



NORTHWEST TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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General Membership Meeting

February 3, 2009 Call to order: 7:45pm

Secretary's Report – Robert Johnston

- January minutes approved; filed for future audit.

Treasurer's Report – Brian Mackenzie

- Balance on hand in checking \$23,678.96
- Polaris, Little Jax and Hassen refund still outstanding.
- First grant installment of approx. 19K should be "in the mail" any day.
- Report approved; filed for future audit.

Director-at-Large – Rocky Johnson

- Nothing to report, Rocky MIA, someone please find her!
- First call for elections. Current board will stay in place, unless other members would like to throw their names in the hat.

Trail Coordinator – Steve Hohag

- 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. Nothing new to report at this time.
- No trail or city issues this season so far. All is well.
- Grooming done until more snow and cooler temps.
- Steve will keep in contact with Corcoran, Hassen, Polaris etc to make sure moneys are coming in.
- North and South trail connections into Baker Park and beyond reported in old business.

New Members-

- No new members present.

Fun Nights-

- Thursday, February 12 at Millside Tavern, Thursday March 12th, River Inn. Both at 7pm.

Old Business-

- Southwest connection needs help from members, Maple Plain, and clubs in that area, we still need to focus on the North end into Baker Park as the South connection is pointless if we don't have a North connection.
- Marc Dalquist will get in touch with Nick Roehl to look at where the old trail used to be and see if there is anything that can now be used to get us back into Baker Park.
- Craig will talk to the powers that be at Elm Creek to get us back using the connection to Hwy 81/Territorial road. More to follow at the March meeting!
- Don't forget to check the VOICE MAIL schedule: February 1-15 Joel and Rocky; Feb 15-28 Mike Christenson; March 1-15 Bobby Ford; March 15-31 Stan Liedman.
- Keep on everyone's mind. Shed is done December 31, 2010. 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.

- Discussion about the abilities of our current Arrowhead Drag and it's effectiveness on grooming the trail was brought up. It's groomability in hard, icy moguls and its age in terms of fatigue. This year has proven difficult due to the hard, icy conditions on these trails to effectively groom. This drag has a tendency to hop and not break up the moguls. It has shown this in the past but with more time in-between grooming it's becoming difficult to make the trail decent in one pass. Motion was made, seconded and passed to purchase this new drag with the option of more open discussion at next meeting for other members to be informed. We can cancel this purchase at the next meeting if strong opposition is made and voted on. Drag is available Mar 1, 2009 at the earliest. Arrowhead trade in: \$5,000.00; New Mogul Master (used one weekend for demo show) \$16,500.00; Total of \$11,500.00. (We have had the current drag with our 1992, 2001, 2005, and 2008 sno-cats)

Club Updates-

- **Hamel/Loretto:** snowmobile softball game tentative for Sunday March 1, 2009. Keep eyes peeled for special e-mail.
- NWT pending snow will provide trailside picnic stuff to go along with this event. This needs to be a family event to promote the club, NWT's involvement would be with NO ALCOHOL due to access to trail, snowmobiles being used and the image that the club is trying to promote with a picnic.
- **NWT:** Club trip set for March 13th -15th, 2009 at Pike Bay on Lake Vermillion. Talk to Larry Parson for further details.

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

- Rendezvous at Sugar Lake Lodge in Grand Rapids Feb 12th-15th. Veterans ride as well. NWT will donate \$200.00 to MNUSA for the Veterans ride.
- This legislative session will be IMPORTANT, contact your representatives and explain how important snowmobiling is.
- March 10th will be a very important wine and cheese venue at Kelly Inn in St. Paul.

Committee Reports -

- **Membership:** Nothing to report.
- **Map:** Boxes need to get out. Too many left at the shed. These need to be placed ASAP, contact Brian Mackenzie to get remaining boxes. Map delivery people this is your job to areas that allow these boxes.

Safety Training: Nothing to report.

Adjournment: 9:00 pm

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at Medina
- Board Meeting, 6:00 pm; Happy Hour, 7:00 pm; General Meeting, 7:30 pm.
- Receive information in your inbox; Provide your email address to us at: nwtrails@nwtrails.net. **Thank you!**