



MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 15, 2023



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

Meeting: Meeting called to order at 5:59pm, 40 in attendance

Meeting Minutes: Oct. 18, 2023 minutes approved, (M/S/C) Ken Knutsen/Steve Carlson

Treasures Report: Nov. 15, 2023 Financial report approved, (M/S/C) Rick Harding/Jodi Olson
Main - \$100,103.42 Savings - \$12,051.74 Trail - \$62,579.73
Loan Account/Line of Credit \$110,317.00 (Current bal. \$66,127.90 & Avail. credit \$44,189.10)

Presidents Report:

- Property insurance went up this year. Pres. Dan will do some shopping
- Building repaired from ATV damage
- St. Louis County right-of-way permits submitted. No changes from last year.
- DNR has released G.I.A. numbers for this season. \$40,830.03. Down a little from last year.
- Trail Completion Certificate sent into DNR.
- Saturday, January 6, 2024 Snowmobile Safety Training. Jim Watkins & Jessica Stahl will head this up. More help for setup day is always welcome.
- February 9, 2024 ALS Blizzard Tour will be stopping at our place for lunch. More planning at January meeting.
- Eric Jankila will be resending emails with our AED/CPR Safety Training cards.
Motion: Give Eric Jankila Family a honorary 1 year membership to PathBlazers Snowmobile Club & MnUSA paid by us for the work Erik and his team has done for us. (M/S/C) DeLyle Pankratz/Annette Maki
- New IRRRB resource guide for grants is now published

Guest Speakers:

Marc Johnson, MnDNR Conservation Officer, Hibbing Station

- Talked about new laws and registration stickers
- New CO coming to Cook
- Vehicles on the trails and what to do
- ATV/Sleds on same trail, Q&A
- Touched on trespassing
- Thanked our club for the work we do on the trails, in the community, and our commitment to safety and training.

Dist. 7B Mn House Rep. David Lislegard

- 1 year ago he was educated in what it takes to maintain our trails in Northern Mn. The end result was some extra monies for several clubs in Northern Mn
- Talked on the timber wolf in Mn.
- Explained some other things that is going on at the Capital
- Q&A

Trail Report (cont'd)

- Brushing continues. ASV works awesome
- Some sign work completed
- Waiting for freeze-up and end of deer season before more trail work can be done.
- Sold surplus bridge timber to Jodi Olson.
- Beaver dam on Hwy. 169, Keetac property. No new news. May have a small re-route to solve problem.
- New shelter plans coming together. 1 shelter this year at Day Brook "T". 1 next year at Tac Trail/Side Lake Trail intersection
- Discussed New Groomer plans. Q&A, costs about \$300k+. Now is the best time.

Trail Report (cont'd)

- Public info meeting was held about the proposed ATV club utilizing our south trail for ATV/UTV seasonal. John Taray, Jodi Olson, Dave Houghton attended. 2 Keewatin Club members, 2 Red Rock Riders members. Sara Thompson from Itasca County & City of Hibbing Admin. Gary Pruszinske was in attendance. Still a ways out. More info to come.
- is sponsoring a Nothing we can do.
- IRRR Discovery Center wants the current ATV/UTV trail moved. Seasonal shared trail on the east side of the Monroe pit in Chisholm. We are pushing for NO WINTER USE. The trail will be narrow for both entities.

MnUSA News - DeLyle Pankratz:

- Fall workshop went well. 180+ attended, hosted by region 6
- Membership up, our region had the best increase.
- Groomer show Jan 10, 2024 in Isle, MN
- MnUSA Winter Rendezvous will be Feb. 8-11, 2024 in Ottertail, MN.
- Iron Range Trail Maps are complete & passing out
- Discussed problems at the main office of MnUSA

Old Business:

- Club Ride 2024, discussion. Do one ride early with possibly another later on.
Motion: Schedule and plan this years club ride to Bemidji, MN on Fri-Sun., Feb. 2-4, 2024. (M/S/C) Dan Tarnowski/
Patrick Stahl
- MRTUA (Minnesota Recreational Trail Users Association), there is an open seat on the board. Position will be picked by board who they want.
- We will try to have another clothing order with some other options possibly. We will be working with a new supplier.
- Security System, quote from LifeSystems was \$4800. Looking into other options. Waiting on electrical quote.
- We have MnUSA Raffle Calendars. Limited supply. \$20 each.
- Secretary Dave Houghton talked about the response when reminders are sent out for membership renewals.

New Business:

- DeLyle Pankratz touched on group insurance being canceled in Itasca County due to the accidental death last season
- Next monthly meetings will be **Dec. 20, 2023 at Valentini's**. This will be our Christmas Gift Exchange.
- Discussed Jan/Feb/March meetings. Jan - Riverside Inn, Feb - The Highway 5, March - Bimbo's
- Just a reminder of the importance of our non-perishable food items to our local food shelves. Please continue to bring your items to the monthly meetings

Communications:

Shannon from the Chisholm Chamber, forward an event, The Sled Head Open House at Tounsley Sports,
Nov. 25, 2023

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn at 7:29 pm, (M/S/C) Patrick Stahl/Dale Davidson

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2023 at
The Riverside Inn in Side Lake, MN
Meeting Starts @ 6:00pm
*Don't Forget Your Non Perishable Food Donation
This months donation goes to The Hibbing Salvation Army***

*For more information, questions or comments, please feel free to contact the following:
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