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Trail Bits NLNSC Newsletter Spring 2021

It was cool and grey with the threat of sprinkles when your Board met in early April at Sugar Hills. Before the meeting started we started a campfire and cooked brats which we consumed along with chips and homemade cookies (thanks Nancy Z). Thus fortified we went into the equipment storage section and forgified ahead. There was some distancing and a couple of masks but all if not most had been vaccinated.

Review of last year:

The trails were extremely popular likely in part as a great option to get away from the pandemic. Our member donor numbers, however, were down from previous years. The northernlightsnordic.org web site is working well to update trail reports and make it easy for folks to make donations

Grooming went well with no major equipment problems. The new Yellowstone groomer we purchased for use at North Suomi worked well and was a significant upgrade according to Dale.

Blueberry Hills storage building was improved with the addition of a wood floor and insulation. See pics below

Youth skiing (MYSL) was well attended according to director Catherine M there were 150 participants at Mt. Itasca. In addition there was a group of 12 from the Deer River area that she coached at Blueberry Hills.

Future plans

Rick will be working with the City of Grand Rapids to flatten some rough areas on Legion trail that make grooming difficult

New Equipment-A roller will be purchased for use at Doan Lake/Joyce Estate to pack early snow and get the base ready. A 20+ year old mower that we use at Sugar will be replaced.

Used skis-Catherine is looking for waxless skis at 170-190cm. If you have something you'd like to move on or are in need of used equipment just contact her at 326-1313

Potential projects at Blueberry and Sugar Hills were discussed.

We finished with high hopes and good feelings for the upcoming year.

Pete F



