



# Border Route Trail Association

## Board Meeting Minutes

### August 24, 2017

Attendees: John Elliot, Gary Carlson, Tom Suter, Ed Solstad, Deena Reisman, Bob Jarvis, Brian Hanson

#### ➤ Reports

- President – John E.
  - Hestons reports more water on the trail than usual. More rain and beaver activity.
  - Discussed the use of “levelers”, plastic pipe with perforations on upstream end to control water levels.
  - There are reports of more “brush” on the trail, but it is probably perennials and berries.
  - Trail Guides ~19 remaining (John ~4, Deena ~15).
  - Tom Kaffine, Grand Marais Forest Service, is retiring this fall. We will need to get on board with the new manager.
- Treasurer – Deena R.
  - Current checking balance reported and approved.
  - Spring trip fees deposits of \$1,400.
  - \$1,200 expenses paid.
  - \$200 in donations.
  - Took in \$5 from Amazon Smile.
  - We owe yet for NCT membership.
  - We owe yet for Minnesota Trails Magazine Ad. \$400 split with NCT.
  - Deena and Ed to reconcile Meetup donations.
- Trail Guide – Suma R. (not present)
  - Voted Yes to order 500 guides.
  - Need to be reviewed one last time – Suma and Ed.
  - \$1575.73, Quote No. 40173.
- Web Master – John G. (not present)
- Marketing – Suma R (not present)
  - Fall Rovers Intro Meeting Sept 5 at REI Bloomington. B Jarvis to coordinate.
  - Discussed the need to create a new slideshow showing more photos of individuals clearing trails. Can we use existing photos of Matt Davis'? Pam Wright's?
  - Midwest Expo is mid-November.

- Wilderness Coordinator – Bob W. (not present)
  - South lake Campsite is now open.
- Mechanized Coordinator – Ed S.
  - J Elliot setting up an October Trip.
- Organizational topics
  - Looking for a Mechanized Coordinator.
- Monthly topics
  - Reviewed/approved June 2017 meeting minutes.
  - Next meeting Thursday, September, 7:30pm at Gary's. Brian will bring the beer.