



Border Route Trail Association

Board Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2018

Attendees: John Elliot, Suma Raghavendran, Jeremy Nordling, Deena Reisman, Gary Carlson, Tom Suter, Bob Jarvis, Brian Hanson

President – Brian H

- Trail Guides – 370 in stock.

Treasurer – Deena R.

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

Mechanized Coordinator – Jeremy N.

- Portage Brook Bridge move and reconstruction rescheduled for July 22 weekend. Gary to recruit Rovers folks. Post on Meetup.
- Need to test new Inreach Garmin for two-way text communication for emergencies.

Wilderness Coordinator – Bob W. (not present)

- Bob Harris and Alex would like to do more trips. Maybe "brushy section".
- Tom S communicating with Outward Bound from Ely. FS should certify them. No update.
- U of M students and professor showing interest in Fall Backpacking Trip. Bob W will try to organize.
- Need a plan for adding/improving signage on both non-wilderness sections of the trail.

Trip Reports

- Mechanized and Wilderness Trip Reports should be posted on Website and Facebook.

Projects

- BRTA Handbook Calendar review. Tom will look at BRTA Calendar Events and Actions after trail clearing.
- Portage Brook Bridge move/reconstruction is on track for July. Gary C collecting necessary approvals.
- East end of trail near trailhead needs work – boardwalk, gravel fill, or relocate – Ed to talk to SHT about joint project. Will be surveyed July 22 weekend. Gary will pursue obtaining a Dingo gravel mover.
- Pigeon River Campsite proposal – Ed to follow-up with Jon Benson and talk to Tom Kaffine about specs.
- Tom will continue the conversation with Tom Kaffine about flagging Partridge Lake trail to north campsite. Probably in July.

Marketing – Suma R

- Midwest Mountaineering Pint Night had good interest.

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.
- John E to get copies of previous grant applications.

Organizational Topics

- USFS Contract has been signed. Brian to resend.
- Need to vote in a new Secretary. Brian to send the description to Suma.

Monthly topics

- Reviewed/approved May 2018 meeting minutes.
- Next Monthly BRTA Board Meeting is Wednesday, July 25, 7:30pm.
- Location – Gary Carlson home.
- Bob Jarvis will bring the beer.