



NORTHWEST TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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February 2012

General Membership Meeting

February 7, 2012

Call to Order – 7:36 pm

Secretary's Report – Rocky Johnson

- January minutes approved; filed for future audit.

Treasurer's Report – Randy Baudler

- Income: donation, grant and membership renewals, safety training.
- Expenses: groomer transportation; groomer interest; MnUSA memberships; PO box rental; landowner appreciation; disking tractor rental; maintenance on bridge; snowmobile safety training tabs for sleds and fuel; signs; electricity for shed.
- January report approved; filed for future audit.

Director-at-Large – Joel Johnson

- As election committee chair notified general membership that elections coming in April; looking for at least 3 board member positions and the appointed position of trail coordinator – a critical job for the organization. To run must be current member of NWT and must attend 2 of last 4 general membership meetings. If interested, please see Joel Johnson.

Trail Coordinator – Steve Hohag

- 2nd grant benchmark will be turned in by May 2012.
- DNR looking for sign order already; Steve will submit by mid-February.
- Grant received from Andover Club for bridge work; thank you to the SnoDragons!

New Members

- Welcome: Joe Moll and Whitney Manthei.

Old Business

- Map Distribution – if you are someone that is in charge of an advertiser location, please make sure to check those locations and check map boxes.

New Business

- February 16 – Club Fun Night, Dehns Country Manor, 7pm.
- March 15 – Club Fun Night, Monies Bar & Grill, Maple Plain, 7pm

- April 12 – Club Fun Night, Hilltop, Hanover, 7pm

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

- February 9-12 – MnUSA 2012 Winter Rendezvous to be held with the headquarters to at the Fairmont Holiday Inn, Fairmont, MN.
- RTP grants to go through March 31 unless extended; this is the grant that provides aid for large purchases such as groomers, equipment, bridges, etc.
- February 28 - Legislative Reception to be held from 4-7pm at the Kelly Inn, St. Paul; all welcome!
- March 24-25 – Artic Cat, Polaris & Yamaha 2013 Sneak Peek – 50 new snowmobiles for 2013 will be on display by these manufacturers at Earle Brown Center, Brooklyn Park; 2-8pm Saturday and noon-5pm Sunday.

Club Updates

- Hamel Sno Runners – meets 1st Monday of every month at American Legion Post in Hamel, 8:00 pm.
- Brooklyn Park SnoPatrol – congratulations Norm Riska and Mark Hanna for 40 years of Safety Training service!
- Loretto Snowbirds – annual snowmobile softball game still scheduled for Feb 25th; location TBD depending on snow.
- Maple Plain Snomads – meets 2nd Wednesday of every month, Monie's Grill in Maple Plain, 8:00 pm.

Committee Reports

- **Membership:** no report.
- **Sunshine:** no report.
- **Map:** recommending that we utilize the same printer for map they do a great job for us historically; letter rewritten, new map contract being done; deadline for all advertisers is September 1, go to print by October 31.
- **Safety:** thank you to all the instructors and volunteers that put in time this year; another 100+ youth certified this year!

Adjournment – 8:16 pm

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, March 6th, Medina Entertainment Center; board meeting 6:00 pm; happy hour 7:00 pm; general membership meeting 7:30 pm
- Receive newsletters via email; save a tree, save us postage; provide us your email address at nwtrails@nwtrails.net.
Thank you!