



# Northwest Trails Association

## Celebrating 50 years

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Date: February 4th, 2025,  
Time: 7:30pm Medina Entrainment Center

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General Membership Meeting 02/04/2025

Called to Order 7:33 pm by President – Randy Baudler

Welcome new members: No new faces

### **Secretary's Report – Clive Burton - Motion & Filed for audit**

- Was suggested to have a paper copy on hand for the meeting to share to members who do not use email

### **Treasurer's Report – Matthew Chimento - Motion & Filed for audit**

- Reviewed P & L – Filed for audit
  - Benchmark not received as of yet
  - Map costs coming soon - Estimated Cost: **\$14933.18**
  - Groomer transport invoices expected to be around \$550 - \$650
  - Motley Auto – Pending invoice to fix the brake system
  - Board insurance to be paid out (about \$500)
  - Club to drop \$2M policy requirement by Maple Grove.
    - Further investigation into statutes shows this appears to be incorrect total needed (required coverage should be less)

### **Trail Coordinator Report – Colin Brown – No Report**

- Trail Reroute/access concerns north of Mama G's. (Swamp area in around Rush Creek)
- It was suggested that the groomers get some basic maintenance/movement.
  - South groomer needs battery charge and to be plugged in while parked
  - North end – groomer should get out and run after all the maintenance and no-use last year.
- With snow in the forecast for this weekend, Groomers should be out of the shed and at least packing snow.
  - South Groomer most likely down the Luce Line without the drag
  - North Groomer should get out the shed and at least get around the park.

### **OLD Business**

- **Map Update**
  - Map stand (Flat) maps available (and at the meeting)
  - Randy - Folded maps should be received on **Friday Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 2025**
  - Clive has flat maps and will drop off at the shed at some point.

## ▪ **By-Laws**

Discussion to get held on the following subjects to get input from the membership and share more understanding of the proposed new structure for NWT.

### • **Trail Administrator**

- **Proposed:** this position going forward is an “Elected Position” –  
**Members agreed**

### • **Spending limits**

Current approval of expenses over \$50 requires TWO board members to approve and sign off. Matt C.(Treasurer) shared insight on general expenses totals submitted.

- **Proposed:** Increase this limit to \$200.00 – **Members agreed**

### • **Executive Board spending limits agreed to as follows:**

- **Over \$200 - \$2999.99** Board of Directors (made of each local club) can vote and approve spending – (President only votes in a tie)
- **Between - \$3000.00 - \$9999.99** has to be approved by the Board and must be broadcast to general membership and voted upon.
- **Anything over \$10,000.00** also requires all members be notified by email 30 days before the vote to approve.

**Members agreed**

### • **Term Limits**

- The executive board is elected for two year terms with **no term limits** going forward.
- Executive board can appoint people to positions to finish out terms if board members takes a different role.
- Excluding the President & Vice President - Other Executive board members can hold multiple positions within the Executive board & Board of Directors
- Another example: Trail admin could also be the Club Secretary.

**Members agreed**

## **New Business**

### • **Website** – Clive Burton

Proposing the club tackle the aging website. Currently the website is hard to manage and edit. (Using a app for Windows 3.1) and requiring the Club Secretary to have an understanding of basic HTML/Coding.

*Current Costs \$120.00 hosting PLUS “.net” fees fee @about \$25.00 per renewal (multiple per year)*

- **Proposed:** \$350.00 to cover costs of moving the website and 1 year of Hosting service.
- look into moving the website over to “GoDaddy” and retaining the “nwtrails.net” name (transfer the hosting services & Domain name)

- This enables easier editing tools supplied by web host also provides email hosting services.
- New website can be built “Drag & Click” easy to add pages and update current information.
- Would enable easier updating of the website by the club secretary.
- With an options to add merch store, members sections, and payments options All managed under one application
  
- **Discussion had:**
  - Current website not easy to update
  - Content needs to be updated regularly
  - Relevant data shared to keep the website fresh
  - Website promotion
  - Merch store can be added
  - Membership payment collection can be added
  - Continue to host all meeting data
  - Event/Photo gallery

**Motion:** \$350.00 to allow website updating and movement.  
Dick & Steve - **Motion was Approved**

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

- Jerry shared the fall workshop and meeting dates
- **Share your thoughts on snowmobile subjects. *MnUSA is your voice.***
- Several people in the club attend the region 8 meetings

#### **Club Updates**

- Hamel **Sno-Runners** - Not much to report with the lack of snow
  - Club trip went well and everyone got out to ride.
- Maple Plain **SnoMads** - Not much to report with the lack of snow
- Elm Creek **Sno-Cruisers** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday each month at Sundance starting 7pm

#### **Committees**

- Groomers: No Snow... No repairs.
- Membership: no report
- Safety: No report
- Sunshine: no report
- By-Law committee: See notes above in Old Business
- Fund Raising / Grants: no report

#### **Good of the association**

- Club apparel being stored with David in Rogers – Fractional Toys

#### **Adjournment** – 9:06pm

- If you have new business for consideration, please email the board at [nwtboard@gmail.com](mailto:nwtboard@gmail.com)
- Next Meeting March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025