pm

Secretary's Report – Robert Johnston

- September minutes approved; filed for future audit.

Treasurer's Report – Brian Mackenzie

- Balance on hand in checking \$36,266.82
- Expenses related to map down payment, voice mail, interest expense for groomer.
- Report approved; file for future audit.

Director-at-Large – Rocky Johnson

- Nothing to report

Trail Coordinator – Steve Hohag

- Talk to land owners NOW if not already down.
- Grant application hasn't come back yet, it has been signed by Corcoran. Steve will talk to Martha to make sure all is as it seems.
- Need confirmation on trail expansion if it will count next year for pay purposes.
- V&V application needs to be filled out for trail liability insurance. Premiums going from 1 mil to 1.2 mil this year and then 1.5 mil next year per the state of Minnesota.
- New stakes need to be made due to trail expansion and just general use.
- Trail width for permits need to be determined. Anything from 10'-16' has been mentioned.
- Trail captains are free to mark trails once fields are open.
- Trail brushing/renting of bobcat with brusher will be done over Thanksgiving weekend timeframe.

New Members

- Ken Grove, Mike Christenson (a new one)

Old Business

- Fun nights: October 16 at 7pm Hilltop in Hanover, November 13 at 7pm Sundance in Dayton, No fun night in December, January 15 at Mackenzies in downtown.
- Landowner gift certificates are here. \$20.00 per landowner at various locations. Trail captains make sure you have yours.
- Hassan update on open space. We are on the docket for November 3rd. We have been using this section for years, we have alternatives but we need to get a CUP (Conditional Use Permit) which states snowmobiles on designated trail during Dec 1-Apr 1.
- Trail liability insurance due 14 days before Nov 1.
- Trail expansion needs HELP. ATV inspection of road ditches is needed. Sunday October 19th meeting at Mama G's 9am sharp. Will do both ditches full length that day. Will talk to Randy Hatcher as well to help or guidance.
- Park greenway is being tabled as it's "pie in the sky" at this time. Steve will talk to Margie, we need agreement between

NWT and Three Rivers and also will talk about Baker Park question.

- Marketing our Club: Proposal/motion to spend up to \$500.00 in making as many signs as possible for that amount. A "You are Here" signage that is professional.
- Trailside picnics are needed, locations to be determined if it's at a business or on the trail. We would not be dependent on snow if it's at a business.

New Business

- Club trips, please think of places for the November meeting.
- Voice mail schedule passed around. Same as last year for people.
- Website calendar updates need to be forwarded to Rob Bell ASAP! (Safety, fun nights, trips, picnics)

Club Updates

- Hamel bridge repair on Sunday the 18th across from Medina, sign night at Neumanns will be October 22. Marking trail Nov 1.
- Hamel club trip Jan 15-18 Sandy Point.

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

- Friday October 10th 7pm-12pm at Rockwoods in Otsego for cancer benefit Eric Skoglund.
- Fall workshop with many speakers and news in Detroit Lakes October 24-25th.
- Swap meet and Winter sports show 3rd weekend in November, one week later then normal.

Committee Reports

- Membership:** Mailing status, after meeting envelopes were stuffed. Mike Johnston will take care of memberships coming in. Thank you!
- Still need a group responsible for this as our club is in desperate need of members.
- Map:** Map advertisers are rolling in 22 so far. Need to get out and pound on the doors to get advertisers and or payment from current ones.
- Drop dead date is Oct 31, please get your stuff in before that date, preferably around the middle of October.
- Proposed trails need to be on map this year since it's a two year map.
- Safety:** Brooklyn Park Dec 6th and 13th.
- All other classes will have locations and dates by November meeting.

Adjournment: 8:30pm

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, November 4, 2008 at Medina
- 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. **Thank you!**