



MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 15, 2025



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

Meeting: Meeting called to order at 6:00pm, 35 in attendance

Meeting Minutes: Dec. 18, 2024 minutes approved, (M/S/C) Ken Knutsen/Tim Maki

Treasures Report: Jan. 14, 2025 Financial report approved, (M/S/C) Joe McKenney/John Taray
Main - \$3,899.29 Savings - \$16,499.78 Trail - \$5,000.00
National Bank of Commerce (new account) - \$46,417.97
Treasurer Erin Schirmer explained switching over our business from 1st National Bank of Chisholm to The National Bank of Commerce

Presidents Report: (President Dan Marich absent)

- Legislative Session Revenue Bonds, \$25K for our equipment, still on hold.
- Working w/ Lori Krasaway @ US Steel for permit updates. Waiting on our sponsor St. Louis County. Should be resolved by February.
- Leetonia problem worked out, signage placed, seemed to be resolved.

Trail Report

- Could use more cold weather and snow.
- Some packing, very rough and many hazards, lots of growth due to no riding last year.
- Other clubs in the same boat.
- More trail work to come. Same crew. It would be nice to get some **others involved** if you can. Watch for emails
- A tracked skid steer w/ a grapple was rented from L&L Rentals to aid in quicker trail work w/ our ASV.
- New shelter at Taconite Trail/Side Lake Trail "T". On hold due to possible equipment purchase.
- Ongoing small re-route near Keewatin on Sawmill rd & near Side Lake on Pine Tree rd. Working with land owners.
- Equipment holding up well.
- Piston Bully extended our warranty due to weather and usage.
- New groomer training held Monday Dec. 23, 2024 @10am.
- Future logging on South Trail will end in huge benefits for our club and the trail itself.
- Holding off on going through Glacier Park or any other change for that area for now.

MnUSA News: Nichole Pankratz Region 2 MnUSA Director.

- New website being worked on. This will greatly improve the clubs interactions with MnUSA and the members
- MnUSA Winter Rendezvous will be Feb. 6-9, 2025 @ The Hampton Inn & Suites in Bemidji, MN. Visit MnUSA website at www.mnsnowmobiler.org for more info and registration.

Old Business:

- Blackwoods Blizzard Tour for ALS Feb. 7-9, 2025 still a go. Stop at our place Feb. 7th. Looking at getting porta potties, maybe donated. The tour will be providing more signage for us to place on our trails. John Taray brought us up to date of changes due to poor trail conditions.
- Snowmobile Field Safety Training was Jan. 4, 2025. 15 kids/2 adults received training. Thanks to DNR C.O. Marc Johnson for his presentation. Jodi thanked Jim, Jessica, and all involved to make things quick and easy. Thanks to Barrett Ziemer for providing the snowmobile. Next testing date is Saturday, March 15, 2025.

Old Business (cont'd)

- Club Ride, Jan. 31- Feb. 2, 2025. Destination is Crane Lake, MN. Will be trailing up to Crane Lake due to trail conditions. The places to stay are **Cabins on Crane** (218-993-2401 or <https://cabinsoncrane.com/>) or **The Voyageire Lodge** (218-993-2266 or <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
- D.A.V. (Disabled American Veterans) Vintage Iron Ride from Palmers Tavern in Hibbing to VFW in Keewatin will be held Feb. 15, 2025.
- Signs for our drags have been completed and installed. 100 stickers available. (passed out at meeting)
- Discussed a hot dog/hot chocolate at our new shelter in Feb. ???
- Secretary Dave Houghton talked about memberships so far this year and recapped some upcoming events.

New Business:

- Trail Coordinator Joe McKenney purposed the purchase of a brush cutter by the club. Brushing not getting any easier. Trying to reduce manpower. 1/2 to be paid by grants. Presented couple of choices. Approx. cost of \$14k-15kp. Discussion/questions. Grant to be submitted.
Motion: Go for grant to cover 1/2 the cost of a new brush cutter. Once the grant comes through, purchase brush cutter that best suits our clubs needs. (M/S/C) John Taray/Rick Harding
- Next monthly meeting will be **Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2025 @ The The Hwy. 5 Bar & Grill** north of Hibbing. Everyone (member/nonmember) is welcome.

Communications:

- None at this time.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn at 6:30pm, (M/S/C) Dale Davidson/Jamie McKenney

Next Meeting:
Wednesday, February 19, 2025
The Hwy. 5 in Hibbing
Meeting Starts @ 6:00pm
Please don't forget your non-perishable food item.
This months donation goes to The Chisholm Food Shelf

For more information, questions or comments, please feel free to contact the following:
Secretary, Dave Houghton - 263-5889 President, Dan Marich - 996-1003 Chair, Jodi Olson - 966-7817
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