



JANUARY MEETING

The January meeting was opened by Steve Shoop at 7:00.

• WELCOME ALL NEW MEMBERS:

Alan Kozicky, Christopher Pounder, Gary and Teri Lano, Steve and Rose Rosdahl, Dan Boll, Jim Coleman, Jim & Jolene Shoop, Bret Warren, Ryan Haug, Shawn Reese, Dean Morris, Ramon Serna, Dean Rannestad, David Opheim, Ecra Bisson

TREASURER REPORT- Last month's expenses were the food shelf donation of \$270, and the Christmas Party expense of \$1,000. The ending balance was \$2700. Note: Membership dues are past due. Only About 1/2 of members have paid. Please send a payment of \$40.00 to WSB, PO BOX 204, Mound MN 55364. Or if you are paying Pat at a club meeting, please put your payment into an envelope and clearly print your name and "WSB Club Dues". Thank you! (\$17 goes to our club, \$3 goes to Southwest Trails, and \$20 goes to MnUSA.)

HOLIDAY PARTY –

- Thank you to everyone who helped making the holiday party a success! Jack Schuster arranged for chicken and ribs to be catered in. Everyone brought an appetizer or desert to share. All the food was fantastic!
- The Toys for Tots donation was a great success.
- The White elephant gift exchange was also a blast! Next year I want that 8 foot tall inflatable palm tree!!!
- Kevin Nobrega organized a 50/50 cash raffle including donations from local businesses. The object of the raffle was for the winner to receive ½ of proceeds from the ticket sales, and the other half would be donated to the Westonka Foodshelf. The club had previously approved matching the donation with club funds. Dale Haug won the 50/50 raffle and immediately donated his winnings back to the food shelf. With these three pools of money, plus individual donations, **The Club donated a total of \$967 to the Westonka Food Shelf plus 8-10 bags of groceries!!!** Traci Biehl made a "Big Check" and Tamera, Tony, Bret, and Teri presented it to Jack Weist, volunteer director, and he expressed huge gratitude.



- Presenting the big check to to the Westonka Foodshelf

ANTIQUÉ SNOWMOBILE SHOW "Waconia 2010 – Year of the Deere"

The vintage snowmobile show is January 30 and 31st at the Waconia Ball Room. The featured snowmobile is John Deere. The new Saturday afternoon program will offer a drag race against your buddies, a "grudge match" for only \$5 per drag.

Check www.mwvss.com for more details. Telephone hotline is 651-649-4688.

Mike Schulz presented information on this year's event. **HE IS LOOKING FOR 4 MORE PEOPLE FOR SUNDAY MORNING.**

Last year we had about 30 volunteers for 250 hours. This year we shooting for 40 volunteers and 350 hours!

This show is a lot of FUN to volunteer, and is a great way to see everybody. This is also our primary fund raiser, and it is a blast. See you there!

If you haven't already signed up to volunteer, please call Mike Schulz at 952-472-1102. As usual we need volunteers for Friday setup, Saturday morning and afternoon, and Sunday morning and afternoon.

New this year is a Friday night get together at Island View Golf Club, open to everyone. There will be a cash bar and appetizers. This is your opportunity to mingle with the guys from John Deer.

Saturday's main events are the swap meet, the vintage trail ride at 11:00, and ROLA oval racing. Sunday's main events are the swap meet, ice drags, Silent auction, loud pipes contest, and vintage sled judging, and award s ceremony.

There was some discussion regarding the club buying more reflective work vests and/or paying a portion for a personalized vest.

If you bring a GMRS walkie-talkie, they will be communicating on Channel 3 sub channel 2.

Next year's date is: January 29 and January 30, 2011.

CLUB HOUSE

The WSB club house is on Cooks bay out from Mound Bay Park. It is further north this year, directly out from the lost lake channel. The club house is a meeting place for local weekend rides.

REGION 8

Stan Wise attended the Region 8 meeting at the Kelly inn with the DNR about possible changes in registration procedures. They are proposing combining the trail fee with the registration fee.

Stan is also going to attend the Region 8 meeting Tues January 19, at Davanni's. The DNR will also be present at this meeting. Feel free to attend. (Note: this is the same night as our board meeting).

WSB club member, Mike Carlson, is the new director of Region 8. CONGRATULATIONS MIKE! www.MnSnowmobiler.org

FUNDRAISING

Don't forget to get your Amsoil from Jeff Cordes - jeffc@metroproinc.com, your wearables from Tim Nelson - tnelson-87@comcast.com, and your shocks rebuilt by Doug Borman.

SNOWMOBILE PHOTO CONTEST.

Submit your **snowmobile related** photo to Ksilton@lineneffects.com by our March 2nd meeting. The Board will select a winner and present an award at the April meeting. Try to keep the resolution to a reasonable size. The photograph needs to be taken by you or of you, and be snowmobile related.

CLUB TRIPS - RECAP

- Brule Wisconsin: Past members, Dean and Carla played host to a new year's celebration and ride at their new place in Brule. 31 club members rode the pristine trails of northern Wisconsin through snow covered tree "tunnels", and then had a bon fire and fireworks at Dean and Carla's place.



- Bon fire and fire works at the Pedersons. (There are more pictures on the website)
- There was a motion for the board to discuss giving a gift to Dean and Carla. Motion was approved.
- Pink Ribbon Ride
- A nice group of members represented the club on January 8th and 9th at the Pink ribbon ride to raise funds for breast cancer support.
- Jan Trap and Tracy Biehl were among the top fundraisers for the event. **WAY TO GO JAN AND TRACY!**
- A motion was made to donate \$10 per our club rider (total of 8 riders) to the pink ribbon organization. The motion was approved.



- Craig, Jan, Pat, Tom, Tom, Tracy, Mona and Jack at the Pink Ribbon Ride.
- **UPCOMING TRIPS:**
 - Mark Locken. February 12,13,14. Holiday Inn, Alexandria MN. www.HIAlexandria.com . 320-763-6577. Make sure to say you are with the SnoBlazers to get the discount. Great snow right now. They didn't get any rain!
 - \$85.00 per night for 2 queen beds per room. (Mark negotiated a smokin' hot deal!)
 - Swimming pool, whirlpool, sauna, Bar and Grill.
 - You must make reservations 2 weeks before the event. You can cancel up to the day before.
 - Lots of woods and fields. Inspiration peak is the highest in the area!
 - Only two hours north on I94.
 - Even if there is no snow, you can cancel up to the last day.

- Tom Biehl. February 27, 28. Trap and Fish Motel, Winter, Wisconsin. Call Wendy at the Trap N Fish motel at 715-266-9291. Leave a message (She is bad at returning phone calls.) www.trapNfish.com
 - Still 7 rooms left. Can cancel up to 1 day before.
 - They got 16 inches of snow in January.
 - A Wisconsin trail pass is required, They are easy to get once you are up there.
- Steve Shoop. Pink ribbon ride March 19, 20,22. Togettee, Wyoming. What is that fluffy stuff you call powder?
 - You can ride the trails on your short track or bring &/or rent a long track.(Do some real riding in the fluff!)
 - It is about an 18 hour drive from here.
- OTHER / CHARITY RIDES
 - MS Rally February 18-21, Cable Wisconsin. WWW.MSSnoRally.com 800-582-5296
- LOCAL RIDES
 - Leave the club house on lake Minnetonka at 10:00 AM Saturdays and 12:00 noon Sundays when there is snow. Show up and go!

TRAIL CROSSING

There is a new trail crossing across the Dakota rail trail walking path located 1 block west of downtown on Cottonwood Lane. The city of Mound is responsible for the crossing. The expenses were \$263. To show our support and continue our good relationship with the city, a motion was made and approved to help pay for the crossing materials.

ELECTIONS IN APRIL

Nominations are accepted at the March meeting. It is never too early to start thinking about who is going to keep this club going and keep the sport of snowmobiling vibrant in Mound Westonka area.

PARLEY LAKE ACCESS

We have lost the trail at Grim Road and 6 Mile creek due to land owner issues with the Three Rivers Park District. The disagreement between the two parties has NOTHING TO DO WITH SNOWMOBILS. Steve talked to the land owner; He has no problem with snowmobilers, but the Park District said he can't drive to his lake anymore, so he is saying "no" to snowmobiling" until he gets his way. The trail has been re-routed to 6 mile creek.

BROCHURE HOLDERS.

Please keep them filled. Andy volunteered to keep the St Boni Motor Sports filled.

FOR SALE

Don't forget the classified ad section on our web site. Please keep photos small and remove the posting promptly when sold.

OTHER BUSINEESS

FAMILY FUN RIDE: There was discussion on planning a relaxed pace "sight seeing" type of ride, to include spouses and kids, and possibly a cookout. Contact Lyndelle Vasey at 952-472-3473 or Brettvasey1974@yahoo.com if interested in helping and attending.

NEXT CLUB MEETING – Tuesday Feb 2nd .

RIDE SAFE

Check out the web site:
WWW.SnoBlazers.com

RIDE SOBER