



MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 21, 2023



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

Meeting: Meeting called to order at 6:00pm, 23 in attendance

Meeting Minutes: Jan. 17, 2024 minutes approved, (M/S/C) Jamie McKenney/Ron Cappel

Treasures Report: Feb. 21, 2024 Financial report approved, (M/S/C) Ken Knutsen/Joe McKenney
Main - \$13,205.84 Savings - \$143,202.28 Trail - \$27,362.22
Loan Account/Line of Credit \$110,317.00 (Current bal. \$66,127.90 & Avail. credit \$44,189.10)
Discussed moving monies around to take advantage of good interest rates and paying off loan

Presidents Report:

- IRRR application pre-process for \$50K grant was approved. Now working on full application. Monies must be used within 9 months. To be completed by March 28, 2024
- Blackwoods ALS Tour, ride canceled, John Taray did fill us in on other events associated with the tour. \$2 million raised. Try again next year.
- Snowmobile Safety Training scheduled for March 16th has been canceled due to conditions.
- D.A.V. Vintage Iron Snowmobile Ride also canceled
- HibTac donated safety jackets and lights for groomers and operators. Letter of thanks going out to Adam Osborne & Joe Marturano of HibTac for their help and support of the PathBlazers.
- Grant-In-Aid (GIA) monies coming in. This years winter may not impact next years funding.
- Itasca Drift Skippers asked if we could bring the Piston Bully we purchased from them on March 2, 2024 to reenact an accident which occurred last year. The lawyers and insurance want the exact machine at the scene. There are several questions as far as why they can't use the Drift Skipper's other groomer which is exactly the same, whose paying, etc. Pres. Dan Marich will be in contact with the Drift Skippers to find out these questions and more. As a whole, we do not want our machine to be used.

Trail Report

- We would like to thank all the people who helped out with the new shelter. Dan Tarnowski for the use of his shop. There is just a few trim pieces and touch ups needed. Hopefully we will get some snow so we can start to enjoy it.
- Another shelter is planned for next year. Located at the Taconite Trail/Side Lake Trail "T".
- More cutting up by Riverside. Other areas which need brushing are not currently accessible due to ice conditions.
- Some brushing and mowing may be needed in the fall due to no grooming this year which usually takes care of this.
- Small re-route near Keewatin on Sawmill road is needed.
- New Groomer is ordered and should be delivered in October 2024. We are in the best position we could ever be in financially for this purchase
- New Holland (Big Blue) has been listed For Sale online. A couple of clubs are interested. A club in Wisconsin will discuss a purchase at their March 4th club meeting.
- Beavers are causing problems again

MnUSA News - DeLyle Pankratz(absent):

- MnUSA Winter Rendezvous will be Feb. 8-11, 2024 in Ottertail, MN.
- Long time secretary Nancy Hanson will be retiring soon, replacement has already been hired

Old Business:

- Club Ride, Trailered to Crane Lake and had a great time and lots of fun, small group, not many miles but probably the only riding of the season.
- We will try to have another clothing order. We will be working with a new supplier. Waiting for pricing.
- Security System, quote from LifeSystems was \$4800. Looking into other options. Waiting on electrical quote.

New Business:

- Next monthly meeting will be **Thursday, March 21, 2024 at Bimbo's Octagon** in beautiful Side Lake, MN. Please note the day change. Thursday, not Wednesday.
- Thanks for non-perishable food items to our local food shelves. Please continue to bring your items to the monthly meetings
- Member Mark Anderson brought to our attention some folding chairs which have come up for sale through the Shiners. 60 chairs for \$50. (not a typo)
Motion: Purchase 60 folding chairs from the Shriners for the price of \$50.00. (M/S/C) Todd Scaia/Joe McKenney
- Erik Jankila from Minnesota Public Safety Group dropped off first aid kits for our equipment. Erik and his group was also responsible for the first aid/cpr training our members received last fall. Thanks Erik for all of your help. Erik is also the Fire Chief of the Hibbing Fire Dept.
- PathBlazers website (www.pathblazersclub.com) has been updated to record the number of visits.

Communications:

- Boys & Girls Club of Hibbing and the main office in Duluth send us a Thank You for the donation and supporting the Boys & Girls Club of Hibbing

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn at 7:02pm, (M/S/C) Ken Knutsen/Tim Maki

Next Meeting:
Thursday, March 21, 2024
Bimbo's Octagon in Side Lake
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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