



NORTHWEST TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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May 4th, 2010

General Membership Meeting

May 4th, 2010. Call to order: 7:35pm

Secretary's Report – Robert Johnston

- Change made to April minutes on Terry Hutchison, should have read Grand Daughter.
- Minutes approved and filed for future audit.

Treasurer's Report – Brian Mackenzie

- Balance on hand \$52,591.12
- Report approved; filed for future audit.

Director-at-Large – Rocky Johnson

- Nothing to report, items will be covered in New Business regarding elections.

Trail Coordinator – Steve Hohag (absent)

- 4th benchmark is due May 15 along with next year's application/grant.
- Bob did get the GPS stuff done on the new trail in Elm Creek and the re-route near Corcoran. File was sent to the DNR.
- No other news provided.

New Members-

- None present.

Fun Nights-

- May 13th Thursday at Choo Choo in Loretto 7pm; **June 1st is work night at the shed (6pm), no club fun night in June or July. Bring garbage can, we can get rid of some stuff early instead of this fall or in December.**

Old Business-

- Club laptop is here and up and running. Brian will hand off to Randy when finished with duties.
- Shed committee, please see separate section.

New Business-

- Mark Kalasa has stepped down from the Secretary position before taking position. Rocky Johnson has been nominated and elected into this position on a white ballot. Thank you Rocky! Positions to take effect June 1st 2010.
- Steve to be appointed in June for another round of Trail Coordinator position.
- Treasure year end report is due. Mike Christenson will do taxes this year.
- Summer picnic to be scheduled either at 6pm on Thursday August 12th 2010 or the 19th. More info to come in June. To reduce costs groomer will not be transported to this event this year.
- Suggestion made for a few club members to attend the International Snowmobile Congress in June 10-11-12 in Coraville, Iowa. Nothing agreed to but members able to go should let the board know.

Club Updates-

- **Hamel/Loretto:** Nothing to report

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

- Legacy program due to tax increase over a billion dollars in the next 25 years is expected to be raised for parks and trails. Public meetings throughout the state on how the funds should be distributed and for what, how and the need etc. Suggest going to a meeting in your area to get our voices heard and get money where it should be going etc.
- Sites for Get up and go show in the end of October are being sought.
- Campout coming up in Medilia.

Committee Reports –

- **Shed committee update:** Bob has written off Doboinkies due to lack of information since February. We need to move on to more tangible possibilities.
- Bob talked with the Corcoran Lion's at their monthly meeting and reached a dead end with them from my feeling. The Lions just didn't see that interested in listening to our needs, could be wrong and hear more but just don't have a warm fuzzy on this.
- Tim Pivec at West Hennepin Tire and Auto in Loretto that has 16' x60' bays for rent with heat for \$800.00/month. Brian was going to talk with him again and get some more info in the next week. This could buy us time in terms of months but isn't the long term situation per se due to expense being a bit on the high side.
- Joel and Rob have met with Dan Donahue at Corcoran City Hall, he thought the Police reserves would be a good place to start, they wanted us to talk with the Mayor and get in front of the city council and get further information or at least get us in the door. Further information coming. It's about a 7-8 out of 10 in terms of "good feeling". There may be a time delay with Corcoran due to their obligations. If this is the case we do have the possibility of trading in our groomer at the end of next season (2011) and purchasing a new unit which wouldn't need inside storage until the following spring (2012) due to the time it would be delivered (fall 2011) and put into service etc. The drag would need to be stored outside but prepped properly this shouldn't be a problem.
- **Membership:** Nothing to report.
- **Map:** WE NEED ADVERTISERS BADLY!
- Map folks in charge of deciding which way to go for the map.
- **Sunshine Committee:** Nothing to report.
- **Safety Training:** No Report

Adjournment: 8:25pm

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday June 1st, 6:00pm, 2010 at the club shed
- Board Meeting, not applicable this time.
- Receive information in your inbox; email us at: nwtrails@nwtrails.net. Thank you