

CWCSTA Monthly Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2026

Called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Mark

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept by Rick, 2nd by Ryan, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: See last page for details. Motion to accept by Barb, 2nd by Derek, motion passed.

DNR Report Keri Hull: Snowmobile revenue graphs presented. Mark will scan and send out. Registrations look good up to Feb. 1. Will process benchmarks # 2 and #3. #4 looks likely but not sure yet. Mark added that there are new rules for FRTP grants so be aware if applying. Barb asked Kerri about Volunteer Instructor newsletter-never anything about snowmobile safety training. Kerri will look into it. Baxter has been notified they are up for fiscal review this year. Trails have been gone through and look good. Dani is doing well and will be back to work soon.

Crow Wing County Tom Strack: Second benchmarks have been submitted to the DNR to be paid out in March. Please know the DOT is not out to ruin the trails. Their primary responsibility is safety of the roads. There is new leadership at the Highway department, and they and Tom are working on a communication method to better collaborate.

MnUSA: Winter Rendezvous is this weekend. Garrison, Ponto, and Fort Ripley are planning to attend. Discussion regarding getting a bus to attend Legislative Reception March 9 4:30-7:30 p.m. (March meeting night). Decision not to get a bus after discussion of items on the table. If something changes, we can rent a van or reimburse people to attend.

MnUSA Region 3: Tom Jann out due to emergency surgery. He has instructed other Region 3 directors to keep us informed with updates.

ACSA: Nothing to report.

Maps: Discussed if there was a need to increase map ad prices. Decision to leave the same.

Raffle Tickets: Terrific sales this year. 9,532/10,000 Sold. Payout was \$3.42/ticket. Top three clubs were Pequot (1756), Emily (16501), and Gull Lake (1120). Several new venue options have presented themselves. Mark formulated a list of requirements. For those that meet the requirements, we will choose at the March meeting.

Club Reports:

- Baxter: Groom when they can.
- Bay Lake: No report
- Brainerd: New Rep-Welcome Jake. One of their Tuckers is down. Doing trail and equipment maintenance and tree trimming.
- Deerwood: Groom when they can. Clean up ditches and snow chunks.
- Emily: Groomed early today. Had 34 riders for Club ride to Grand Rapids last weekend.
- Fort Ripley: Nothing new to report.
- Garrison: Grooming snowballs in the ditches.
- Gull Lake: Groom when can. Hosted last week's snow/no snow ride. 34 riders, 35 for lunch.
- Ideal: WinterFest last weekend. Club did Radar Runs. Lots of attendees. As the host this week of the snow/no snow decision was made to not ride. Meet at Moonlight Bay at noon. On Saturday 2/14 the club is hosting a Valentines Cookout at their shelter 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Family Friendly event. There is parking for cars and you can reach the shelter on foot.
- Merrifield: Club trip last weekend. This Thursday is Camp Confidence Winter event. 500 kids pre-registered. If anyone can help even with getting helmets on kids if can't give rides. Starts at 8:30. Long time member Jerome (Pete) Peterson passed last week. Reservations are already made at the Cedar Chest for when they host the Snow/no snow lunch.
- Pequot: Antique weekend was brutally cold but was well attended anyway. Viking Snowmobile was the featured sled.
- Ponto: Groomed last week except Sno-Way 1-too Rocky. Not enough snow.

Old Business: No items for discussion.

New Business-April is Trail Coordinators' mandatory meeting month. Good time to discuss payment if clubs help each other out with grooming. Mark requested reimbursement of \$323.90 for website host renewal. Rick motioned, Barb seconded. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by Barb

Adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

CWCSTA Snowmobile Club Treasurers Report
 For period January 1, 2026 to January 30, 2026
 Checking
 Beginning Balance \$ 55,218.22
 Income \$ 2275.11
 Expenses \$ 23,724.15
 Ending Balance \$ 33,769.18