



NORTHWEST TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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January 2009

General Membership Meeting

January 6, 2009 Call to order: 7:45pm

Secretary's Report – Robert Johnston

- December minutes approved; filed for future audit.

Treasurer's Report – Brian Mackenzie

- Balance on hand in checking \$36,786.00
- Polaris and Little Jax still awaiting payment from them.
- Report approved; filed for future audit.

Director-at-Large – Rocky Johnson

- Nothing to report, Rocky MIA.

Trail Coordinator – Steve Hohag

- First 40% filed with DNR and that should be around \$19,000.
- Trail North of Mama G's to be re-routed behind church to get it out of the ditch. It will be re-routed this year if all signatures are signed and returned.
- Trail Captains / Groomer drivers if something is noted as a danger please mark or inform trail captains of these dangers.
- Groomer went out for a day, but not enough snow to get anywhere. Plowed fields this year are tremendously rough due to the dry, sugar snow and the lack of fall disking.
- Trails are all in and things are going good, "you are here" signs all in and installed with maps. Groomer operators to stop and check map boxes and fill as required.

New Members

- No new members present.

Fun Nights

- January 15 at Mackenzie's, February 12 at Millside Tavern.

Old Business

- Maps are done, must be distributed immediately!
- Picnic at Mama G is tentative, will make decision on Thursday fun night at Mackenzie's.
- Baker Park and Southwest Trails/Luce line connection has been started in forms of phone calls, wait and see at this point.
- Craig will talk to the powers that be at Elm Creek to get us back using the connection to Hwy 81/Territorial road or if there is any other options around that area. It's paramount that we look into this so we don't face the same thing in Elm Creek like Baker Park.
- Don't forget to check VOICE MAIL during your scheduled time. Jan 1-15 Craig Wissink; Jan 15-31 Robert Johnston; February 1-15 Joel and Rocky; Feb 15-28 Mike Christenson; March 1-15 Bobby Ford; March 15-31 Stan Liedman.
- Trail permit purchased for the sled that needed it, other sled will get the permit on an as needed basis or next year when it comes due. DNR covers insurance during training

activities. Insurance is needed if sleds are being used for anything other the training.

- Keep on everyone's mind. Shed is done December 31, 2010. We would like to find options this summer in this area. Mention of putting an ad in a paper or building a facility could be one of the options. Current shed is 40x40 with a 10x12 door which is tight going in and out. 60x40 would be ideal with a 12x12 minimum door both ends.

New Business

- Website calendar updates, any ideas or dates please forward to Rob Bell for addition to website.

Club Updates

- Hamel club trip Jan 15-18 Sandy Point. 1 cabin that sleeps 6 is still open. If you are interested contact Bobby Ford and or Sandypointlodge.com or 1.800.777.8595 (Gordon)
- NWT Club trip tentative for 2nd weekend in March, possibly at Pike Bay. Talk to Larry Parson for further details.

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

- January 11th - 17th International Safety week with a club trail day on the 17th will be promoted on the MNUSA website.
- Rendezvous at Sugar Lake Lodge in Grand Rapids Feb 12th - 15th. Lots of interest in riding to the location due to snow conditions this year.
- This legislative session will be IMPORTANT, contact your representatives and explain how important snowmobiling is. The un-refunded gas tax could be in jeopardy this year which is \$5 million of a \$14 million budget. It's something we need to keep abreast on!

Committee Reports

- **Membership:** Dues just about done, if you know of anyone that is delinquent please get them to turn them in, even get new members if possible. We always need more.
- **Map:** Map advertisers are done with Polaris finally coming together. It's ready to print with one correction on routing that Steve will handle during the week.
- New trails were placed on map along with re-routes and closures.

Safety Training:

- Hamel January 6th and 10th.

Adjournment: 8:35pm

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, February 3, 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