



Border Route Trail Association Board Meeting Minutes December 8, 2016

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

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- President – John E.
 - No Trail Guides sold.
 - Tools are mostly repaired, chains have been sharpened professionally.
 - Two first aid kits and a brushcutter tool pack are missing; John will replace them.
- Treasurer – Deena R.
 - Currently \$9,800 in checking.
 - Paid \$500 for trip expenses, \$230 for equipment, made \$230 in sales.
 - Ed S. has the disc containing the machine-readable version of the Trail Guide, which he will give to Suma R. to be revised so we can publish a new edition. There may be technical issues due to it being in an old format. Tom S. will call Carol regarding the software. Ed is trying to contact Marsha Scott.
- Web Master – John G. (not present)
 - Tom S. will update trail condition info and pass to John G. so the website can be updated.
- Marketing – Suma R. (not present)
 - Star-Tribune writer Doug Smith contacted BRTA for an article about recent federal legislation making it easier to have volunteers do more work in national parks and forests.
 - Ed S. will contact John Istad to schedule a presentation at UMD outing club in April, before clearing season.
 - Ed S. will lead/coordinate/promote some semi-recreational recon trips to get a better idea of trail conditions prior to clearing season.
- Wilderness Coordinator – Tom S.
- Mechanized Coordinator – Ed S.
 - John E. suggested that we install boardwalks rather than bypass wet areas: BRT on north side of Loon Lake plus Otter Lake Cutoff in from Otter Lake Rd.
 - Tom S. said that the boardwalk from the arrowhead trail to John Lake needs to be replaced; NCT manual has specs for boardwalk design.

- Organizational topics – Annual Meeting
 - Annual meeting will be held Thursday, January 12 at 7:00 PM at REI Bloomington.
 - Bob J. will give copies of the past PowerPoint presentations, both original and Rover version, to Ed S.
 - Bob J. will post annual meeting announcement to Meetup group and email list. It will contain a list of board candidates and a request for nominations.

- Monthly topics
 - Reviewed/approved with minor corrections meeting minutes from last meeting.
 - Next regular meeting Thursday, February 16 at Bob J's. Bob J. will bring the beer.