



Border Route Trail Association Board Meeting Minutes November 10, 2016

Attendees: John Elliot, Gary Carlson, Bob Jarvis, Larry Quinn, Deena Reisman,
Ed Solstad, Tom Suter, Bob Westphal

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- President – John E.
 - 125 Trail Guides are left (+ 12 in booth bin.
 - John is working on equipment, sharpening blades, etc.
 - Pole saw will not be replaced, as the Great Ice Storm is probably a one-off. The one we have is adequate for our needs.
 - Resorts are having a good year.

- Treasurer – Deena R.
 - Currently \$10,300 in checking, including \$300 from Xcel, due to James Rowan. The SHT owes us \$160, and there are some outstanding trip expenses.
 - Gary C. will need \$500 - \$1000 for materials for boardwalk and bridge repair. Do we need any permits for this?

- Web Master – John G. (not present)
 - Worked on shopping page, hopes to have beta for review in a few days.
 - Trail condition info on website needs to be updated. Entries should appear newest first.

- Marketing – Suma R. (not present)
 - Deena R. will write up sales instructions for volunteers manning the Expo booth; Bob J. will coordinate booth volunteers.
 - Ed S. talked to John Istad and will schedule a presentation in Duluth/UMD with a date that is close to the spring clearing season.
 - Ed S. suggested that we organize some recreational trips to the BRT to promote interest and recruit new members.
 - Larry Q. suggested that we host an additional meeting at REI a few weeks before the spring clearing season. This would be a sort of “Trail Clearing 101” class, with a slideshow and demonstration or display of equipment.

- Wilderness Coordinator – Tom S.

There was a clearing trip in the Topper Lake area on 10/6; about a mile remains to be cleared to the Crab Lake cutoff.

- Mechanized Coordinator – Ed S.
 - The BRT is in the best shape ever!
 - Upcoming projects for 2017: Stump River bridge rehab, Pigeon River and Bridal Falls campsite clearing, Wet area bypasses: BRT on north side of Loon Lake plus Otter Lake Cutoff in from Otter Lake Rd. Ed will request that the Forest Service approve a new campsite on Loon Lake.

- Organizational topics
 - Matt Bob W. agreed to become the new Wilderness Coordinator when the new board is constituted in January.
 - Ed S. would like to share the Mechanized Coordinator position with another person, with the intention of transitioning the position to the new person.
 - John E. will reserve space at REI for the annual meeting on January 12.

- Monthly topics
 - Reviewed/approved with minor corrections meeting minutes from last meeting.
 - Next meeting Thursday, December 8 at Gary's. Bob J. will bring the beer.