



## MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 19, 2025



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

**Meeting:** Meeting called to order at 6:00pm, 30 in attendance

**Meeting Minutes:** Oct. 15, 2025 minutes approved, (M/S/C) Dale Davidson/Rick Harding

**Treasures Report:** Nov. 19, 2025 Financial report approved, (M/S/C) Jeff Rootes/Dayna Harding  
Checking - \$10,783.84 Savings - \$77,363.31

### **Special Guest Speakers:**

- DNR Conservation Officer Marc Johnson - Enjoys the relationship w/ our club and the interaction w/ the community and our emphasis on safety, touched on the importance of registering our snowmobiles, spoke of new rules and legislation, what we can do if ATV/UTV's and cars on our trails
- State Rep. MN House 7B Cal Warwas - Introduced he and his wife to our club; we gave them an overview of how and what snowmobile clubs do; he talked about his background, his current position as a house rep, the committee's he is on, the importance as citizens to reach out to their reps with ideas which could make things better, explained the resources he has.

### **Presidents Report:**

- President Dan Marich was absent
- ALS Never Surrender Blackwoods Tour is coming to our facility Thursday, Feb. 12, 2026
- Iron Trail Snowmobile Maps completed, Pres. Dan Marich assisted in delivering

### **Trail Report - Joe McKenney**

- Very busy
- New Trail Shelter, Taconite trail "T" completed, special thanks to Porky's Building Center, Dan Tarnowski and the use of his shop, all the volunteers
- Some trail work needed, work days to be posted
- Cold weather for freeze up is welcome
- New gates installed around Hibbing trails by the City of Hibbing
- Land Permission Agreements completed
- Trail re-route in Leetonia next season, will follow county road right-of-way
- **Note from C.O. Marc Johnson, PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE respect the neighborhood and residents when traveling through Leetonia, 10-15 mph, no "BRAP BRAP"**
- Logging off the south trail for US Steel, Corp. by Mike Hill, 3 yrs. of work left, bridged fixed, future use by ATV's, no winter travel by ATV's, in conjunction with Red Rock Riders, will 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 was the latest workshop, no word on this event
- Feb. 12-15, 2026 MnUSA Winter Rendezvous, Bemidji, MN
- Secretary Dave Houghton will do Membership Platform Training, This will show clubs how they can enter & update the rosters, how to use new website

### **Old Business:**

- Secretary Dave Houghton, talked about emails, mailers, membership, new MnUSA website
- Land owners dinner, invited to Dec. 17th PathBlazers Christmas Dinner. Pres. Dan Marich sent out invites.
- Please RSVP Dec. mtg./Christmas gift exchange for restaurant food prep
- MnUSA Raffle Calendars, few left
- Snowmobile Safety Classes:
  - Instructor Dan Tarnowski and Jessica Stahl talked about Jan. 10, 2026 training
  - Second training date Sat. Feb. 28, 2026, Dan will contact DNR of 2nd training by Thanksgiving, -
  - Making change on our website for ease of registration,
  - cap. 25 people, emails will go out,
  - This is a hybrid course w/ online for certificate,
  - Age 11 for training, validation when age 12.
- **Club Ride - Feb. 6-8, 2026**, riding to The Grand Superior Lodge (1-800-627-9565) on the North Shore, leaving Friday from our maintenance building in Chisholm, Sat. tour North Shore trails, Sunday ride home. lodging details being emailed, YOU are responsible for your own reservations, contact Jamie McKenney @ 218-969-7702 for info or questions.
- Member John Taray talked about participating in the Blackwoods Blizzard Tour, room to join tour, raising monies through pledges and sales, Blackwoods ALS Tour Raffle Calendars available thru him

### **New Business:**

- December monthly meeting will be **Wed. Dec. 17, 2026, Monthly Meeting/Christmas Gift Exchange** (optional), Valentini's in Chisholm, MN, starts at 6:00pm. Everyone (member/nonmember) is welcome. Please continue the giving of non-perishable food items.

### **Communications:**

**Meeting Adjourned:** Motion to adjourn at 7:01, (M/S/C) Joe McKenney/Jessica Stahl

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2025**  
**Monthly Meeting & Christmas Gift Exchange and Buffet**  
**Valentini's in Chisholm, Mn**  
**Buffet (RSVP for food prep) served 5:15**  
**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:*  
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