



Border Route Trail Association

Board Meeting Minutes

May 24, 2018

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

President – Brian H

- Trail Guides – 384 in stock.

Treasurer – Deena R.

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

Mechanized Coordinator – Jeremy N.

- Maintenance Trip scheduled for May 26 weekend. Four people to clear between Otter Lake and McFarland. Will scout new trail approach options for Portage Brook Bridge move and east trailhead wet area.
- Portage Brook Bridge move and reconstruction rescheduled for July 20 weekend. Gary to recruit Rovers folks. Post on Meetup.
- John E purchasing one Inreach Garmin for two-way text communication for emergencies.
- Gary to look at better quality loppers.

Wilderness Coordinator – Bob W.

- Chris F led his trip.
- Bob W led his east end trip 1.
- John and Barb Taylor Trip scheduled for May 25-28. McFarland/ East Pike portage west to West Pike/Pine portage. 8 signed up.
- Jim Rowen (east end trip 2) scheduled for May 31-June 3. Pine Lake Camp west to Gogebic Lake. 4 signed up.
- 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.
- U of M students and professor showing interest in Fall Backpacking Trip. Bob W will try to organize.

Trip Reports

- Bob W reported on two recent wilderness section trips.

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.
- Tom S reported that the boardwalk replacement on Topper Lake connector trail was completed

May 7. Replaced with 22 planks. Extended both ends.

- 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 26 weekend. Gary will pursue obtaining a Dingo gravel mover.
- Pigeon River Campsite proposal – Ed to follow-up with Jon Benson.
- Tom has been talking to Tom Kaffine about flagging Partridge Lake trail to north campsite. Probably in July.

Marketing – Suma R

- Midwest Mountaineering Spring Expo was April 28-29. Good participation and interest.
- Midwest Mountaineering Pint Night is Tuesday, June 19, 5:00 to 7:30pm. Brian has the booth materials and will attend. More staff is welcome.

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. Brian to resend.
- Need to vote in a new Secretary. Brian sent the description to John Garbe to put on Facebook.

Monthly topics

- Reviewed/approved April 2018 meeting minutes.
- Next Monthly BRTA Board Meeting is Thursday, June 21, 7:30pm.
- Location – Gary Carlson home.
- Brian will bring the beer.