



NORTHWEST TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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Oct 2010

General Membership Meeting

October 5, 2010

Secretary's Report – Rocky Johnson

- September meeting minutes approved; filed for future audit.

Treasurer's Report – Randy Baudler

- ~\$34K balance in checking account, deposited approximately \$600 in map advertising and \$600 in membership; expenditure of \$5K for earnest money towards property purchase; filed for future audit.

Director-at-Large – Joel Johnson

- No city ordinance changes noted; writing article to publish in upcoming regional newspapers.

Trail Coordinator – Steve Hohag

- Recommending that Trail Captains start talking with landowners; City of Corcoran has DNR application; should have all wrapped up by end of November; stakes are on order; Hassan Township are revising CUP for property later this month, Steve will attend meeting. Landowner Gift Certificates will be available no later than Oct 15th. Discussed the need for consistency in marking, double mark trails, proper warnings for upcoming stop signs, etc. Steve and Robert to put together guidelines for marking trails and have available at next meeting.

New Members

- None present.

Old Business

- Shed – made offer on property on Hayden Lake Road in Champlin; purchase agreement signed, inspection complete, closing date of Nov 5th (we are attempting to move that date up); move date will be after close and new floor is poured and set – targeting for mid-late November. Shelving for shed is needed, anyone with talent to custom build, donate time and/or materials, would like to donate old shelving, etc, contact a board member. Motion passed for shed improvements (floor, electrical, and lighting) up to \$10K; board will put a plan together to gather estimates.
- Groomer Trade-in – hat list needs to be emailed Robert; groomer is being customized per our specifications, should be ready sometime mid-October; drag blades have been adjusted and prepared for season.
- Club Fun Night – Oct 14th, Dehn's Country Manor, Dayton, 7:00 pm – Nov 11th, Choo Choo, Loretto, 7:00 pm
- Membership Dues – reported the club has received dues from approximately 50 members to-date; please get your dues in; pay at meeting or send to PO Box.

New Business

- Trail Issues – ownership change in Dayton west of Lawndale will reach out to them to get approval; problem with segment in Hassen; Steve is trying to work out issue with DNR and landowner.

- VMX Schedule – need volunteers for November checking mail; see Rob after meeting.
- Trail Maintenance Planning – plan for Thanksgiving Holiday brushing activity; new groomer is 4" taller than old (trim to 12 feet); will pay for discing of fields as necessary and farmers will be reimbursed at \$60/hour.
- PR – suggest that we submit article promoting sport, organization, and new groomer; Director-at-Large is working on article for submission to local newspapers.
- Signage – new shed has service door and big door; we have signs from old shed, need some help touching up old sign; sign on the old drag with club logo could be used on new shed; Brian Mackenzie will spearhead this project.
- City of Corcoran Grant - motion passed to provide \$300 to City of Corcoran for use of Corcoran Civic Center for safety training and newsletter advertising; Rocky to issue check and fulfill.

Club Updates

- Hamel Snowmobile Safety Training - Jan 4, 6 and 8 – Hamel Legion; will be doing both traditional and CD based testing; Club Trip is booked for Jan 13, 14, 15 Sandy Point, Lake Kabetogama Resort.
- Brooklyn Park Sno Patrol – first meeting next Monday; Dec 4 and Dec 11 for Snowmobile Safety Training.

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

- Reminder of the SkiDoo Dealers donation if you visit a SkiDoo dealer they will donate \$10 to your club; to find one near you visit <http://www.snowmobile.com/dealers/minnesota-ski-doo-dealers.html>
- Fall Workshop Oct 22-24 Sawmill Inn, Grand Rapids, safety training for instructors, round table discussions, seminars, gubernatorial candidates have been invited – all welcome.
- Jan 12-22 Int'l Snowmobile Safety Week will be promoted.
- MnUSA has a program for people that would like to be members but may not have time to volunteer; XM Memberships are available for \$50 each, does provide some extra privileges for extra donation.
- Fundraiser calendars should be available at next meeting for purchase.

Committee Reports

- Map Committee:** Deadline for new and renewal map ads is Oct 15th; please contact your advertisers and close them hard this week – see Rocky for list.
- Sunshine Committee -** Sunshine Committee – long time club member Dick Theis hospitalized recently, committee will take care of sending arrangement.
- Safety Committee:** see new business.

Adjournment: 9:30 pm

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, November 2nd, Medina Ballroom
- Board Meeting, 6:00 pm
- Happy Hour, 7:00 pm
- General Meeting, 7:30 pm

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