



# Border Route Trail Association

## Board Meeting Minutes

### November 16, 2017

Attendees: John Elliot, Ed Solstad, Deena Reisman, Suma Raghavendran, Jeremy Nordling, Larry Quinn, Tom Suter, Visitor Matt Davis, Visitor Brian Pavek, Brian Hanson

#### ➤ Reports

- President – John E.
  - John E reported on the Heston's trail clearing trip on Oct 12. Good trip, but with a lean crew.
  - Trail Guides - 0 remaining. John Garbe put "Sold out" on website.
- Treasurer – Deena R.
  - Deena reported the current balance. Approved by the board.
- Mechanized Coordinator – Jeremy N.
  - No new news to report.
- Wilderness Coordinator – Tom Suter for Bob W.
  - Website Conditions page has been updated.
  - 10.5 of tree falls cleared.
  - 9.4 miles of brushing.
  - Chris F wilderness trip was cut back because of weather (2 people).
  - 2017 we had 45 trip participants (7 had multiple trips. 33 individuals were BRTA members.
  - 4 of 5 trip leaders participated in trips.
  - Tom estimates this is about one half of what we need.
- Projects
  - March 1, 2018 ski/snowshoe trip is planned.
  - Need to replace 4 missing signs.
  - Ed S proposing recon trips in Spring 2018 to take detailed notes and collect GPS data for possible reroutes.
- Marketing – Suma R
  - Midwest Expo is November 17.

- Web Master – John G. (not present)
  - Brian H to send past board meeting minutes for John G to post.
- Organizational Topics
  - Forest Service Agreement needs to be renewed. John E to contact FS.
  - We need a hardcopy of the Cook County Agreement. Brian H to look for current copies of agreements in Secretary's files.
  - BRTA Board Member Handbook, Bylaws, and AOI documents need to be revised. Brian H to coordinate with Tom S, Ed S, and Suma R.
  - Wilderness First Aid Training is in November. John E to get the schedule. Matt D spoke of a 1 day course. He will let us know if Kek Club does that one.
  - Annual Meeting and Elections scheduled for Jan 11, 2018 at REI. We need a speaker and slide show. We are all asked to think about suggestions to bring new people into the group.
- Trail Guide – Suma R.
  - Sold out.
  - 500 Trail Guides are being printed at Print Central. Get some early copies for MM Expo.
  - Brian H to put latest Trail Guide PDF on thumbdrive.
  - Ed is interested in smaller, dayhike book, similar to Rocky Mount National Park example.
- 2018 Goals
  - We need to think of ways to improve our meetings and generate more interest. It was suggested we create a separate committee to brainstorm ideas:
    - × More frequent meetings
    - × More social activities
    - × More Facebook/Meetup opportunities
    - × Local hikes
    - × Clearing on local trails, I.E. Ice Age Trail, Maiden Rock, others
    - × Ed will put something on Yahoo BRTBRD
    - × Matt D suggests joint activities with SHT and KEK Clubs.
- Monthly topics
  - Reviewed/approved October 2017 meeting minutes.
  - Next meeting Thursday, December 14, 7:30pm.
  - Location Gary's? (John E to verify with Gary.)
  - Larry will bring the beer.