



# NORTHWEST TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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November 2008

## General Membership Meeting

November 4, 2008 Call to order: 7:45pm

### Secretary's Report – Robert Johnston

- October minutes approved; filed for future audit.

### Treasurer's Report – Brian Mackenzie

- Balance on hand in checking \$30,935.73
- Expenses this month were insurance premiums and permits
- Report approved; file for future audit.

### Director-at-Large – Rocky Johnson

- Nothing to report

### Trail Coordinator – Steve Hohag

- 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. Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup> has been scheduled. Contact Steve Hohag.
- Grant still not back from the DNR. Expect it soon, will be the same as previous years.
- Hassan: Conditional Use Permit has been filed and \$200.00 for this fee and escrow of \$1000.00. Landowners within 500' get notified, Nov 20 planning meeting, if accepted it gets to town board which is Dec 1 for approval. We can get by if need be but trying to keep it where it's been for years.
- Hwy 55: Loretto to Rockford is a go and will be marked to the Crow River. Wright County is excited about this and found out they groom the Lake Sarah area which is a help. Randy will mark this section, Bob will mark hazards!
- Cty Rd 30: 116 to Hwy 19 then down to Stormans station. These two sections will add approx 20-25 miles to our system. Will be marked November 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Baker Park is NOT closed. Park policy is if no GIA trail comes into the park it's closed. This is temporary in nature at this point. We need to make a connection on the north or the south side to keep this open. It will be a sticky situation as to what designates a GIA trail and what doesn't.
- Larkin Road down to Polairs is out right now. Butch and Wally are working on it, also Mark knows connections to allow a possibility further west around that bad section. Appears to not be a major issue.
- Maple Grove: Winter wheat field will allow us through so were good through there with a bit of a re-route.

### New Members

- Don Zprazil welcome to NWT!

### Old Business

- Fun nights: November 13 at 7pm Sundance in Dayton, No fun night in December, January 15 at Mackenzies in downtown.
- Sled insurance on safety training sleds. Sometimes they are used for work on the trails.

- Landowner gift certificates are here and going out. Members handing out certificates should be aware of how many are going out.
- Marketing our Club: A provisional "you are here" sign was presented, club approved making 4 total temporary signs at the cost of around \$140.00/sign. M/S/P

### New Business

- Website calendar updates need to be forwarded to Rob Bell ASAP! (Safety, fun nights, trips, picnics)
- Gate needed for a cow pasture along Hwy 55. Landowner will allow us to use pasture to get off of Hwy 55 passing lane on south side. Landowner and Randy will install. M/S/P for buying gate.
- Motion made to repair ATV damaged during trail expansion. M/S/P
- Disking farm fields can be done. Steve has forms to be filled out for this.

### Club Updates

- Hamel club trip Jan 15-18 Sandy Point. 2 cabins that sleep 6 are still open. If you are interested contact Bobby Ford and or Sandypointlodge.com or 1.800.777.8595 (Gordon)

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

- Swap meet and Winter sports show November 21-23<sup>rd</sup> at the Minneapolis convention center, help is needed in the swap meet. Contact Nancy Hanson if you would like to help.
- Calendars available now
- Region 8 meeting at Davani's in Minnetonka
- Rendezvous at Sugar Lake Lodge in Grand Rapids Feb 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>

### Committee Reports

- **Membership:** Dues coming in and almost done.
- **Map:** Map advertisers are down from previous years. Please get new ones NOW!! DEADLINE IS NOV 7, 2008 no exceptions. A lot of NO's coming back in. Daytona Mkt, 10-50 club to name a few.
- New trails were placed on map along with re-routes and closures

### Safety Training:

- Hamel January 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Loretto December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> at Polaris.
- Brooklyn Park December 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.
- NWT December 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> at a school in Rogers.

**Adjournment:** 9:05pm

### Next Meeting

- Tuesday, December 2, 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](mailto:nwtrails@nwtrails.net). Thank you!