



# NORTHWEST TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009

## General Membership Meeting

October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Call to order: 7:38pm

### Secretary's Report – Robert Johnston

- Correction to September minutes made in regards to motion on spending \$300.00/month for 24 months for Brooklyn Park shed.
- Minutes approved and filed for future audit.

### Treasurer's Report – Brian Mackenzie

- Very little activity since last meeting, groomer insurance, moving groomer for picnic etc.
- Report approved; filed for future audit.

### Director-at-Large – Rocky Johnson

- Nothing to report, bringing land owner certificates.
- Places supporting are: Roberts, Dehn's, Choo-Choo, Hanover River Inn and Millside.

### Trail Coordinator – Steve Hohag

- DNR called because Corcoran hadn't signed agreement since 8/20/09. Steve is making phone calls to the city of Corcoran to get this figured out.
- Trail captains talk to land owners NOW.

### New Members-

- None present.

### Fun Nights- All on Thursdays at 7pm unless noted:

- October 22<sup>nd</sup> Millside Tavern (\*note date change\*)
- 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-

- Drag lights, beacon and box installed, sign in progress and should be installed before 12/1/09.
- Shed discussion went from being able to use the shed at this time to late breaking news two weeks after the meeting informing the board that we WILL NOT be able to use the shed Dec 31 2010. Shed committee will go ahead with contacting a realtor and exploring what's best.
- Elm Creek trail expansion on existing horse trail and 121<sup>st</sup> avenue seems to be an acceptable alternative. Other alternative will involve wetlands and more "people" with Todd Bemish feeling it won't fly no matter how much it's pressed. NWT feels the first alternative is acceptable at this time and more discussions will be taking place with Todd and Craig. Craig will wait for direction once they have agreed amongst themselves at Three Rivers.
- Baker Park, not giving up but nothing happening at this point.
- Burschville/ Cty 19 expansion; Waiting on landowners for the north portion which will be a bit east of 119 and not involve the new path, Mark Kalasa is working on this. The south route along the ditch is a bit sketchy due to the one way/two way trail rules and getting approval from the city

and county.

### New Business-

- Sending out hard copies of club newsletter was discussed, generally it was sent out if minutes were done in time. Also addresses need updated badly along with e-mails etc.
- Trail liability insurance. Steve will look for missing file on his desk and send in. Due Nov 1 2009.
- What is our member tally for NWT? Increasing, steady or decreasing year over year. Brian was going to look over current printout to see if anything is obvious.

### Club Updates-

- **Hamel/Loretto:** No one present.
- **Hamel Snowmobile Trip:** 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in January stay tuned for further details.
- **NWT:** Nothing new to report.

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

- Fall swap meet, Swap meet will be held at Brookdale Oct 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> 2009. Help needed for this first time event.
- Addresses and e-mail updates to MNUSA needed!!!!
- MNUSA Fall Workshop at the Sportsman Lodge in Baudette, MN. October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Trail fee increase proposal. MNUSA is talking to clubs/membership for input. NWT does not support a trail fee increase. Motion made and passed. E-mail to Nancy needed on this motion. Joel will take care of this.
- Legacy Grants for trails of significant regional importance due by Nov 13<sup>th</sup>, can be used with RTP funds and it must include motorized recreation.

### Committee Reports -

- **Membership:** Dues are due in October.
- Please update addresses and E-Mails please. We are in need of current e-mails and proper addresses along with MnUSA.
- **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>.
- 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.
- Adds are in the paper and on the websites for classes.
- Training CD in the works as an option, someone from the club may attend to get further info at Brookdale during show.

**Adjournment:** 8:30pm

### Next Meeting:

- Tuesday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 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](mailto:nwtrails@nwtrails.net). Thank you.