



Border Route Trail Association

Board Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2018

Attendees: John Elliot, Ed Solstad, Bob Westphal, Bob Jarvis, Suma Raghavendran, Jeremy Nordling, Larry Quinn, Visitor Susan Pollock, Brian Hanson

President – Brian H

- Annual Meeting was held 01-11-18 at REI in Bloomington. Good presentation
- Equipment inventory is complete. John E provided 2018 Inventory Lists. No new purchases are currently planned.
- Trail Guides – 416 in stock.

Treasurer – Deena R.

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

Mechanized Coordinator – Jeremy N.

- No new news to report.

Wilderness Coordinator – Bob W.

- Bob is starting to make contacts.
- Chris F trip tentatively May 4,5,6,7.
- John and Barb Taylor trip tentatively Memorial Day weekend.

Trip Reports

- No trips to report.

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.
- Discussed Portage Brook bridge/boardwalk replacement. Gary to send Heritage Fund Grant link to Tom.
- Discussed boardwalk replacement on Topper Lake connector trail. Bob W to talk to Chad.
- East end of trail near trailhead – Ed to talk to SHT about joint project.
- Pigeon River Campsite proposal.

Marketing – Suma R

- Brian and Ed had a table at KEK/Star of the North event at REI.
- 2018 BWCA Backpacking Trail Season Kickoff March 10, 12-3:00 PM at Camp Sacajawea. Suma will present the BRT slides.
- REI Packfitting and Bootfitting event March 24 and 25 in Bloomington. We need to firm up

staffing at March 15 Board Meeting.

Web Master – John G. (not present)

- 2018 Saw Training Schedule has been posted.

2018 Goals

- Generating more interest.
- Increase the volunteer base.
- New members.
- More trip leaders.
- 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. Brian to call Tom K about Primitive vs Semi-Primitive Management Area designation.
- Wilderness First Aid Training. Need schedule. John E to contact Fran from Rovers and Boy Scout contact at Active Source.
- Need to vote in a new Secretary. Brian will put out a notice and put in next meeting invite.

Monthly topics

- Reviewed/approved December 2017 meeting minutes.
- Next Monthly BRTA Board Meeting is Thursday, March 15, 7:30pm.
- Location – Gary Carlson home.
- Suma will bring the beer.