

Grand Marais Sno-Trails Association  
Minutes of the Annual Meeting  
June 6, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.

President, Norm Geiger called the meeting to order.

Members in attendance were: Norm Geiger, Mikki Geiger, Kay Wampler, Steve Bell for Bayshore Market, Ed Bowen for Edward Bowen & Assoc., and Drivers Tami Delu and Carol Arthur.

Local Businesses also in attendance were: Mike Lawless of Superior Hardware, Shane Bugg of Superior Market, and Aleta Hubbard of Dunes Motel, along with Bill Priesman and Nikki Darrow.

Secretary/Treasurer, Kay Wampler reported that she had not had time to prepare budget materials for this meeting having learned of the meeting the same morning. Vice President, Steve Bell did have financial reports from the end of April to review. (Financial reports and the budget will be prepared and presented for approval at a special meeting.)

President Geiger reported on the operations to date, status of equipment, problems encountered, and requested more help running the club. Currently, both 2007 Tuckers have major repair issues totaling up to \$30,000 each. This is due to the fact that the DNR is not replacing equipment every 3 years as they did in the past. He is working with Lansing to either get the major repairs approved or to replace both 2007 Tuckers. He would be interested in acquiring Piston Bully groomers to replace them. Several ideas were discussed and committees were suggested to help. The barn and groomers still need to be cleaned before the 4th of July. There is also a current bridge project at Claypit Lake (there is a temporary bridge installed now but needs to be replaced with a permanent one which has already been approved by the DNR) and one on the proposed reroute of Trail 88 between Adams Trail and M-77 to be completed. The grant for the upcoming season is due July 15th. Paperwork from the DNR has not yet been received.

The suggested committees are as follows:

1. Recovery Committee (disabled groomer)
2. Cleaning and Custodial Committee (groomers and bldg)
3. Signing and Brushing Committee
4. Fund raising Committee
5. Membership Committee
6. Operations Committee (groomer maintenance, driver training, groomer scheduling)
7. Trail Development (new trails, temp trails etc)

Sno-Trails is seeking volunteers to "chair" these committees, who will be responsible for developing appropriate crews and delegating necessary tasks. Volunteers will be appointed by the President.

Nominations for Executive Board offices: Ed Bowen nominated Mike Lawless for President, Kay Wampler nominated Steve Bell as Vice- President, Steve Bell nominated Kay Wampler as Secretary/Treasurer, Mikki Geiger volunteered as Trustee #1, and Tammy Delu volunteered as Trustee #2. Norm declined nomination for President at this time but said he would continue with equipment acquisition until such time as the DNR offers funds for a new groomer or approves major repairs. Nominations may continue to be made for any of the aforementioned positions up to the time of the vote at the Special Meeting. Nominee Mike Lawless requested financial statements for review prior to accepting the nomination. All others were accepted.

A Special Meeting of the Grand Marais Sno-Trails Assoc. has been called for Thursday, June 9th @ 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing officers, approving the budget, and filling committee chairman positions. This meeting will be at the Community Center.