



NORTHWEST TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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February 2nd, 2010

General Membership Meeting

February 2nd 2010. Call to order: 7:40pm

Secretary's Report – Robert Johnston

- Minutes approved and filed for future audit.

Treasurer's Report – Brian Mackenzie

- Balance on hand \$37,849.92
- Activity mainly related to groomer repair, insurance etc.
- Report approved; filed for future audit.

Director-at-Large – Rocky Johnson

- Elections coming for 2010. All positions are up for movement. (Secretary, President, Vice President, Treasure)
- Contact Rocky if interested in positions.

Trail Coordinator – Steve Hohag

- Groomer is fixed and out on the trail as of the 16th of January. Club sends out a big Thank You to the employees at Track Inc. for their efforts.
- Trail re-route heading west of Valley Dr. through Hassan due to land owner shutting current trail down was successful and working ok. Hopefully we can get the original back as it was a nice section and this owner owns property in Dayton as well.
- Lots of off trail riding this year, not much we can do other than mark it well, inform people if you are in contact with anyone.

New Members-

- Randy Baudler, Don and Nancy from Maple Grove.

Fun Nights-

- February 11th Thursday Dehn's 7pm; March 11th Thursday at Millside 7pm; April 15th Thursday at Mackenzies 7pm

Old Business-

- New trail from Elm Creek to 121st has been marked and taken care of by NWT.
- See committee reports for shed business and map business.

New Business-

- Club ride scheduled for February 27th. Riders to meet at Mama G's at 11am to go in conjunction with the Hamel/Loretto snowmobile softball game. Location of game TBD but will be on trail near Cty Rd 50 in Corcoran.
- Map Committee chair person needed!
- Hamel Sno-runners working on re-route to go from Independence to the Luce Line for next year. This trail would be able to be groomed by NWT. Keep fingers crossed!
- Club motion made and passed to purchase a club laptop and case that can run Quick Books etc for the treasury, and membership. Spend up to \$1000.00. This way the treasury can be turned over at the end of this term without too much hassle.

Club Updates-

- **Hamel/Loretto:** See above info and club ride info for details already discussed.

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

- Meeting with Tom Mcdowell went well, gave us ideas to where work is needed in terms of the parks.
- March 16th meeting will focus on safety instructor training on cds.
- All members of MnUSA as of Jan 31 are entered into the drawing for the mud dogs sled.
- MNUSA Rendezvous, Feb 12-14 at the Hinckley Casino. Veterans ride on the 11th in Hinckley.
- Ski-Doo will provide demo rides of a new sled they are coming out with during this weekend.
- Two hands on grooming demos this year. One at Giants Ridge in Biwabik, Feb 17-18th; and the DNR Grand Rapids demo on Feb 26-27th at Wendigo. Very good opportunity to drive all grooming vehicles and equipment at one location.
- Legislative reception Feb 24, 2010.

Committee Reports –

- **Shed committee update:** Members met with Doug at Dobo's. The facility is capable of housing us in a 25' x 50' bay. We would have access to the facility for washing etc, maintenance, or simply a summer storage only thing. He will get back to the club with a price for this and other ideas.
- Brian Mackenzie's friend is a possibility to building something as well as Butch has heard the Corcoran Lions may have a need for something along the lines of what we have in Brooklyn Park.
- Corcoran City land is an option that is more secure but could be the longest, most difficult to get things through.
- Phil from Phil's Auto in Corcoran is interested in the possibility of NWT putting a building on his property if needed. Phil along with Tom Tombers would be ok with running a trail through their property which would help in a connection from Cty Rd 30 south to Corcoran.
- **Membership: DUES ARE DUE, YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE. SO PAY UP!**
- **Must be a member to work on trails, drive groomer etc.**
- **Map:** Get maps out! Even to non advertisers, it would be a good segue into getting them as an advertiser this coming year if they see the maps this season.
- **Sunshine Committee:** Nothing to report.
- **Safety Training:** Corcoran dates have already been reserved for 2010, stay tuned for exact dates.

Adjournment: 8:45pm

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday March 2nd, 2010 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!