



NORTHWEST TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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October 2012

General Membership Meeting

October 2nd, 2012

Call to Order – 7:38 pm

Secretary's Report – Marc Dahlquist.
September minutes approved as written.

Treasurer's Report – Grant Scheibe.

- Income from map ads
- Expenses landowner & volunteer appreciation, utilities.
- Motion to file for future audit.

Director-at-Large – Rob Bell

- MnUSA has invited the Three Rivers Parks Commissioner candidates to a meeting on October 16, 7 pm at Medina Entertainment Center. All snowmobilers are invited.
- Rob is working with Rogers to continue the trail through a park which is now part of Rogers, formerly in Hassan.

Trail Coordinator – Colin Brown

- Maple Plain club needs help with brushing.
- Discussed equipment rental for Thanksgiving weekend for trails clearing. Decision will be made at November meeting.
- Looking for another corridor to connect the trail systems in the Hanover/Loretto/Greenfield area. Contact Colin with suggestions.
- Colin has met with Three Rivers Park regarding various trail issues and trail closure in Elm Creek, proposal to open trail at end of Baker Park, and Lake Rebecca trail to Delano.
- Excavation in Loretto may require reroute.

New Members

- None present

Old Business

- Still working on email list of members.
- Personalized landowner appreciation gift certificates are available from Marc for Trail Captains to personally deliver.
- Three Rivers Parks meeting Thursday, October 11th starting promptly 5pm at the TRP's Administrative Center: 3000 Xenium Lane, Plymouth MN 55441. Please attend to support snowmobiling in TRP. NWT is working to maintain trails that comply with TRP's rules/policy.

New Business

- Safety training – will run safety training ads in local newspapers when schedules and personnel to run training are determined.
- NWT will sell MnUSA Raffle Calendars
- Trail liability insurance forms will be completed and premiums paid
- Club Fun – Dinners
 - Oct 11 at 7pm Harleys in Loretto following TRP meeting.
 - Nov 15 at Sundance

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

- Oct 26-28, Fall Workshop, Best Western North Mankato. Friday evening safety instructor training – DNR certified. Many sessions on Saturday for trail administrators
- Jan 12, 2013 Veterans Appreciation Ride in International Falls. All active duty personnel or veterans invited.
- Feb 8-10, 2013 MnUSA Winter Rendezvous at Cragun's in Brainerd. Many clubs plan rides from home to the event.

Club Updates

- Hamel Sno Runners – Sign repair planned for 10/24 at Butch's. Traditional youth safety training Jan 8, 10 & 12; Club ride at Ash Trail Lodge Jan 17-20
- Brooklyn Park SnoPatrol – no report
- Loretto Sno Birds – Will start marking trail 10/20; CD safety training Dec. 1; next meeting 10/18
- Maple Plain Snomads – Working on coordinating safety training with Orono Schools with classes at Baker Park. Planning open house kick-off party early in December. Meetings are the 2nd Wed of the month. Working with Tri-K on its open house.

Committee Reports

- Membership: no report.
- Sunshine: no report.
- Map: Patrick Leger is Lead for the map ad sales; map ad sales people please forward ad contracts to Patrick and advise which are completed.
- Safety: no report.

Adjournment – 8:43 pm

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, November 6th, 2012 (Election Day)
- Receive newsletters via email; save a tree, save us postage; provide us your email address at nwtrails@nwtrails.net