



# NORTHWEST TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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October 2011

## General Membership Meeting

October 4, 2011

### Call to Order – 7:32 pm

### Secretary's Report – Rocky Johnson

- September minutes approved; filed for future audit.

### Treasurer's Report – Randy Baudler

- Income: map advertising income, membership.
- Expenses: groomer maintenance and fuel.
- September report approved; filed for future audit.

### Director-at-Large – Joel Johnson

- Nothing to report.

### Trail Coordinator – Steve Hohag

- DNR Grant application - DNR has approved, sent to sponsor (City of Corcoran) for approval.
- Trail Signage - takes (5' and 6') go on order tomorrow, will contact all the trail captains when available; new prototype tool made by a member to aid in pounding in of stakes will make for all trail captains.
- Landowner Gift Certificates – still available, contact Steve if you need additional certificates.
- Rebecca Park Trail - open on the north side; Steve to follow up with Three Rivers and Wright Country for west trail access to Delano.

### New Members

- Jim Meyer, Mark Harf, Mike Harf - all welcome!

### Old Business

- Annual Membership Renewal – watch for club membership renewal notice in the mail and please pay promptly.
- Trail Maintenance & Planning – held 1<sup>st</sup> annual trail captain meeting to review trail marking guidelines; great turnout, good discussion; worked on landowner list updates. Snowmobile trail marking guidelines are available electronically or paper, contact Steve or Randy for copy.
- Landowner Contact – trail captains, please make contact with all your landowners and make sure we have appropriate landowner approval and provide gift certificate.
- Trail Brushing – a coordinated trail brushing date is set for Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am, meet at Daytona Market.
- Club Fun – Thursday, October 13, 7:00 pm, Mackenzie, Minneapolis; Thursday, November 10, 7:00 pm, Choo Choo, Loretto.
- Boy Scouts Signage – boy scouts are busy making new permanent signs for club, need to establish locations, please

consider where signage may be helpful for riders and be prepared to make suggestions at next meeting.

### New Business

- City of Corcoran Newsletter – motion approved to donate \$300 to city of Corcoran for newsletter publication and advertising of safety training and club activities; will help to offset printing costs.

### Club Updates

- Hamel Sno Runners – meets 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month at American Legion Post in Hamel, 8:00 pm; 2 new members; trail sign work night scheduled for October 15<sup>th</sup>; safety training scheduled for January 2012; raffle for annual fundraiser \$20/ticket, super prizes.
- Brooklyn Park SnoPatrol - safety training scheduled for Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Loretto Snowbirds - safety training scheduled for first weekend in Dec.
- Maple Plain Snomads – meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month, Monie's Grill in Maple Plain, 8:00 pm; the clubs first inaugural kickoff meeting scheduled for Sat, Dec 10<sup>th</sup>, 2pm, Monies Bar & Grill, Maple Plain; please come and show your support of this new club!

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

- MnUSA 2011 Fall Workshop – October 21-23, Holiday Inn, Otsego, MN; safety instructor training; annual membership meeting; elections; fun workshops.
- Statewide Trail Stop – to promote safety week and promote local clubs; suggested date is Jan 21<sup>st</sup>.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Appreciation Ride – Jan 7, Madelia, MN.
- 2012 MnUSA Rendezvous, Feb 9-12, Fairmont, MN.
- MnUSA Annual Raffle Calendar - sales start soon, if interested, you may contact Nancy Hanson; we will have some available for purchase at future meeting.

### Committee Reports

- **Membership:** no report.
- **Sunshine:** no report.
- **Map:** no report.
- **Safety:** clubs please contact DNR for supplies and post trainings on DNR, MNUSA and NW Trails websites.

### Adjournment - 8:22 pm

### Next Meeting

- Tuesday, November 1st, Medina Entertainment Center; board meeting 6:00 pm; happy hour 7:00 pm; general membership meeting 7:30 pm

- Receive newsletters via email; save a tree, save us postage; provide us your email address at [nwtrails@nwtrails.net](mailto:nwtrails@nwtrails.net).

**Thank you!**