



MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 15, 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: Mar. 26, 2026 minutes approved, (M/S/C) John Taray/Rick Harding

Treasures Report: April 15, 2026 Financial report approved, (M/S/C) Steve Carlson/Mark Anderson
Checking - \$17,873.51 Savings - \$87,429.00
Summer months look at putting money into a CD again, 3.75%, would leave \$20,000.00
in checking

Presidents Report:

- 3rd benchmark approved. ?? on 4th benchmark
- Insurance coverage for our Corn Pro equip. trailer, took a list of names of who pulls it and do they have insurance to cover the trailer, submitted list to ins. company
- ATV/UTV bill #1245 died. Could rear its ugly head later
- DNR meeting in April 22, 2026 @ 5:30 in Tower for club trail administrators. Dan, Joe, and Jodi will be going, anyone else interested may attend also.
- Season Recap:
 - Season too short
 - Lots of trail work completed
 - 2 snowmobile safety classes, Thanks to Dan Tarnowski and all that helped with it's success
 - Garbage clean-up headed by Rick Harding
 - Hosted the Blackwoods Blizzard Tour, went very well
 - New Posters
 - New Maps
 - New trail shelter located on the intersection of our Side Lake Trail and the Taconite Trail
 - Renewal of and New Business Sponsors this year
 - Leetonia re-route to County 63 completed a year ahead of time
- October will have elections for Treasurer, Chair and Secretary
- President Dan would like to thank everyone for a short but great season!!!

Trail Report:

- Mike Jerulle is doing some work on the beaver dam off of the Green Rock Road, more work for him this summer
- More projects for summer, South Trail work will cost some money
- Very little grooming, books to be finished, very minimal maint.
- Equipment is put away
- Comment, "We did more trail work than grooming or riding. Good for next year."

Trail Report (cont'd)

- Leetonia re-route brushed by the county, will be cut this fall and we will add more signage.
- Negative comments on Facebook regarding brushing in the winter/spring, unhappy people just want others to be unhappy as well.
- Mentioned we do have 2K in followers on Facebook

MnUSA News:

- MnUSA Spring Board Meeting will be held in Otsego, MN.
- Letter from the Fund Raising Committee, READ and review. Received April 8th.

Old Business:

- New club posters, completed and some passed out for distribution
- Vintage rides, Pres. Dan talked Palmer's Tavern and Matt Anderson and they are going to continue the D.A.V. Ride for next year.
- Snowmobile Safety Classes, instructor Dan Tarnowski is learning a lot about the class & working on next season, 1st weekend in Jan. works well, away from the holidays.
- Club memberships to date 113 (down 16% from "24-'25), 11 new members, MnUSA 41, total income \$4325.00, our membership dues are inline with other clubs.
- Tables for our club, need and cost's, member Mark Anderson can borrow tables for now, will discuss in the future.
- Mesabi Snow Voyagers & The Range Trail Committee will be combining, Discussing

New Business:

- Request from Chisholm High School All Night Grad Party for donation, No motion at this time.
- The lot next to our maint. building is for sale, the city won't sell just to leave it empty
- Our property in Hibbing (west side), do we need it? Could we trade it w/ the city or Glacier Park? Discuss this fall, minimal taxes, liability, 40 acres
- Member Sharon Johnson said our club was mentioned in a promo for the City of Hibbing and recreation in the area. Could have been worded better, but we were included.
- April monthly meeting will be **Wednesday, September 16, 2026 at Mike's Pub in Hibbing, MN**, starts at 6:00pm. Everyone (member/nonmember) is welcome. Please continue the giving of non-perishable food items.

Communications: President Dan Marich again Thanked Everyone for their hard work & hours put forth by those in charge and the volunteers. Thank You, Thank You, Thank You! Have a great summer.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn at 6:48pm, (M/S/C) Ken Knutsen/Greg Schweisse

**'26-'27 Kick-Off Meeting:
September 16, 2026
Mike's Pub in Hibbing
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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