



Border Route Trail Association

Board Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2017

Attendees: John Elliot, Gary Carlson, Bob Jarvis, Deena Reisman, Tom Suter, Bob Westphal, Larry Quinn, Ed Solstad, John Garby, Brian Hanson, Visitors Aaron Johnson-Ortiz, Dave Griffiths

➤ Reports

- President – John E.
 - Snow report – 8-12 inches in the Arrowhead region.
 - BRTA Office is closed for business from May 30 to June 11.
 - The two missing First Aid Kits and one tool kit have been replaced.
 - USFS Chain Saw and Crosscut Training sessions April 22-23 respectively. 2 KEK, 13 SHT, 7 BRTA chainsaw scheduled participants. 3 KEK, 5 SHT, 7 BRTA, 1 NCT, 4 Nstars crosscut scheduled participants.
- Treasurer – Deena R.
 - Current checking balance reported and approved.
 - Re-upped American Hiking Association membership.
 - ~ \$300 brought in for trips.
 - Meetup donations are coming in.
 - Filed 990N tax return.
- Trail Guide – Suma R. (not present)
 - Running out. 32 Trail Guides remaining. 27 others were discovered defective.
 - John E sent updated services info to Suma. Currently updating Moss Lake Trail and day trips descriptions.
 - Suma has the software to update the text. It was suggested Bob W and Tom S help edit.
 - Marsha Scott offered to help with guide updates.
 - Suma suggests two guides: current guide (updated) and condensed size (like Kek guide).
 - Aaron Johnson-Ortiz has bookmaking experience and offered assistance.
 - It was suggested that GPS coordinates be added to the guide.
- Web Master – John G.
 - Trail update from Tom and Wilderness clearing trips posted.
 - Posted on Rovers.
- Marketing – Suma R (not present)
 - Midwest Spring Expo – Bob J will coordinate and set up booth.

- Bob J doing Rovers and BRTA presentations at Rotary District Convention. Deena will give flyers to Bob to hand out.
 - Rovers Intro Show at REI. We should have a table.
 - No feedback about Canoecopia in Madison.
 - April 24 – Grand Marais – Ed S.
 - Suggestion to post more recreational trips on Rovers site.
- Wilderness Coordinator – Bob W.
 - Tom S scouting April 28th weekend.
 - Trips are filling up.
 - Mechanized Coordinator – Ed S.
 - Looking for a coordinator.
 - Portage Brook and Stump River bridges need work. Gary C and Ed S trying to do recon next weekend. Gary is working on getting a FS helicopter to drop materials.
 - Voted on \$2K helicopter and \$1K material limit. Motion passed. Gary to pursue.
 - Organizational topics – Annual Meeting
 - Board Members signed Border Route Trail Association, Inc Conflicts of Interest Policy Annual Statement.
 - Monthly topics
 - Reviewed/approved March 2017 meeting minutes.
 - Next meeting Thursday, May 18, 7:30pm at Gary's. Bob J will bring the beer.