



## MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 20, 2024



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

**Meeting:** Meeting called to order at 6:00pm, 33 in attendance

**Meeting Minutes:** Oct. 16, 2024 minutes approved, (M/S/C) Chris Beel/Dale Davidson

**Treasures Report:** Nov. 19, 2024 Financial report approved, (M/S/C) Barrett Ziemer/Dale Davidson

- Main - \$4,522.46      Savings - \$4,557.91      Trail - \$16,952.15
- Outstanding Items; IRRR Grant - \$50K, Trails Task Force Grant - \$10K, Legislative Session Revenue Bonds \$25K
  - We will be moving our financial business from First National Bank of Chisholm to National Bank of Commerce in Hibbing.

### **Presidents Report:**

- G.I.A. Funding, DNR recalculated our trail milage to 64.5 miles. We get \$568.00/mile which equals \$36,749.60 for the '24-'25 season. '25-'26 may see a drop. We will verify our milage this winter.
- Iron Trail Maps ready next week. Pres. Dan Marich directly involved along w/ Mike Indihar from the Vermillion Penguins Snowmobile club. Thanks to all involved and the advertisers to make this happen.
- Working w/ Lori Krasaway @ US Steel for permit updates. No wavering on \$5 million ins. policy. We currently have a \$2 million dollar ins. policy. For us to carry \$5 mil would break the bank. In the hands of our sponsor St. Louis County. More to come. Time is of the essence trails open Dec. 1, 2024.
- County right-of-way paperwork sent.

### **Trail Report**

- New groomer is here!!
- Trails are ready.
- 3 days of trail work done. Big jump on the season. It would be nice to get some others involved if you can.
- More trail work after Thanksgiving and some when we get a freeze up.
- New shelter at Taconite Trail/Side Lake Trail "T". All the permits approved. Watch for emails for a build date. Working at Dan Tarnowski's again this year.
- Trail coordinator Joe McKenney has been trying different mowers/brushers on our ASV. Quote for an attachment run from \$15K-\$25K. Something for the future.
- Ongoing small re-route near Keewatin on Sawmill rd & near Side Lake on Pine Tree rd. Working with land owners.
- Should be able to go through Glacier Park (Leetonia to Kelly Lake) this year. (Mesabi Trail)
- Several beavers trapped out of an area by Hwy. 84. Lowered water a lot.
- Future logging on South Trail will end in huge benefits for our club and the trail itself.
- Chair Jodi Olson reported limited use permits from MnDOT for crossing hwy. & right-of-way use being worked on by DOT.

### **MnUSA News:**

- Nichole Pankratz Region 2 MnUSA Director.
- MnUSA Winter Rendezvous will be Feb. 6-9, 2025 @ The Hampton Inn & Suites in Bemidji, MN. Visit MnUSA website at [www.mnsnowmobiler.org](http://www.mnsnowmobiler.org) for more info and registration.
- MnUSA raffle calendars available. Contact Secretary Dave Houghton. 218-263-5889 or [secretary@pathblazersclub.com](mailto:secretary@pathblazersclub.com)

### **Old Business:**

- PathBlazers Merchandise sale is concluded & available for pick up soon at Range Sports in Hibbing
- Blackwoods Blizzard Tour for ALS Feb. 7-9, 2025. Stopping at the PathBlazers Facility on Friday, Feb. 7, 2025. More to come.
- Memberships coming in. Online and mailed in.
- Club Ride, Jan. 31- Feb. 2, 2025. Destination is Crane Lake, MN. 2 locations to stay. The recommended places to stay are **Cabins on Crane** (218-993-2401 or <https://cabinsoncrane.com/>) or **The Voyageire Lodge** (<https://www.voyagaire.com/the-lodge/guest-rooms/>). **YOU will be responsible to make your own reservations** by calling or going online and we recommend the sooner the better. These trips are full of fun and adventure for the whole family. **Best to call** for bookings instead of online. Contact Jamie McKenney for more info 218-969-7702
- Snowmobile Field Safety Training scheduled for Jan. 4, 2025 & March 15, 2025. Jim Watkins & Jessica Stahl will be getting things together. All online testing is required to be completed and must have all paperwork at the field test in order to complete licensing. Additional help always welcome. A group ride always follows. Work/play/fun!
- Discussed a hot dog/hot chocolate at our new shelter in Feb. ???

### **New Business:**

- Discussed making easier for business sponsor to sign up online. Increased the sponsorship to \$150. Business can leave all details for websites and/or Facebook, social media info. Links for the business's on our webpage. Webmaster Barrett Ziemer to look in to it.
- Next monthly meeting will be **Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2024 @ Valentini's in Chisholm. This will be our monthly meeting & Christmas gift exchange party.** A buffet will be offered (RSVP). Gift exchange is optional. Everyone (member/nonmember) is welcome.

### **Communications:**

- New Business sponsor Mesabi Radial sent us a nice letter. Welcome aboard.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Motion to adjourn at 6:53pm, (M/S/C) Dale Davidson/Barrett Ziemer

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 18, 2024**  
**Christmas Gift Exchange & Monthly Meeting**  
**Valentini's Supper Club in Chisholm**  
**Buffet Offered (RSVP Required for approx. head count)**  
**Food starts serving @ 5:20pm**  
**Meeting starts @ 6:00pm**

*In the spirit of giving, PLEASE, Don't Forget Your Non Perishable Food Donation*  
*This months donation goes to The Chisholm Food Shelf*