



Border Route Trail Association

Board Meeting Minutes

March 09, 2017

Attendees: John Elliot, Gary Carlson, Bob Jarvis, Deena Reisman, Tom Suter, Bob Westphal, Brian Hanson, Visitor Cecilia Quactromani

➤ Reports

- President – John E.
 - Snow report – Skiers claim it is the best skiing in years. ~10 inches currently.
 - Though there is snow cover, BWCA is dry. Anticipating early fire season.
 - US Border Patrol was observed putting up BWCA border signs.
 - Ed S proposes rerouting trail around two-track on west end.
 - Little John Lake boardwalk could use an update.
 - Gary C proposed boardwalk deck “stacking party”- prepare bundles to be dropped at Portage Brook bridge. He will investigate chopper availability.
 - Two first aid kits have been ordered to replace the missing ones. \$147 for 2 kits.
 - Tool kit replacement is pending. ~\$200.
 - USFS Chain Saw and Crosscut Training sessions April 22-23 respectively. Still room for more participants. Need First Aid certificate. Regular FA is ok, but Wilderness First Aid is recommended. Saw Training certificate is good for three years. First Aid cert is good for two years.
- Treasurer – Deena R.
 - Current checking balance reported and approved.
 - Brochures have been printed.
 - Gary C to provide a set of chaps and helmet straps to John E.
 - No major equipment purchases are currently planned.
- Trail Guide – Suma R. (not present)
 - John E has 81 Trail Guides remaining, Denna has 16. This will see us into summer but not much longer.
 - John E is working on updating the resorts and services for next revision.
 - Moss Lake Trail needs to be added.
 - Can Suma update current maps electronically? Tom S reviewed Wilderness sections and detected errors. Trail sections should be hiked, notes and mileage taken for accurate updates.
 - Compared BRT Trail Guide to Kekekabik Trail Guide. Kek Guide is smaller, pocket-sized. Campsite descriptions. BRT Guide could have day hikes and loops added. Trail Guide

should be updated early summer, but we're running out of time.

- Web Master – John G. (not present)
 - Tom S. sent update to John Garvey.

- Marketing – Suma R.
 - Suma gave BRT presentation at BWCA Backpacking Season Kick-off at Camp Sacajawea Retreat Center.
 - Bob J doing a presentation at Rotary District Convention in late April.
 - Tom S talked to Matt D about an ad in Minnesota Trails magazine.

- Wilderness Coordinator – Bob W.
 - Hopes to have initial trips posted in a week.
 - Chris F is planning a trip April 28 weekend.
 - Scouting trip should include South Lake to Long Portage – probably a lot of brush.

- Mechanized Coordinator – Ed S. (not present)
 - Rovers Retreat week from Saturday. Mission Statement?
 - Otter Lake road washing out from frozen culverts.
 - Discussed BRT maps in electronic format like NCT for phone or tablet.

- Organizational topics – Annual Meeting
 - 501c3 Form – We each need to sign on signature page. John E will check to see if he has the form.

- Monthly topics
 - Reviewed/approved with minor corrections meeting minutes from last meeting.
 - Next meeting Thursday, April 13, 7:30pm at Gary's. Bob W will bring the beer.