



# Border Route Trail Association

## Board Meeting Minutes

### April 19, 2018

Attendees: John Elliot, Bob Westphal, Suma Raghavendran, Jeremy Nordling, Larry Quinn, Deena Reisman, Gary Carlson, Tom Suter, John Garbe, Bob Jarvis, Jim Rowan, Brian Hanson

President – Brian H

- Trail Guides – 396 in stock.
- Reports of up to 30 inches of snow on parts of the trail.

Treasurer – Deena R.

- Deena provided the Treasurer's Report. Approved by the board.

Mechanized Coordinator – Jeremy N.

- Recon Trip scheduled for May 4 weekend. Scout new trail approach options for Portage Brook Bridge move.
- Portage Brook Bridge move and reconstruction scheduled for May 18 weekend. Gary to recruit Rovers folks.
- "Dry" cabin on Loon Lake may be available to us. John Elliott to pursue.

Wilderness Coordinator – Bob W.

- Chris F trip May 4-7. From Crab Lake Lake Spur Trail going west. 6 signed up.
- Bob W (Trip 1) May 17-20. East end of Clearwater Lake east to Gogebic Lake. 9 signed up.
- John and Barb Taylor Trip May 25-28. McFarland/ East Pike portage west to West Pike/Pine portage. 6 signed up.
- Bob W (Trip 2) May 31-June 3. Pine Lake Camp west to Gogebic Lake. 4 signed up.
- Bob hopes to do a scouting trip, dependent on snow depth reports.

Trip Reports

- No trips to report.

Projects

- BRTA Handbook Calendar review. Tom will look at BRTA Calendar Events and Actions after spring trail clearing.
- Portage Brook Bridge move/reconstruction is on track for May.
- Boardwalk replacement on Topper Lake connector trail. Tom moved the planks by Otter sled in early April. Inspected existing boardwalk.
- East end of trail near trailhead needs work – boardwalk, gravel fill, or relocate – Ed to talk to SHT about joint project. Will be surveyed May 4 weekend. Gary will pursue obtaining a Dingo gravel mover.
- Pigeon River Campsite proposal – Ed to follow-up with Tom Benson.
- 2018 Saw Training Schedule was held April 14-15. 19 chainsaw students attended. 16 cross-cut.

- Poorer participation than planned, but it was ok considering the weather those two days.
- Tom has been talking to Tom Kaffine about flagging Partridge Lake trail to north campsite. Probably in July.

#### Marketing – Suma R

- REI Packfitting and Bootfitting event March 24 and 25 in Bloomington. Brian and Suma staffed the table Saturday and Sunday. Generated some interest and Trailguide and Mapset sales.
- Midwest Mountaineering Spring Expo April 28-29. Suma coordinating.
- Brian ordered and received the 500 pamphlets.

#### Web Master – John G.

- Brian to send John past meeting minutes to post.

#### 2018 Goals

- Generating more interest.
- Increase the volunteer base.
- New members.
- More trip leaders. Participate in joint crew leader training with Kek next fall.
- Clean up membership program. Gary would like to pursue this after the bridge move project is complete.

#### Organizational Topics

- USFS Contract has been signed.
- Wilderness First Aid Training. Discussed “Wilderness emphasis” Basic First Aid and CPR Class May 6<sup>th</sup> at MM. John G to post on Website. Brian to post on Meetup.
- Need to vote in a new Secretary. Brian sent the description to John Garbe to put on Facebook.
- John Elliott sent out latest Board Contact List.

#### Monthly topics

- Reviewed/approved March 2018 meeting minutes.
- Next Monthly BRTA Board Meeting is Thursday, May 24, 7:30pm.
- Location – Gary Carlson home.
- Larry Quinn will bring the beer.