



NORTHWEST TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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September 2011

General Membership Meeting

September 6, 2011

Call to Order – 7:33 pm

Secretary's Report – Rocky Johnson

- August minutes approved; filed for future audit.

Treasurer's Report – Randy Baudler

- Income: none.
- Expenses: groomer expense, interest, landowner appreciation, office supplies & vmx expenses.
- August report approved; filed for future audit.

Director-at-Large – Joel Johnson

- Nothing to report.

Trail Coordinator – Steve Hohag

- DNR Grant in process.
- Three Rivers Parks interested in giving input to Lake Rebecca signage plan for pipeline.
- Landowner Listing slated to be updated this fall; Bob, Steve and Randy assigned.
- Hassan property at Stones Throw requires new permit because new owner; does not look like will be an issue.
- Lannar trail issue in Hamel still pending.
- Bob to investigate alternative stake material; order will be placed within next few weeks for wood stakes.

New Members

- Welcome Todd & Brandon Koberdahl from Maple Grove!

Old Business

- Appreciation Picnic – great success; over 70 people in attendance, thanks to everyone that attended and/or contributed time!
- Annual Membership Renewal – invoices will be out this month for due paid in October.
- Trail Captain Meeting – Thursday, September 29th, Corcoran Pizza Parlor, 7:30 pm; for trail captains (anyone that marks trails or would like to).
- Groomer Drag Pan Skags – discussed at last meeting to get estimate for new; estimate received at \$535; no motion necessary since groomer maintenance expense, this is FYI of expenditure coming.
- GPS & Mount – discussed at last meeting to consider investing GPS for club since DNR is requiring this now; estimate received for new GPS and mount for \$321; discussion led to conclusion to postpone expense at this time and Steve will investigate borrowing one from DNR.

- Landowner Gift Certificates – gift certificates and cover letters done and available now to trail captains; contact Rocky to get supply.

New Business

- Trail Maintenance Planning – remind people to plan weekend of Thanksgiving for brushing; encourage field discing if possible.
- Upcoming Industry Events – see MnUSA below.
- Track – 1st Monday and Tuesday of October, Track will be doing a hands on training and info on groomer maintenance; go to www.trackinc.com to register.
- Donation Acknowledgement Letter - Rob to complete letter.

Club Updates

- Hamel Sno Runners – meets 1st Monday of every month at American Legion Post in Hamel, 8:00 pm.
- Maple Plain Snomads – meets 2nd Wednesday of every month at Monie's Grill in Maple Plain, 8:00 pm.

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

- MN State Fair – thank you volunteers for your work at the State Fair!
- Haydays, near North Branch, MN, September 10-11th; camping available; visit their website at <http://www.snoBARONS.com/haydays/index.html>; this event drives a lot of membership to local clubs; consider volunteering for MnUSA; contact Nancy if interested.
- Region 8 Meeting, September 20th, Davani's in Minnetonka at 7:00 pm.
- 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 21st.
- Meeting with DNR on Monday to discuss trail and legislative issues.

Committee Reports

- **Membership:** no report.
- **Sunshine:** no report.
- **Map:** committee chair Rocky Johnson will call meeting post-holiday to kick-off map ad sales for 2012-13 map; we will start process 6 months earlier to hit during season and allow more printing time.
- **Safety:** clubs please contact DNR for supplies and post trainings on DNR, MNUSA and NW Trails websites.

Adjournment - 8:47 pm

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, October 4th, 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.
Thank you!