



Monthly Meeting Minutes

Meeting Details:

Location	True North Tavern
Call to order	7:01pm
Attendee's onsite	15
online	0

Agenda / Minutes:

Agenda	Nov	Approved
Minutes	Apr	Approved

Officers / Department Reports:

Treasurer

- Bank balance: \$33,873
 - \$30,500 in an improvement grant coming
- CSA: 59 active members - 42 yet to renew 2025-26

Important Links:

- [NRSR.org - Web, short form url](#)
- [North Routt Snow Riders - Web](#)
- [North Routt Snow Riders - Donations](#)
- northrouttsnowriders@gmail.com - EMAIL

Grooming Report:

- **Grooming:** The trails systems have been scouted and problem trees have been marked. Last year the USFS team took care of over 200 trees. This year they have remediated some of the marked trees on 490-409, but many remain to be removed... the Government Shutdown has not helped. Someone asked if we can do our own mitigation to include using motorized equipment (excavator etc). The club will contact our USFS team to get an answer to this.
- **Grooming Agreements:** The club continues to press for the commercial entities, operating over our groomed trail system, to contribute to the club for grooming expenses. This year the club has developed a single grooming donation template (document) and is working to secure commitments for the next season. The template provides for cash, or in-kind contributions, which can be provided via private groomer operations.
- **Early Season Work:** The club intends to utilize the older Pisten Bully groomer for early trail "tracking in" ops
- **2025-26 Grant Status:** The club has been awarded \$23,649 (189 hours)from the state for grooming - a few dollars different than last year. The club grooms over 400 hours per year and typically spends between \$40,000 - \$50,000 for expenses. Additional funding/donations are critical and we continue to work through this
- **Call for action:** The club will be re-locating (moving) from the old cat house to the new one. We are planning to move Sunday, November 9 9:00-noon. If you can help, we are ready for you!
- **Cat Servicing:** Both cats are due for their yearly servicing (fluids, filters, general maintenance) ... we are hoping to set a few days aside to do this.. Again if you can help, contact any of your club officers
- **Grooming Shed - New Cathouse**
 - **Additional Funds Secured:** The club (Larry Krug) prepared a new grant request and secured an additional \$30,500 to support the addition of power, heat, and doors for the cat house not included in the original statement of work
 - **Near Term Items:** The cathouse is close to being ready, near term expenses include final electrical hookups, heater install as well as garage doors and openers. All labor related to the garage doors is being donated by [Carriage House Doors](#)
 - **Additional Questions:**
 - **How is the power paid for?:** At this time, power consumption is paid by the state park
 - **How is the heat paid for?:** Heat is provided by a new propane system installed by the club and will be paid for with club funds to include a yearly tank rental fee of \$1.00 per year, compliments of [Schrader Propane](#)
 - **What is our primary communications tool:** It was asked how we communicate with our members to solicit feedback/help. The club maintains task specific text groups (eg. Groomers), publishes items on facebook, sends targeted emails and registers significant events on our web page. We generally rely on our monthly meetings for new topics, please attend. We keep these listed on our web page: [NRSR.org](#) and on our [calendar](#).
 - **Thanks!:** During the meeting, the club acknowledged and thanks a myriad of volunteers including the club's president, providing over 9 days of support for building infrastructure, commercial and private excavation services for both electrical and propane, and other efforts related to shelving, floor mat procurements etc.

Old Business:

- **Club Ride:** The club is excited to have another night time club ride this year ... during the meeting the club heard that the full moon cycle on January 31 is favorable. The club will be scouting out a better location - stay tuned.
- **Poker Run:**
 - **Next year's 2026 Poker run - March 14,** Brett Allison has agreed to chair this event again
 - The club donated some of the proceeds to the "Together we ride" organization for Veterans and first responders. A **MOTION** was submitted to approve this years benefactor to be the "Together we ride" organization - **APPROVED**
 - **Venue contingency:** The club has been very happy with the [Steamboat Lake Outpost's](#) support for the poker run over the years... since the venue is so critical, the club is interested to know if we should be exploring any contingency venues. If you have ideas ... let us know
- **Warming / Safety Hut:** The club continues to work with the Wyoming snowmobile club to get a safety hut/warming hut put up at the CO-WYO turn around

New Business

- **December meeting:** Our next meeting is scheduled for December 2 at the [True North Adventure Lodge](#) for **6:00pm (an hour earlier to support holding an open house following the meeting at the new cat house)**
 - **Other items of note:**
 - Club elections**
 - 2026 NRSR Hall of Fame additions**
- **New OHV dimension to club:** The club continues to look for new ways to solicit funds to help improve our winter operations. The club notes that the snowmobile registrations seem to be flattening while noting that Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) registrations are growing at significant rates. Registrations being a primary generator of recreational support funding. The club is also involved with helping to manage snowmobile usages and conflicts in North Routt county. It has come to our attention that if the club were to get involved with the off-season (summertime) OHV activity, that the club could benefit by securing discrete OHV monies, designed for summer time trail improvements, which would provide a direct benefit to our winter operations on those same trails. We have explored some of the advantages / disadvantages for formally adding an OHV dimension to the club. Advantages including access to new funding pools, focused trail maintenance as well as helping to manage OHV conflicts for North Routt country residents. Disadvantages revolve around "manning" a new set of officers to provide support for this work. The club will continue this discussions during our public meetings.
- **Hall of Fame:** The club maintains a "Hall of Fame" list of persons who have made significant contributions to the club. Last year we added one individual and received two **motions** for adding two people to the "Hall of Fame" in 2025, both motions passed.. The new inductees will be announced at the December meeting.

Meeting Adjournment: 8:34pm

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