



MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 20, 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 6:05pm, 47 in attendance

Meeting Minutes: Nov. 15, 2023 minutes approved, (M/S/C) John Taray/Steve Carlson

Treasures Report: Dec. 19, 2023 Financial report approved, (M/S/C) Joe McKenney/Rick Harding
Main - \$102,090.91 Savings - \$12,062.14 Trail - \$61,075.61
Loan Account/Line of Credit \$110,317.00 (Current bal. \$66,127.90 & Avail. credit \$44,189.10)

Presidents Report:

- Received storm relief monies from St. Louis County/State of MN, it took the help of Rep. David Lislegard to get payment sooner. Otherwise it wouldn't have come until the spring. It has been a year.
 - Property insurance went up this year. Pres. Dan will do some shopping
 - Trail permits, certificates, R.O.W. turned in to all entities, State of MN, DNR, St. Louis County, USS, others
 - G.I.A. first benchmark coming
 - Saturday, January 6, 2024 Snowmobile Safety Training. Jim Watkins & Jessica Stahl. Date cancelled due to conditions. Re-schedule March 16, 2024
- Motion:** Reschedule the Snowmobile Safety Class to March 16, 2024 (M/S/C) Jessica Stahl/Josh Sirjond
- Groomer show Jan. 10, 2024 in Isle, MN, Feb. 7/8, 2024 in St. Germain, WI.
 - Talked about making it easier for business to sign up on our website. Will talk to webmaster Barrett Ziemer
 - Larry Folstad from NORTRAXX ATV informed us that the ATV's will not utilize the snowmobile route on the east side of the Monroe pit during the winter months.
 - St. Louis County Commissioner Mike Jugovich has asked the club for a letter of support as he is vying for the LSCMR Board. Pres. Dan Marich will gladly draft one up. Note, Mike is a member and a large supporter of our club.

Trail Report

- Trails look good.
 - Waiting for freeze-up before more trail work can be done.
 - Small re-route near Keewatin on Sawmill road is needed.
 - Big thank you to ETG Const. for the use of their equipment to assist the ASV during brushing
 - 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. Trail Coordinator Joe McKenney presented the club with the pro's & con's
 - 2024 Piston Bully 1004F Trail new purchase quote \$305,100.00, \$30,000.00 deposit before Jan. 1, 2024
 - Now is the best time to sell the New Holland, what it is worth, low hours. Orig. purchase price 2011 \$206k, ask \$145k, try to hold ask close as we can
 - Very manageable with the current shape of the club
 - Our just purchased 2007 Piston Bully is proof of their longevity and durability
 - Other machine options about the same price
 - Last 3 years have proven we can only run a lighter machine in the onset of the season
- Motion:** move forward with the purchase of the Piston Bully based on quote from Kassbohrer and sale of New Holland. Put the New Holland for sale right away. (M/S/C) Don Carlson/Tim Maki
- Q&A discussion - motion stood as proposed.

MnUSA News - DeLyle Pankratz:

- Brought up to speed about MnUSA pres. resignation, new pres., and office problems being worked out for the good
- Veteran's ride in Grand Rapids, MN Jan. 27, 2024
- MnUSA Winter Rendezvous will be Feb. 8-11, 2024 in Ottertail, MN.
- Iron Range Trail Maps are complete & passing out

Old Business:

- **Club Ride Feb. 2-4,2024**, destination changed from Bemidji to **Crane Lake** due to the lack of rooms in Bemidji. Two places to stay in rooms or cabins. If conditions exist to ride, leave from club building. If not, many are looking at driving to ride the lakes or fish. Contact Jamie McKenney @ 218-969-9717 or jamjoem@hotmail.com for more info.
- February 9, 2024 ALS Blizzard Tour will be stopping at our place for lunch. More planning at January meeting.
- 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:

- Range Trail Committee from the Virginia area will not be grooming the trail into Kenny after this season
- Next monthly meetings will be **Jan. 17, 2024 at Riverside Inn in Side Lake, MN**
- Discussed Feb/March meetings, Feb - The Highway 5, March - Bimbo's
- Thanks for non-perishable food items to our local food shelves. Please continue to bring your items to the monthly meetings

Communications:

- The Boys & Girls Club of Hibbing thanked us for our past support and asked if we would continue
Motion: Continue to support The Boys & Girls Club with a \$100 donation. (M/S/C) Dan Marich/Steve Carlson
- PathBlazers member Don Carlson commented how great our open house was this past fall and how nice it was for all of to get together and show off some time. He wanted to Thank the club and all those working hard to make the club great.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn at 7:07 pm, (M/S/C) Chris Beel/Mark Anderson

Next Meeting: Wed. January 17, 2024
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