



Border Route Trail Association

Board Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2017

Attendees: John Elliot, Ed Solstad, Deena Reisman, Gary Carlson, Tom Suter, Bob Westphal, Bob Jarvis, Visitor Greg Floryance, Visitor Roger Terwey, Brian Hanson

➤ Reports

- President – John E.
 - BRT is reported to have good snow. Hestons has 10 inches. About 1 inch at Split Rock and other sections of SHT.
 - Annual Meeting is set up for REI in Bloomington. Need New Member table. Bob Jarvis will look for Membership Form. Need Trail Guides, T-shirts, stickers, etc.
 - Equipment inventory is complete. Chaps and earmuffs ordered but not yet received.
 - Trail Guides – 474 in stock.
- Treasurer – Deena R.
 - Deena provided the BRTA Income and Expense Report for 2017. Approved by the board.
- Mechanized Coordinator – Jeremy N. (not present)
 - No new news to report.
- Wilderness Coordinator – Bob W.
 - Bob hopes to start the trips planning earlier this year. Dependent on April/May weather and snow depth.
- Trip Reports
 - Ed held local daytrip to Hoffman Hills and Maiden Rock. 4 participants.
- Projects
 - March 1, 2018 ski/snowshoe trip at Hestons.
 - BRTA Handbook Calendar review. Tom and Ed have been doing editing. Tom will complete 1st half-year calendar Events and Actions by end of January 2018. We'll review at February 2018 Board Meeting.
 - Discussed Portage Brook bridge/boardwalk replacement. Gary to send Heritage Fund Grant link to Tom.
 - Discussed boardwalk replacement on Topper Lake connector trail. ~100 ft.
- Marketing – Suma R (not present)

- Midwest Expo was November 17. BRTA booth was worthwhile. Agreed to continue at MM Spring and Fall Expos, but we need to understand pricing of booths.
 - We agreed that BRTA should participate in Feb KEK/Star of the North event and the March REI Packfitting and Bootfitting event.
- Web Master – John G. (not present)
 - Brian H to remove \$\$ details from Treasurers Reports from past board meeting minutes and then ask John G to post them to the website.
- Trail Guide – Suma R.
 - Suma to get the Print Central invoice to Gary and Deena. Deena with contact Suma.
- 2018 Goals
 - Generating more interest.
 - Increase the volunteer base.
 - New members.
 - Local hikes and clearing activities (Ice Age Trail)
 - Joint activities with SHT and KEK.
 - Local saw training/familiarization event.
- Organizational Topics
 - USFS Contract to be signed in Feb 2018. John E and Tom Kaffine.
 - We need the current copy of the Cook County Agreement. John E to send electronic copies of what he has to Brian H.
 - Wilderness First Aid Training. Need schedule. John E to contact Fran from Rovers.
 - President John E stepping down. Brian H was nominated and voted in.
- Monthly topics
 - Reviewed/approved November 2017 meeting minutes.
 - Next meeting is the Annual Meeting at REI-Bloomington, Thursday, January 11, 2018, 7:00 to 8:30 PM.
 - Next Monthly BRTA Board Meeting is Thursday, February 22, 7:30pm.
 - Location - Bob Jarvis home.
 - Brian will bring the beer.