



Border Route Trail Association

Board Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2018

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

President – Brian H

- Trail Guides – 413 in stock.

Treasurer – Deena R.

- Deena provided the Treasurer's Report. Approved by the board.
- Deena filed the 990N form.

Mechanized Coordinator – Jeremy N.

- No firm trips planned yet. Jeremy hopes to do recon hikes first.
- "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 Mucker Lake Spur Trail going west.
- Bob W (Trip 1) May 17-20. East end of Clearwater Lake east to Gogebic Lake.
- John and Barb Taylor Trip May 25-28. McFarland/ East Pike portage west to West Pike/Pine portage.
- Bob W (Trip 2) May 31-June 3. Pine Lake Camp west to Gogebic Lake.
- Tom Harris may clear at Sock Lake.
- Bob will send trip descriptions to John Garbe to post on Website.

Trip Reports

- No trips to report.

Projects

- 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 continuing to pursue helicopter opportunity and maybe DNR and National Guard. Gary will try to visit to survey downstream of current bridge for a location for a shorter span. Gary to send Heritage Fund Grant link to Brian for next year.
- Boardwalk replacement on Topper Lake connector trail. Planks have been delivered to Mayhew Lake Trailhead. Tom to coordinate volunteers for sledding the planks to the site in first half of April.
- East end of trail near trailhead needs work – boardwalk, gravel fill, or relocate – Ed to talk to SHT about joint project.
- Pigeon River Campsite proposal – Ed to follow-up with Tom Benson.

Marketing – Suma R

- 2018 BWCA Backpacking Trail Season Kickoff was held March 10 at Camp Sacajawea. Suma presented the BRT story.
- REI Packfitting and Bootfitting event March 24 and 25 in Bloomington. Brian will staff the table on Saturday. Suma will staff it Sunday.
- Midwest Mountaineering Spring Expo April 28-29. Suma will follow-up with Matt Davis to make sure we are set. We will finalize staffing the booth at our April 19 Board Meeting.
- Brian ordered 500 pamphlets.

Web Master – John G.

- 2018 Saw Training Schedule has been posted. 22 chainsaw students signed up. 20 cross-cut.

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.

Organizational Topics

- USFS Contract to be signed in Feb 2018. Brian working with Tom K about Primitive vs Semi-Primitive Management Area designation and president name and address changes.
- Wilderness First Aid Training. Need schedule. John E to follow-up with Fran from Rovers and Paul Krantz, Boy Scout contact at Active Source.
- Need to vote in a new Secretary. Brian will send description to John Garbe to put on Facebook.
- John Elliott to send out latest Board Contact List.

Monthly topics

- Reviewed/approved February 2018 meeting minutes.
- Next Monthly BRTA Board Meeting is Thursday, April 19, 7:30pm.
- Location – Gary Carlson home.
- John Elliot will bring the beer.