

Meeting Minutes February 24th, 2026 Called to order: 7:29- by Char Hillmyer

WCSA Officers:

President: Char Hillmyer (French Lake)
 Vice President: Ted Pribyl (Maple Lake Sno Trackers)
 Treasurer: Randy Neumann (St. Michael Foxtailers)
 Executive Secretary/Trail Administrator: Chris Roehl (Albertville) croehl@bdplumbers.com
 Secretary: Jessie Hartsuiker (Monticello)

Members Present:

Randy Neumann	St. Michael	Char Hillmyer	French Lake	Brian Byrnes	Otsego
Brandon Johnston	Otsego	Tom Berning	Albertville	Andy Swanson	St. Michael
Guy Stuve	So Haven	Chris Roehl	Albertville	Dane Hasbrouck	Monticello
Pete Wagener	Monticello	Kerry Barnard	Rockford	Ray Polson	Rockford
Curt Ritter	Delano	Terri Ritter	Delano	Randy Hatcher	Rockford
Jeff Hegstrom	Rockford	Derek Hartsuiker	Monticello	Jessie Hartsuiker	Monticello
Keith Goepfert	St. Michael	Pete Peterson	St. Michael	Keith Burandt	Rockford
Robin Hillmyer	Cokato	Chad Paumen	Monticello	Nick Kolles	St. Michael

Secretary’s Report:

A motion was made, and seconded. The December minutes are approved as written.

Treasurer’s Report:

Activity this month was map stickers, sale of fuel barrel, office supplies, Kubota hydraulics, PB tow and receipt of the 1st benchmark check.. A motion was made and seconded. The February 2026 Treasurers report is approved as written.

Executive Secretary/Trail Administrator Report:

1st grant was received for \$34,456.50. The 2nd is in for \$19,142.00. Have not heard anything on how many will be paid out this year. MnUSA says there should be a 3rd paid, but probably not a 4th.

Old Business:

- Argo – Table for the time being
- Right of Way Permits: An updated list of needed permits will be sent out with the minutes. Thanks to all who are working on these.
 - Permit needs to refer to Wright County Parks and not WCSA. Tom will work on reformatting the document for all permits going forward. We might want to have WC Parks and DNR review.
- PB100 Update & Replacement Options – The groomer is totaled. Insurance value should be \$215,000.
 - Option Brought to the Meeting: We can offer a buy back (insurance has no buy back value, so we would have to determine what we think is a fair offer. If insurance thinks they can get more for the unit, they will then send the unit to auction, with then a potential option for us to meet the auction amount if it is more than our offer.) If the unit is bought back buy WCSA, KATV will give us \$20,000 on trade with an \$18,000 discount towards a demo or new unit (Payment option sheet with these details is attached in the email). With this option we would need to determine if the association needs 6 groomers, or if we could drop down to 5. If dropping to 5, we would look at replacing the oldest/next in line groomer (Monticello’s) with the new purchased option, along with rezoning what clubs grooming zones are.
 - More discussion during this included the challenges that some clubs may have with some parts of the trail using a PB vs a tractor, the association has groomed trails with less than 5 groomers in years past, renting a tractor for fall rolling, Monticello’s unit could be sold as a tractor or a groomer. Ultimately Tom Berning made a motion to offer a buy back amount to insurance for up

to \$11,500. Pete Wagener seconded. All in favor and the motion passed. A second motion was made that if need be, for a buy back of up to \$15,000, Pete Wagener seconded. All in favor and the motion passed.

- Jessie will reach out to Marty in regards to a groomer captains meeting for rezoning.

New Business:

- Groomer Training/Refresher - Curt and Marty have agreed to hold a grooming training meeting in September for all captains and drivers to help better identify some of the grooming issues and safety areas. More info to come on this.
- Landowners Dinner – June 24th – Buffalo is next to host with the disbanding of Albertville. Foxtailers to have a few members there to lend a hand as the past hosts and Ridge Runners to have a few members there as they are the 2027 hosts.
- Summer meetings – We generally do not hold a June, July, and August meeting. That may change this year depending on the groomer replacement discussions.
- MnUSA Spring Meeting is April 17th – 19th at Wyndham Gardens in Otsego. There is no host as no clubs volunteered to host.
- MnUSA Legislative Reception is March 9th from 4:30 to 7:30pm at the Capital Ridge Event Center in St. Paul. Link in email for the event along with a link for “Find my Legislator”. There was some unclear understanding on the purpose of this event. You can read more on the MnUSA page, but a few points brought up that makes this event important are: showing your legislate representative that there are people in their region that care about snowmobiling and importance of keeping the sport going. Ultimately funding like the gas tax does help support snowmobiling. Having youth there also shows that the younger generations are getting into this sport as well.

Around the County Club News:

No grooming due to lack of snow

Hot Doggin

All postponed with lack of snow

Other Events..

Landowners Dinner: June 24th

Next regular meeting: March 31st 2026 7:30PM

Motion to Adjourn by Pete, seconded by Kerry. Meeting adjourned: 8:40 PM.

Jessie Hartsuiker

Monticello Trailblazers

Secretary WCSA