

# ***SNOBLAZERS NEWSLETTER***

## ***Club Meeting Date:***

***Tuesday, February 1, 2011***

## ***Club Officers***

- President – Steve Shoop
- Vice President – John Pooler
- Treasurer – Kurt Silton
- Secretary – Mona Schuster

## ***Board Members***

- Andy Anderson
- Tom Biehl
- Marie Jorland
- Kevin Nobrega
- Joe Novak
- Chris Pounder
- Brett Vasey

## ***Links:***

### Club Website:

<http://www.snoblazers.com/>

### Club Pictures:

<http://www.snoblazers.com/pictures.htm>

### Club Trips:

[http://www.snoblazers.com/club\\_trips.htm](http://www.snoblazers.com/club_trips.htm)

### Contact Us:

<http://www.snoblazers.com/contact.htm>

### MNUSA Contact:

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**Snoblazer Club meetings will be held at the Mound American Legion. The first Tuesday of each month (October - April) at 7:00pm.**



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## **Welcome, Introductions**

Approximately 40 members in attendance.

## **Old - Business**

- Treasury report – Kurt Silton. January 31, 2011 ending balance is \$5,263.52. Please refer to the attached detailed treasury report.
- Grand Rapids, MN – Pink Ribbon Ride (Jan 7-8) (Recap). 192 sleds participated in the ride and we raised \$48,812 dollars toward men and women with breast cancer.
- Club House BBQ. Thanks to Mark and Marie Jorland for coordinating this fun event. We had approximately 30 members in attendance.
- Midwest Vintage Snowmobile Show (Waconia, MN)

The Midwest Vintage Snowmobile Show is the largest fundraiser for the Snoblazers. 34 members from our club participated in the Waconia Vintage Show. 13 people worked more than one shift from our club...which means we need more participation from our Club for next year. The 2012 Midwest Vintage Snowmobile Show will be held January 27, 28 and 29, 2012 - Chaparral is the sponsor for the 2012 show. Mike Schulz would appreciate any comments from those who worked the show this year. All feedback will be forwarded to the event coordinators for review for the next year.

Saturday was once again an all-time attendance record.

## **New Business**

- Region 8 Report
  - The endangered trail project was discussed and it was decided to move it to the trail along the Minnesota River going into Henderson. Terry Hutchinson and Mike Carlson will head up the project and work with Neal Anderson on the trail signage.

## Region 8 (Continued)

- The upcoming MnUSA Legislative Reception will be Tuesday, January 25, 2011 - 4-7 pm @ Kelly Inn Capitol - 161 St. Anthony, St. Paul.

Please contact your legislators and invite the legislators to join you at the reception. Remember to make sure you go if you ask them to. They will show up asking for people by name that contacted them. There are many new legislators and we need snowmobilers to be available to talk to them. Many may not know about snowmobiling - how it is a volunteer system providing a great economic benefit to the state and that snowmobilers pay their own way.

- Waconia Ride IN - Members of MWVSS were on hand to give us the approval to provide 8 people to help with the Radar Run and worker check in tent. A sign-up sheet was passed around. It was stressed that this is a fund raiser for Region 8.
- Legacy Plan - There will be an announcement made by the DNR on Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> @ the State Capital Rotunda.
- The Veterans appreciation ride was held Jan. 7 & 8 in Thief River Falls. They had 75 riders over the two days. Next year's ride is scheduled for Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> in Madelia, MN.
- The MnUSA Winter Rendezvous is Feb. 10-13, 2011 @ Arrowwood Resort, Alexandria. Seven (7) items are still needed for the Silent auction.
- Doug Franzen, the MnUSA lobbyist, will be present to speak at the next meeting.

### Club Updates:

Some members of the River Valley Trailblazers were invited to be part of a Twin Cities Live segment that was about women involved in snowmobiling.

<http://twincitieslive.com/article/stories/s1919837.shtml?cat=10698>

Al Koenig resigned as president of SW Trails. He had done it for 20 years.

Hamel Snorunners will be having a Snowmobile Softball game on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> @ 2PM. Location: Where the trail crosses Cty. Rd. 10

There will be a Mayors ride starting at the Anoka County Fairgrounds on Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> with 6 Mayors signed up so far. <http://abcnewspapers.com/2011/01/13/second-annual-mayors-trail-ride-jan-22/>

The week of Feb 12-21 is take a friend snowmobiling week.

Go to <http://www.snowmobile.org/takeafriendsnowmobiling/> to register for a \$250 gift certificate.

- Wearables. Chris McGraw's Father passed away this past Saturday. Funeral on Wednesday at 11am.
- Election nominations at the March 2011 meeting. We are in need of the following positions: President, Vice President, Treasury, and three Board Member positions.

SW Trails – looking to replace many Board positions... President, Officers, and Secretary, Groomer. All positions are volunteered. Please attend the February 23 meeting if you'd like to be considered for one of these positions. The meeting will be held at the Sheepshed in Goose Lake at 7pm. They meet three times per year...depending on the year...or on an as needed basis. The state grant for SW Trails is \$32,000/year.

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Club Rides**

Walker, MN - (Feb 4-5, 2011). Mark will roll – out Friday at 7am.

Winter WI – (Feb 19-20, 2011). Tom and Tracy will be heading to winter Thursday evening so anyone that wants to ride Friday morning...please touch base with Tom and Tracy.

????? – Anywhere you would like to arrange

#### **Wrap up and Q&A**

Vest from the clean-up have been returned (the majority of them). A box of new vest have been placed in the clubhouse.

Left tire on the clubhouse is worn – barring needs to be replaced.

Please stay off 6-mile creek...it's totally open.

Next Board Meeting is February 15<sup>th</sup>.