



MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 16, 2022



Officers Present: President, Dan Marich; Chair, Tom Stahl; Secretary, Dave Houghton; Treasurer, Erin Husmann (absent; co-chair Patrick Stahl, trail coordinator Joe McKenney)

Meeting: Meeting called to order at 6:00pm, 28 in attendance

Meeting Minutes: Oct. 19, 2022 minutes approved, (M/S/C) Chris Beel/Jeff Stahl

Treasures Report: Nov. 14, 2022 financial report approved, (M/S/C) Rick Harding/Jess Stahl
Main - \$6,554.39 Savings - \$21,920.23 Trail - \$57,747.08 Loan - \$30,040.00

Presidents Report:

- Side Lake to Chisholm trail re-route approved. Gave a brief history of our north trail.
- G.I.A. for 2022-2023 season is \$42,148.73
- \$75k Federal Grant for ASV, now in an environmental review. The paperwork for this portion of the grant is terrible. It's as if we were a large contractor starting a mining operation.
- Website is working well

Trail Report:

- Chisholm to Side Lake Trail re-route;
 - Trail work will resume after deer hunting rifle season
 - New trail is approved
 - HibTac has reposted their "No Trespassing" signs on their property after the assault on the ATV clubs dozer
 - The total cost to the Northern Traxx ATV Clubs dozer came to \$15k when everything was said and done. Sheriff's dept. is pursuing this
 - Some areas to be worked on after freeze
 - Some areas of trail work will have to be after freeze up.
 - Large orange "Stay on Trail" signs will be going up on trail. Donated by Aaron Bonelli of Snap Signs
- Work days from Riverside north went great. Treated to lunch by Mark Pernat of Bimbo's. Thanks Mark
- Lots of signage going on. If people have to put some up, contact Joe after rifle season.
- 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

MnUSA News - DeLyle Pankrantz (absent tonight):

- Regional map completed. Delivered soon
- MnUSA Winter Rendezvous Feb. 9-11, 2023 at Grand Casino in Hinkley

Old Business:

- Web site is up and running www.pathblazersclub.com.
- Club apparel; Josh Sirjord is working this. Aaron Bonelli of Snap Signs was at the meeting to give some insight and options. Checking into different places for various options. 3 color screened logo. Black & grey options for apparel. More at next meeting.
- Our building is now fully compliant with the completion of the bathroom. About \$1995 out of pocket expenses for the club. The rest of the money came from grants we applied for. \$17,395 was the total grant monies received for this project.
- Business Memberships; Insight from some business owners, \$125 & \$250 business memberships soon to be available. Business's able to advertise on our web page, Facebook page, our "Welcome" signs on the trails.

Old Business (cont'd):

- Raffle calendars are available. Contact Secretary Dave Houghton (218-263-5889) if you would like to purchase one. Cost is \$20 per calendar.
Motion: Refund our portion of the calendar monies to our club instead of donating it to MnUSA. Refund money will total \$120 if we sell all 40 calendars. (M/S/C) Ken Knutsen/Tim Maki
- **Club Ride - Feb 3, 4, 5, 2023.** North Shore loop or something like that. Joe McKenney and Sharon Johnson did some checking on prices and availability. Looking at one place both nights. Leave for North Shore from Hibbing on Friday for those who want to ride there. More prices and info at the next meeting. Need reservations soon.
- Maybe a ride-in to our building after the holidays?
- Do something for next years Snowmobile Day Oct. 29, 2023?
- Safety Training Jan. 7, 2023:
 - 2 or 3 events this year
 - Jim Watkins willing to head up
 - needs 30 days in advance, maybe shorter
 - 20 participants (25 max)

New Business:

- New “Welcome” signs, “Stay on Trail” signs, donated by Snap Signs, Aaron Bonelli.
- New posters coming soon
- Spirit of Unity Parade in Hibbing Nov. 21, 2022, we have decided not to attend this year due to fuel cost and how short the parade route is. Possibly the Polar Bear Days parade in Chisholm we might attend.
- Club Membership updates: 63 renewed, 27 in MnUSA, 33 are family, 30 individual, 5 return thru USPS, 12 online, 1 new member.
- Donation request from Amanda Perrella for the Autumn Mohawk Benefit. Autumn (25 years old) was left with a traumatic head injury after being thrown from a horse. The Mohawk family has supported our club and snowmobiling for many many years. She is the daughter of Kurt & Gail Mohawk. After discussion,
Motion: Donate \$1500 to The Autumn Mohawk Benefit to help cover the cost of her medical bills.
(M/S/C) Dan Tarnowski/Rick Harding
- Monthly meeting & Christmas gift exchange **December 14, 2022 @ Valentini's**. This is a week earlier than normal due to Christmas

Communications:

- Mn. DNR C.O. Marc Johnson spoke with the club. Gave a brief work history of himself. Works with many agencies and clubs. He stressed the collaborative effort on both DNR & clubs, especially the PathBlazers. Biggest complaints, speed, wrong side riding, trespassing. He is very accessible, left us all is contact info. He loves the firearms, ATV & snowmobile safety training conducted by our clubs. Talked about the area he covers & issues with some of the trails.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn at 7:34pm, (M/S/C) Dave Houghton/Josh Sirjord

Next Meeting: December 14, 2022

Christmas Gift Exchange

Valentini's in Chisholm

Starts at 6:00pm

Don't Forget Your Non Perishable Food Donation

This months donation goes to The Chisholm Food Shelf

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*