



MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 18, 2026



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

Meeting: Meeting called to order at 6:00pm, 28 in attendance

Meeting Minutes: Jan. 21, 2026 minutes approved, (M/S/C) John Taray/Tim Maki

Treasures Report: Feb. 21, 2026 Financial report approved, (M/S/C) Steve Carlson/Jeff Rootes
Checking - \$15,356.45 Savings - \$87,401.45

Presidents Report:

- 2nd benchmark payment of \$9230.xx approved, not sure about the 3rd & 4th for this year
- US Steel/Keetac permit annual review in late Feb/Mar
- ALS Never Surrender Blackwoods Tour went well, thanks to all that helped and Portable John for the donation, 51 riders stopped by, happy riders and great trails
- A new version of a promotional video our club participated in with the Iron Range Visitor & Tourism Bureau will soon be edited on placed on our website. Thanks to Barrett for maintaining the website.

Trail Report - Joe McKenney

- They are white for now, checking for downed trees, some grooming
- Trail re-route is coming for Leetonia area, RoW of county road will be used, paperwork in progress
- Red Rock ATV club will be sponsored by The City of Hibbing, route report is filed for their new trail on the south side of Hibbing, using parts of our south snowmobile trail

MnUSA News:

- Feb. 12-15, 2026 MnUSA Winter Rendezvous, no report of outcome
- **NOTE**, check on our status of a premier club member listing

Old Business:

- New club posters, completed and some passed out for distribution
- Snowmobile Safety Classes: Next class Feb. 28th, 17 signed up so far, text Dan if you can help so he has an idea, a projector has been obtained.
- Club Ride - Feb. 6-8, 2026, 23 riders, had a great time, trails were really great for the conditions, a big Thank You to Joe & Jamie McKenney for setting up the weekend and being our guide.,

Old Business (cont'd)

- Blackwoods Blizzard Tour, John Taray unable to ride due to illness, Jeff & Debbie used the banquet tickets & had a great time, \$1.4 million raised, a test has been developed to identify one type of ALS, progress being made through these fund raisers
- D.A.V. Vintage Iron on the Range to benefit the local Disabled American Veterans, great time was had, 50-60 sleds participated
- Steve Carlson gave a report from the Kevin Kosel ALS fundraiser, Kevin was grateful for the donation
- Tables for our club, need and cost's, member Mark Anderson can borrow tables for now, will discuss in the future.

New Business:

- MnUSA Region 2 Spring Meeting will be held Saturday, April 11th in Kettle River, MN. \$25 if you want to stay for dinner. RSVP by the end of March, Pres. Dan Marich will be going, contact Dan if you would like to also attend
- March monthly meeting will be **Thursday, March 26, 2026 at Bimbo's Octagon in Side Lake, Mn**, starts at 6:00pm. Everyone (member/nonmember) is welcome. Please continue the giving of non-perishable food items.

Communications: Received a "Thank You" from The Chisholm Food Shelf, 82# of food donated from our club

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn at 6:27pm, (M/S/C) Joe McKenney/Tim Maki

Next Meeting:
Thursday, March 26, 2026
Bimbo's Octagon in Side Lake, MN
Meeting Starts @ 6:00pm
Please don't forget your non-perishable food item.
These donations help support the Local Food Shelves.