



MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 19, 2022



Officers Present: President, Dan Marich; Chair, Tom Stahl; Co-Chair, Patrick Stahl; Secretary, Dave Houghton; Treasurer, Erin Husmann; Trail Coordinator, Joe McKenney

Meeting: Meeting called to order at 6:04pm, 27 in attendance

Meeting Minutes: Sept. 21, 2022 minutes approved, (M/S/C) Tom Stahl/Josh Sirjord

Treasures Report: Oct. 19, 2022 financial report approved, (M/S/C) Steve Carlson/Jim Watkins
Main - \$5,985.88 Savings - \$21,909.03 Trail - \$49,042.93 Loan - \$30,040.00

Elections:

- Chair
Incumbent, Tom Stahl. Steve Carlson, second by Jeff Stahl nominate Tom Stahl. Tom accepted nomination. No other nominations. In favor - All; opposed - None; Carried. Tom Stahl elected Chair for 2 year term
- Treasurer
Incumbent, Erin Husmann. Jodi Olson, second by Jack Olson nominate Erin Husmann. Erin accepted nomination. No other nominations. In favor - All; opposed - None; Carried. Erin Husmann elected Treasurer for 2 year term
- Secretary
Incumbent, Dave Houghton. Ken Knutsen, second by Patrick Stahl nominate Dave Houghton accepted nomination. No other nominations. In favor - All; opposed - None; Carried. Dave Houghton elected Secretary for 2 year term.

Presidents Report:

- Side Lake to Chisholm trail re-route, final approval from Cleveland Cliffs was granted. Legal review complete; St. Louis County approved. Work on trail to start soon. It will be ready for this year. 1 1/2 year battle.
- G.I.A. for 2022-2023 season is \$42,148.73

Trail Report:

- Chisholm to Side Lake Trail re-route;
 - Trail work is starting soon
 - New trail is on state and Hibbing Taconite property
 - Joe Marturano from HibTac & Brad Dekker of the DNR have been a great help on this project
 - Joe Mckenney will start clearing soon with the use of Northern Traxx ATV Clubs dozer
 - Some areas to be worked on after freeze
 - Cost so far is about \$1000.00.
- Work days before deer season starting soon, watch for notices on Facebook and email
- Sign post work will be Oct. 22, 2022
- A was installed at Karkus Rd. Thanks for all the help
- 2 other locations will also be gated once the ground freezes because of accessibility.
- Beaver dam once again on the south side of hwy. 169 across from Sawmill road. Contacting KeeTac.
- South trail needs some chain saw work
- The Federal Grant we were awarded for an ASV & brusher is now going through an environmental review.

MnUSA News - DeLyle Pankratz:

- Regional map, completed. 16 new advertisers, lost 5. Talked about shelters & points of interest like the Bruce Headframe in Chisholm.
- MnUSA Fall workshop Oct. 21-23, 2022 in Austin, MN

Old Business:

- Web site is up and running www.pathblazersclub.com. Fisher was contacted about some changes and to allow Barrett and Dan to have access. Barrett will be our web master. Thanks to Barrett Ziemer for heading up this project.
- Josh Sirjord is working on getting some apparel made for the club. Checking into some different places to get our logo digitized. W.A. Fisher is \$500. Getting some quotes from Range Sports. The logo is the big hang up right now.
- Looking for individuals to help with grant writing. Please talk to Dan Marich or Joe McKenney
- Discuss a "Business Membership" at our next meeting
- Raffle calendars ordered again this year.
- Maybe a ride-in after the holidays? Do something for next years Snowmobile Day Oct. 29, 2023
- Safety Training:
 - 2 or 3 events this year
 - Jim Watkins willing to head up
 - 1st event Jan. 7, 2023
 - needs 30 days in advance, maybe shorter
 - 20 participants (25 max)
 - Jim would like to know who will be there to help out. No certification or experience necessary

MOTION: Schedule the first snowmobile safety training field testing for January 7, 2023.
No more than 25 participants. (M/S/C) Rick Harding/Patrick Stahl

New Business:

- Club Ride - Maybe do a weekend get away such as a North Shore loop or something like that. Looking for someone to take the lead on this years ride. Something for next meeting. Need reservations soon.
- United Way of Northeast MN is looking for a business contribution. More at Novembers meeting
- President Dan Marich is working on a grant to cover the cost of our water/sewer installation.
- Received a grant of \$4095 from the Iron Range Trails Task Force to go towards our bathroom
- Brief discussion about enrollment of members
- Iron Range Trails Task force is meeting Oct. 25, 2022. We are encouraging many from the area to attend due to the support they have given us. Plus it's good info.
- Next meeting at Sammy's Nov. 16, 2022. December's meeting & Christmas gift exchange @ Valentini's

Communications:

- Special speaker: MN House District 7B Rep. David Lislegard introduced himself to the club. Due to redistricting, the Chisholm, Buhl, Balkan and Side Lake areas are now part of his district. He is familiar with the Aurora/Hoyt Lakes snowmobile club. Discussed legislation, grants, fuel costs, MnUSA and their part in the legislature, land owners and having an incentive to give access for trails, cost of re-routes and where some of the money comes from.
- Thank you from Never Surrender, Inc. (ALS) for the \$100 donation in the name of former senator David Tomassoni. Signed by Sandy Judge

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn at 7:46 pm, (M/S/C) Chris Beel/Jim Watkins

Next Meeting: November 16, 2022
Sammy's Pizza in Hibbing
Starts at 6:00pm

Don't Forget Your Non Perishable Food Donation
This months donation goes to Hibbing Salvation Army

Questions, Concerns, Comments? Contact the following:

Secretary, Dave Houghton - 263-5889 President, Dan Marich - 996-1003 Chair, Tom Stahl - 966-3277
Vice-Chair, Patrick Stahl - 969-3582 Trial Coordinator, Joe McKenney - 969-9717