



NORTHWEST TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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December 2, 2015

General Membership Meeting Tuesday, December 2, 2015

Called to Order – 7:30 pm

Introduction of guests Sue & Larry Goede, Jim Struble from SouthWest Trails

Secretary's Report – approved as written

Treasurer's Report – motion to file for future audit

Director-at-Large – DNR says trails are open but not yet ready. Swamp packing with the Argo was exciting last Saturday. There is a lot of water out there so please be careful.

Trail Coordinator – Colin Brown

- Colin thanked the Argo drivers. Thinks we should pay them for their time
- Time sheets must be filled out and turned in. Bridge is done on Ernie Myers property. Sundance bridge deck is getting worn out and may need upgrade next year. Indi shelter needs to be moved. Loretto rail road crossing is very dangerous after someone removed the crossing. Colin is working on contacting the rail road for repairs. All the trails are in!!! Mark Kolasa has a few things to touch up but disking did not get done due to wet fields.

New Members

- None present

Old Business

- New Brush hog is awesome
- Safety training went well. 19 kids passed, 5 new members signed up.
- Brushing went well except Elm Creek Park still needs work.

New Business

- Do your snow Dance!!! “Snow fixes everything”.
- By-Laws need review. Please see Skip if you are interested in helping,
- Phil's Fun Run will be January, 23rd same day as the Club ride. Club ride will be rescheduled March 5th?

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

- **Taconite trail** will celebrate 30 years in January
- **Region 8** meeting will be at Davani's Tuesday Dec 15th at 7pm
- **Veterans Appreciation Snowmobile Ride**, January 9th, 2016 Hutchinson, MN- Preregistration required - <http://mnsnowmobiler.org/index.php?pageid=576>
- **MnUSA Winter Rendezvous**, Grand Casino, Hinckley - **Feb. 11-14**
- <http://mnsnowmobiler.org/index.php?pageid=773>
- Randy has ALS raffle tickets and MnUSA calanders for sale

Club Updates

- Hamel Sno Runners – Next meeting on Monday December 7th at 8pm, Hamel American Legion. Safety Training January 8th & 9th
- Loretto Sno Birds – Christmas Party December 12, 6pm at the Choo Choo Bar, Loretto
- Maple Plain Snomads – Trail Opener Party December 19 at noon, Monie's Bar, Maple Plain. Safety Training January 3 Independence City Hall

Committees Chairs

- **Membership Committee:** Marge Jerdee
- **Map Ad Committee:** Patrick Leger
- **Safety Committee:** Randy Baudler
- **Sunshine Committee:** Grant Scheibe

NWTs Club Fun Dinners

December 10th – 7pm Stanchion Bar, Corcoran

January 14th – Sundance Golf and Snowmobile, Dayton

Adjournment – 8:29 pm

Next Meeting

- **Tuesday, January 5th, 2016**
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