



Border Route Trail Association Board Meeting Minutes January 14, 2016

Attendees: John Elliot President, Gary Carlson, Matthew Davis, John Garbe, Bob Jarvis, Jarvis, Deena Reisman, Tom Suter, Bob Westphal, and about 50 interested members of the public including Pat Gannon.

➤ Reports

- President – John E.
 - Introduced BRTA to the public attendees, the budget, web page, classes.
 - Introduced Matt Davis.
- Treasurer – Deena R.
 - Managed fundraising sales table.
- Web Master – John G.
 - No report at annual public meeting.
- Wilderness Trip Leader – Tom S.
 - Described camp sites, encouraged purchases to support BRTA.
- Mechanized Trip Leader – Ed S.
 - No report from Buenos Aires.
- Marketing –
 - Open board position.
- Director at Large
 - Open board position. Pat Gannon expressed interest.

➤ Monthly topics

- Review/approve meeting minutes from last meeting.
 - Done
- Media events
 - Adventure Expo, date tbd.

➤ Current Project List Discussion

- No report, due to educational public annual meeting fundraiser.

➤ New Topics

- Matt Davis, Regional Trail Coordinator for MN and ND
- slideshow is posted at <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=oa.10153828280543180&type=1>
- Matt provided a summary of the Border Route Trail (mostly overlooks the Border chain of lakes - the Voyageur highway) and an update on the North Country Trail Association's "Arrowhead Re-route effort" which would make the Border Route Trail an official part of the North Country National Scenic Trail.
- The NCTA is challenging hikers to hike a hundred miles on the NCT during 2016 in honor of the National Park Service's Centennial. It's called the Hike 100 Challenge and folks can learn more and register at <https://northcountrytrail.org/get-involved/special-events/hike-100-challenge/>
- Election
 - Everybody got reelected. Jarvis became secretary.
- Possible new hiking trail in August

➤ Next meeting

- Feb 18^h – Gary's place. Bob J. will bring the beer.