



MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 15, 2025



Officers Present: President, Dan Marich; Chair, Jodi Olson; Co-chair/Trail Coordinator, Joe McKenney; Appointed Treasurer Tammy Johnson; Secretary, Dave Houghton

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

Meeting Minutes: Sept. 17, 2025 minutes approved, (M/S/C) John Taray/Jamie McKenney

Treasures Report: Oct 16, 2025 Financial report approved, (M/S/C) Joe McKenney/Ken Knutsen
Checking - \$10,726.83 Savings - \$77,350.50
Amended; 5-15-2025 benchmark payment, 3rd benchmark payment, not 4th payment

'25-26 Board of Directors Election - Voting

- President
Nominated: Dan Marich by Jessica Stahl, 2nd by Don Carlson. Other nominations(3 calls) none. Unopposed.
Vote: In favor - all, Opposed - none
So moved, Dan Marich voted to the PathBlazers Board of Directors as President for 1 term (2 years)
- Vice Chair
Nominated: Joe McKenney by Jodi Olson, 2nd by Tim Maki. Other nominations(3 calls), none. Unopposed
Vote: In favor - all, Opposed - none
So moved, Joe McKenney voted to the PathBlazers Board of Directors as Vice-Chair for 1 term (2 years)
- Treasurer - Special election from April to fill vacant position
Nominated: Tammy Johnson by Jamie McKenney, 2nd by Joe McKenney. Other nominations(3 calls), none
Unopposed.
Vote: In favor - all, Opposed - none
So moved, Tammy Johnson voted to PathBlazers Board of Directors as Treasurer for 1/2 term (1 year)
- Trail Administrator - Volunteer Position
Dan Marich agreed to stay on as trail administrator for now.

Presidents Report:

- Special speakers not able to attend, will be at Nov. monthly meeting along with House Rep. Cal Warwas
- ALS Never Surrender Blackwoods Tour is coming to our facility Thursday, Feb. 12, 2026
- Congratulations to Raffle Calendar winner PathBlazer's member Dennis Stehlin
- Iron Trail Snowmobile Maps completed by months end
- 2 new business sponsors, JR's Repair and Blackwoods Blizzard Tour. Thank you! They will be put onto our website
- Thanked Dan Tarnowski for now being trained for snowmobile safety training, and Jessica Stahl for assisting in our training program.

Trail Report, Joe McKenney:

- Brushing has started, few repairs made near Hibbing
- New gates to be installed around Hibbing trails by the City of Hibbing

Trail Report, cont'd:

- New Trail Shelter, Taconite trail "T", work days Oct. 28-30, work @ Dan Tarnowski's starting after 4:30ish, trailered to final location for assembly Saturday, Nov. 1, 2025, all wood donated by Junker's Lumber in Little Fork, MN (A link to Junker's to go on our website)
- Logging off the south trail for US Steel, Corp. by Mike Hill, will be making changes in 5 1/2 miles of trail for future use by ATV's, no winter travel by ATV's, in conjunction with Red Rock Riders, won't happen overnight. Big benefit to our trail.
- Always looking for some new faces to help out, watch for work day notice's via email & Facebook

MnUSA News:

- MnUSA Fall Workshop Oct. 24-26, 2025, Minneapolis Marriott West
- Feb. 12-15, 2026 MnUSA Winter Rendezvous, Bemidji, MN
- Membership Platform Training Oct. 25th, how clubs can enter & update the rosters, how to use new website

Old Business:

- Secretary Dave Houghton, talked about emails, mailers, membership, new MnUSA website
- MnUSA Platinum Club Membership - This promotion was not supposed to be released yet. Promotion is now finalized through MnUSA, published wrong price, should have been \$100.

Motion: Proceed with purchase of Platinum Membership at new price of \$100.

(M/S/C) Don Carlson/Jodi Olson

- Discussion on a land owners dinner, agreed to invite them to Dec. 17th PathBlazers Christmas Dinner. Dan will send out invites.
- Snowmobile Safety Classes: Instructor Dan Tarnowski set first training date Sat., Jan. 10, 2026 with a 2nd class in February. Advertise to members first, then internet, website, Facebook, etc.

New Business:

- Adopt-A-Highway, a good thought, but we are busy trying to keep our trails cleaned up in the spring.
- **Club Ride** - Jamie McKenney suggested a North Shore Weekend, Feb. 6-8, 2026, details soon
- United Way inquired about support, discussed Buddy Back Pack program

Motion: Pledge \$150 to United Way (M/S/C) Dan Tarnowski/Jamie McKenney

- Raffle calendars are now available, contact Secretary Dave Houghton
- Member John Taray talked about participating in the Blackwoods Blizzard Tour
- November monthly meeting will be **Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2025 at Mikes Pub in Hibbing, MN**. Meeting starts at 6:00pm. Everyone (member/nonmember) is welcome. Please continue the giving of non-perishable food items.

Communications:

- Pres. Dan Marich conveyed note from long time member Peggy Zgonc.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn at , (M/S/C)

Next Meeting: Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2025

Mike's Pub in Hibbing, MN

Meeting Starts @ 6:00pm

Please don't forget your non-perishable food item.

These donations help support the Local Food Shelves.

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
Trail Coordinator, Joe McKenney - 969-9717