



# Border Route Trail Association

## Board Meeting Minutes

### February 16, 2017

Attendees: John Elliot, Bob Jarvis, Deena Reisman, Suma Raghavendran, Jeremy, Larry Quinn, Tom Suter, Bob Westphal, Brian Hanson.

#### ➤ Reports

- President – John E.
  - Two missing first aid kits will be replaced.
  - Small number of Trail Guides sold. Order of 20 for Stone Harbor pending. SH could buy map sets from NCT.
  - Most tools are in good shape. Gas powered tools are good. One pole saw is ok.
  - Some tool kits are still missing and will be replaced.
  - Snow report estimate of 8+ inches.
  - Saw Training scheduled for April 22-23. Chainsaw Saturday, Crosscut Sunday. Some confusion with website. Participants unsure if they got scheduled for one or both sessions. Need First Aid certificate. Regular FA is ok, but Wilderness First Aid is recommended.
- Treasurer – Deena R.
  - Checking balance reported and approved.
  - Received \$320 grant from NCT for first aid rebates.
  - \$680 paid out for first aid rebates.
  - \$133 sales at the January 2017 Annual meeting + \$50 donation.
  - Sold two Trail Guides + \$12 donation.
  - Amazon Smile donation of \$16.
- Trail Guide – Suma R.
  - Suma has and can read the disk. Should be March 2013. Tom S has correct rev if necessary.
  - John E has ~83 guides. Denna has ~16.
  - The consensus is the Trail Guide needs to be updated soon. It was suggested that everyone review the Trail Guide and bring suggestions to the March meeting:
    - × Need Outfitter owners changes.
    - × Shuttle services
    - × Map updates
    - × Sections descriptions updates
    - × Campsites descriptions

- × “How to hike BRT” section
  - NCT Guidebook Section needs update. Add BRT day hikes to NCT guide. Tom S to talk to Matt D.
  
- Web Master – John G. (not present)
  - Tom S. will be getting trail condition info to John Garvey.
  
- Marketing – Suma R.
  - Dan Handke asked about BRT presentation. Suma to present at BWCA Backpacking Season Kick-off at Camp Sacajawea Retreat Center (Lebanon Hills) Saturday, March 4, 2017.
  - Doug Smith BRT article was published in StarTribune.
  - Christie James and Bob J doing a presentation at Rotary District Convention in early April.
  - Canoecopia 2017 in Madison is March 10-12. Deena to send handouts to Todd McMahon.
  
- Wilderness Coordinator – Bob W.
  - Scouting trip tentatively planned for last weekend of April/1<sup>st</sup> week of May – Tom S and Bob W.
  - Tom S and Phil N may do additional scouting.
  - Tom S working with Tom Kaffine on wilderness signage plan.
  
- Mechanized Coordinator – Ed S. (not present)
  - Portage Brook bridge may need an extension.
  - Walkway at Loon lake was discussed.
  - Larry Q to make “Lower Bridal Falls” sign.
  
- Organizational topics – Annual Meeting
  - Annual meeting at REI Bloomington, January 12, had a good turnout. 70+ participants.
  - Sold 8 map sets. \$133 total sales.
  
- Monthly topics
  - Reviewed/approved with minor corrections meeting minutes from last meeting.
  - Next meeting Thursday, March 9, 7:30pm at Gary’s. Brian will bring the beer.