



MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 16, 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 23 in attendance

Meeting Minutes: April 25, 2026 minutes approved, (M/S/C) Rick Harding/Tammy Johnson

Treasures Report: Sept. 18, 2026 Financial report approved, (M/S/C) Dale Davidson/Steve Carlson
Checking - \$7,626.90 Savings - \$15,061.03 5 month C.D. - \$90,000.00 (expires 10/22/26)
Brief discussion and explanation of c.d. and expenses

Motion: Become Premium members of MnUSA, cost \$100.00
(M/S/C) Dan Marich/Rick Harding

Presidents Report:

- Discussed fraud emails to our club and action taken
- Received all 4 benchmarks last season ('25-'26), funding to change for '26-'27 season
- Pres. Dan Marich was contacted to be on a committee to oversee G.I.A. Funds, brief explanation, has not been contacted again with more info.
- Corn Pro equip. trailer insurance coverage completed May 7, 2026, submitted list of members who use
- Attended the mandatory DNR meeting in April 22, 2026 in Tower for club trail administrators. Talked about key topics and the conflict of interest statement. This is a generalized statement, but it was noted we should watch on major items and get multiple quotes.

Motion: Accept Conflict of Interest Statement and amend PathBlazers by-laws with it's content.
Discussion, (M/S/C) Ken Knutsen/Rick Harding

- St. Louis County Board of Commission Resolution Request completed and turned in
- Thanked Rick Harding for the organization of the spring cleanup
- Iron Trail Maps in the works
- Leetonia re-route to County 63 completed, Trail Coordinator Joe McKenney will brush and sign soon
- Mentioned work done by Mike Jerulle in the Side Lake area, will give him a key to the Riverside bridge gate for easier access
- Chisholm Chamber, we are members, director is doing broadcast/podcast and we will using this to promote the PathBlazers
- New Posters completed last year, let's get them passed out and posted in area business's
- Reminder of Pizza Party and Elections at the October 21st meeting. Elections for Treasurer, Chair and Secretary

Trail Report:

- Leetonia re-route needs brushing & dirt work and some signage.
- Spring cleanup was successful, new gates installed by the city helped
- Driveway buildup at our maintenance building completed

Trail Report (cont'd):

- Equipment maintenance days coming, watch for dates & times
- Trail work days coming in late October.
- Discussed renting a Swamp Rider for packing trails this winter
- Hibbing south trail, no real change or any word on ATV trail progress
- The brushing this spring has really helped and it shows
- Trail coordinator Joe McKenney pointed out how The Balsam Restaurant has a special burger when ordered donates \$1 towards the local snowmobile club as a means of support, possible to hook up with a couple local businesses to work with for our club
- Groomer log books ready

MnUSA News:

- MnUSA Fall Workshop October 23-25, 2026, hosted by Region 9, Alexandria Hotel & Conference Center, Alexandria, MN
- NewsSledder News Letter now will be published in the Minnesota Snowmobiler
- MnUSA Raffle Calendars now available.

Old Business:

- Recap of last years club memberships, 113 total (down 16% from "24-'25), 11 new members, MnUSA 41, total income \$4325.00, our membership dues are inline with other clubs.
- Mesabi Snow Voyagers & The Range Trail Committee talk about combining, Discussing

New Business:

- Snowmobile Safety Classes, instructor Dan Tarnowski out of town, would like to schedule Saturday, January 9, 2027 & Saturday, February 25, 2027 for classes.
- Club Ride for 2027, Set for the weekend of February 5,6,7, 2027. TBD on a destination
- Secretary Dave Houghton will be sending out mailers soon for renewal of membership. Very Effective
- Special mention, this seasons first member to sign up, Todd Gillitzer. Thanks Todd
- Next monthly meeting will be **Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2026** starts at 6:00pm. Pizza Party & Board of Directors Elections. Everyone (member/nonmember) is welcome. Please continue the giving of non-perishable food items.

Communications:

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn at 7:09, (M/S/C) Dale Davidson/Ken Knutsen

Next Meeting: Wed. Oct. 21, 2026
Pizza Party and Election of Officers
Jim's Sports Club in Chisholm
Food Served at 5:15, Meeting Starts @ 6:00
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
Co-Chair/Trail Coordinator, Joe McKenney - 969-9717