



MEETING MINUTES MARCH 21, 2024



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, 18 in attendance

Meeting Minutes: Feb. 21, 2024 minutes approved, (M/S/C) Chris Beel/Dan Tarnowski

Treasures Report: Mar. 21, 2024 Financial report approved, (M/S/C) Ryan Schirmer/Jodi Olson
Main - \$11,856.82 Savings - \$74,946.35 Trail - \$34,235.63
Loan of \$66,127.90 has been payed off

Discussion:

Treasurer Erin Husmann presented us with C.D. options, new banking options, she likes to keep the following balances; \$5k in main, \$20k in trail, rest in savings.

Result: Stay with current bank First National Bank of Chisholm for banking, go with Northern Bank of Commerce (5% rate) for C.D. for 6 months

Motion: Place \$75k-90k for 6 months in the best rate C.D. option (M/S) Joe McKenney/Ryan Schirmer

Discussion of current motion,

Amended Motion: Place \$100k for 6 months in best rated C.D. option (M/S/C) Dan Marich/Chris Beel

Presidents Report:

- IRRR application for \$50K grant was submitted.
- Grant for \$10k was approved and awarded to us from Iron Range Tourism Bureau
- Grant-In-Aid (GIA) monies coming in. This years winter may not impact next years funding.
- Proof of insurance was submitted to St. Louis County Land Office
- Our 501c7 non-profit status has been renewed
- MnUSA Region 2 meeting to be held April 13, 2024 will be hosted by the Lawron Trail Riders. Mtg starts @ 2:30, some of our members will be attending, PathBlazers will be donating 2 sweatshirts for door prizes.
- DNR report, this is a low registration cycle year, all G.I.A. benefits will be paid out, grants will be delayed due to the winter & low registrations

Trail Report

- All gates are closed, coordinator Joe McKenney explained the state statues, there are too many unsafe conditions on our trails due to this years lack of freezing, we are trying to protect private land owners property, DNR knows about our decision and why, will stay closed.
- All trails closed on Monday, April 1, 2024 as this is the end of the 2023-2024 season
- Website & Facebook page will be updated of the trail closures
- No real off season work to be schedules at this point
- Another shelter is planned for next year. Located at the Taconite Trail/Side Lake Trail "T".
- 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 & near Side Lake on Pine Tree road is needed for next season. Working with land owners.
- 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. More advertisement if needed, we have a bridge loan available if we do not sale by the time we take delivery of new groomer in the fall.
- Polaris grant of \$10k was denied, trail coordinator Joe McKenney will submit it again,
- Northern Traxx ATV trail re-route on the east side of The Discovery Centers pit (Monroe Pit) has be going well, should be done by this summer.
- Future logging on South Trail will end in huge benefits for our club and the trail itself.

MnUSA News:

- MnUSA Spring Meeting April 26-28, 2024, held at Arrowwood Lodge at Brainerd Lakes, Baxter, MN
- Region 2 Meeting hosted by Lawron Trail Riders, Saturday, April 13, 2024
- MnUSA day at the capital was held, MN State Rep. Dave Lislegard attended, DNR Conservation Officer Marc Johnson received an award for his outstanding work in and out of the field.
- MnUSA main office will be moving
- New improvements coming to MnUSA's website
- Large agenda in this years Minnesota's Legislative session.
- Nicole Pankratz will become Region 2 Director.

Old Business:

- We will try to have another clothing order closer to Sept. Ordering samples to ensure fit and finish of caps. No change on clothing choices, however, may have different brands
- Folding chairs were purchased from the Shiners (via Mark Anderson), 60 chairs, no hurry to pick up, building or purchasing a storage rack.
- Security System, quote from LifeSystems was \$4800. Looking into other options. Waiting on electrical quote.
- Membership for the club is down about 54 members from last year. MnUSA memberships & dues sent and received

New Business:

- Next monthly meeting will be **Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at Snicker's Pizza & Pub** in Chisholm, MN.
- Thanks for non-perishable food items to our local food shelves. Please continue to bring your items to the monthly meetings

Communications:

- President Dan Marich passed around a Thank You card from the Pankratz family. This prompted a discussion and a time of remembrance of DeLyle Pankrantz.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn at 6:55 pm, (M/S/C) Pat Stahl/Chris Beel

Next Meeting:
Wednesday, April 10, 2024
Snicker's Pizza & Pub in Chisholm
Meeting starts @ 6:00pm
Don't Forget Your Non Perishable Food Donation
This months donation goes to The Chisholm Food Shelf

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