

SNOBLAZERS NEWSLETTER



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Club Meeting Date:

Tuesday, January 4, 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

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.
(October – April) at
7:00pm.**

Welcome, Introductions

Please remember to turn off cell phones.

Old Business

- Treasury report – Kurt Silton. Please see attached report. Calendar sales were added during the past month along with \$448 for the Mound Foodshelf...the Foodshelf money will be paid in March when contribution can be doubled.
- Dues
- Holiday Party – We had approximately 50 in attendance. Name tags were appreciated. Linda Jacobson delivered the toys for tots – Thank You Linda!! A discussion was held about holding the 2011 Holiday Party on a Friday evening.

New Business

- Guest speaker- Mark (owner) -St. Boni Motor Sports. Mark spoke about technology and warranties. Please visit their website at: www.stboni.com
- Midwest Vintage Snowmobile Show (Waconia, MN). January 29-30th. In need of Sunday morning and Sunday afternoon workers. Please contact Mike Schulz if you can help!! Mike will have a list of shift workers. All workers are given a free lunch. Make sure you sign in with Mike Carlson upon your arrival...Mike will be the one with the broken foot.
- Brochure holders – all brochure holders should be at the designated sites. If you need stickers to correct the location of our general membership meetings (changed from Al & Alma's to the Mound American Legion), please see Steve Shoop.
- Snoblazers calendars – sold old!!! Great job Tracy and Tom!!
- Club House – The Club has been placed on the lake...same area as last year (a big thank you to Mark Jorland and Dean Mitchell)!!. KatKitchen – Kurt Silton offered to keep it at his place. Jan. 15 @ noon BBQ at the Club House. A total of \$100 was approved for the BBQ on January 15th. Make sure you join us!
- Pink Ribbon Riders – donation. \$110 will be donated on behalf of those Snoblazers participating in this event.

New Business (Continued)

Region 8 Update

1. At the last meeting we had a presenter talk to us about a way to designate and mark an endangered trail. It was decided that if the Dakota Rail trail gets approval for next year that it would be a good test bed for that type of trail signage.
2. 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. 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.

To assist in introducing legislators to the snowmobilers from their area, MnUSA will be setting up different areas of the room by Region. You are invited to bring a few area trail maps to show off the trails in your area. If you have club brochures, bring those as well.

The MnUSA Legislative Committee has set aside funds to assist MnUSA members with mileage expenses to the reception. Car pooling is encouraged.

3. As a fund raiser for this year we are offering to provide 8 people to help at the Waconia Ride IN. This is still pending the approval of MWVSS.
4. The top four wishes of the people that attended the Legacy planning meetings were reported as follows.
1. Connect people to the outdoors. 2. Acquire land and opportunities. 3. Maintain what we have. 4. Work better together.
5. The Veterans appreciation ride was held Jan. 7 & 8 in Thief River Falls.
6. The MnUSA Winter Rendezvous is Feb. 10-13, 2011 @ Arrowwood Resort, Alexandria. Silent auction items are still needed.
7. GPS maps of the trail system for the entire state can be downloaded for free on the DNR website.
8. It was discussed that a potential location for the Gear Up & Go (GUNG) show next year could be at the Carver County Fairgrounds. We are working with people on the fair board to determine the location, cost, and timing.
9. Due to a recent inquiry it was noted that liability insurance is currently NOT required.
10. The Chaska Snowhawks will be having their annual benefit ride Feb. 19th @ Louisville Lanes. It will benefit the CAP Agency which is the local food shelf.
11. The River Valley Trailblazers served hot dogs & hot cocoa to riders on the trail last weekend to promote the club & MnUSA. They sold maps and recruited members. They had the groomer parked out there for people to see and check out.

Upcoming Events

- Vintage snowmobile show Waconia – Jan 29th – 30th

Club Trips

When making hotel reservations for Club trips, please mention the Westonka Snoblazers to receive the negotiated rates.

- New Years Ride: Brule, WI: Approximately 20 members attended the New Year's Eve Ride. In spite of the all-day rain on Thursday, we still had a great time riding and spending time with friends. In the evening everyone gathered at Dean and Karla Pederson's for a potluck dinner and 'Dean size bonfire' and fireworks. Thank you Dean and Karla for hosting this event at your home again this year!
- Grand Rapids, MN – Pink Ribbon Ride (Jan 7-8)
- Walker, MN - (Feb 4-5, 2011). Friday everyone arrives and the group ride is on Saturday. Chase on The Lake – restaurant, bar, pool, sauna, and bowling alley. Coordinator: Mark Locken
- Winter WI – (Feb 19-20, 2011). Tom and Tracy Biehl (Coordinators) will be there on Feb. 18 – make your reservations early as another event is also being held on this weekend. Rooms are booking up quickly. Saturday evening we'll have a group dinner. To save money on your Wisconsin trail pass...purchase a \$36 trail pass for two-years – list your address as here.
- Trip to UP – More details will be forthcoming regarding this trip.

Wrap up and Q&A

Wearables Coordinator –Chris McGraw	612-685-0023	mcgrawpainting@mchsi.com
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Webmaster – Kurt Silton		ksilton@lineneffects.com
Trail Coordinator – Kelly Winger	612-386-1689	kwinger@arcticatinc.com
Trail Coordinator – Tom Brostrom	763-607-2101	tbody1965@gmail.com

Upcoming and Miscellaneous:

- General meetings: 1st Tuesday of each month January thru March –Mound Legion-7pm
- Board meetings: 3rd Tuesday of each month September thru March – Mound Legion 7pm
- Region 8 meetings are third Tuesday of each month – Divanni's Hwy. 7 @ 7PM –Mike Carlson (Region 8 Board member)
- Safety training (born after '76) – CD and (self test over 18) – see DNR website
- Adopt-a-Highway: April 12th 2011 – County Road 6 & Townline Rd @ 6pm
- Deck Party: TBD
- Boat Cruise: June 24th, 2011
- Spirit of the Lakes Parade: Mound, July (TBD)
- Maxwell Bay Rendezvous: Maxwell Bay, August (TBD)
- Donny won the pin; Joe won the Westonka patch.
- Microphone needed for meeting.

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