



NORTHWEST TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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September 1st, 2009

General Membership Meeting

September 1st, 2009 Call to order: 7:43pm

Secretary's Report – Robert Johnston

- August minutes approved and filed.

Treasurer's Report – Brian Mackenzie

- Balance on hand in checking \$48,306.80
- Land owner certificates, picnic and insurance premiums for the recent activity.
- Report approved; filed for future audit.

Director-at-Large – Rocky Johnson (absent)

- Nothing new to report.

Trail Coordinator – Steve Hohag

- Pre-season quiet right now.
- DNR grant approved and is in Corcoran's hands.
- \$9.00/mile increase but with the reduced amount of trails our grant will be in the \$32-34K range.

New Members-

- None present.

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

- September 10th Broadway in Rogers;
- October 22nd Millside Tavern (*note date change*)
- November 12th Thursday Choo Choo
- January 14th Thursday Sundance
- February 11th Thursday Dehn's

Old Business-

- Drag sign, box and lights are being worked on. Will report in October.
- Elm Creek trail expansion along horse trail towards Sundance. Craig has talked with Todd Bemish and signs are positive for trail. Todd supports it and will be meeting with Brian Brown 9/13/09 and then it goes for final approval.
- Old trail to Territorial is a dead horse and can't be supported due to changes made with in that area of Elm Creek.
- Maple Grove trail corridor is also a dead issue. No support for it in any sense of the word.
- Joel has contacted Corcoran about the shed but hasn't received any response. Steve is going to contact some admin. folks to see what response he can generate.
- Discussion about current shed and the possibility of approaching Brooklyn Park to keep using it for a period of time, leasing it, or renting it. Motion made and passed to start down this road to get firm answers. All other options are still being looked into and researched. Brooklyn Park shed would be a last resort.
- Steve will draft letter to Brooklyn Park about shed.
- Baker Park trail, Steve has been in contact with a Maple Plain resident that is willing to help out the situation from the Luce Line to the maintenance road and then onto Lake Independence. We would not be able to groom that section

but it would connect to our trail system in a round about way.

- Trail connections from Burschville South to Loretto and or North to Crow Hassen. Mark Kalasa feels the connection to the North may work and has two options.
- Crow Hassen to Hanover will be marked and groomed this year on the north side of the road.

New Business-

- Land Owner Gift Certificate sponsors need to be called or contacted.
- Land Owner picnic was a good success. Continue next year!
- Corcoran Country Daze had a good turn out, would be a good thing to do next year due to Corcoran being our sponsor.

Club Updates-

- **Hamel/Loretto:** First meeting starting in September
- **Hamel Snowmobile Trip:** 3rd weekend in January stay tuned for further details.

- **NWT:** Nothing new to report.

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

- Haydays help needed.
- Fall swap meet NOT AT CONVENTION CTR. Swap meet will be held at Brookdale Oct 15th, 16th, 17th 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 23rd, 24th, 25th.

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:** Needs to meet before October meeting to give more information and or get more information. It's a good time since trails will be going in soon and it's on the front burner.

Safety Training:

- Corcoran date has been reserved, December 3rd, 8th, 10th, with the over the snow practical on the 12th.
- Rogers training will be combined with Corcoran.

Adjournment: 8:42pm

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday October 6th, 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. Thank you!