



Border Route Trail Association

Board Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2019

Attendees: Deena Reisman, Bob Jarvis, John Elliott, Brian Hanson, Visitor Siobhan Quinn

President – Brian H

- Trail Guides 258 in stock.

Treasurer – Deena R.

- Deena provided the Treasurer's Report. Approved by the board.
- Deena provided the Income and Expense Report for 2018.

Mechanized Coordinator – Jeremy N. (not present)

- Need to test new Inreach Garmin for two-way text communication for emergencies. Bob J received feedback from group and is creating a crib sheet from the manual.
- Need a plan to coordinate survey trips in Spring 2019.

Wilderness Coordinator – Tom Suter (not present)

- Tom volunteered to be interim Wilderness coordinator until position is filled.
- Tom published the State of BRT Wilderness and Trips Plan for 2019.

Trip Reports

- 2018 Mechanized and Wilderness Trip Reports to be posted on Website and Facebook. Trip report format should be defined.

Projects

- Pigeon River Campsite proposal – Ed to follow-up with Jon Benson about specs.
- Updating McKenzie, Fisher, Voyager Maps. John E to find contacts.
- Signage: Plan for improving signs, blazes.

Marketing – Suma R (not present)

- Need staffing plan for Midwest Spring Expo.
- BRTA needs Grand Marais local publicity and support. WTIP radio? Northern Wilds periodical? Ed will look into this after Feb 2019.
- Recent changes with Meetup makes posting difficult. Suma to check out Volunteer Match site.
- Agreed that we should participate in upcoming events – REI Packfitting, BWCA Trails Kickoff at Lebanon Hills Saturday 03-09-19.

Web Master – John G. (not present)

- Portage Bridge changes need to be updated in Maps and Guidebook. Gary recorded the new GPS points and gave to John G. John sent file to NCTA.
- GPS routes were no longer visible on website. Google map points was broken. John G fixed it.

2019 Goals

- Clean up membership program. Gary would like to pursue this after the trail maintenance season is over.
- Trail Guide update. Suma will coordinate a separate committee to do this.
- Post Spring 2019 Trips by Feb Board Meeting – Tom S, Jeremy N.
- Wilderness First Aid was held Jan 12 and 13.
- Chainsaw Saw Training 04-13-19.
- Crosscut Saw Training 04-14-19.

Organizational Topics

- Need to vote in a new Secretary and Wilderness Coordinator.

Monthly topics

- Reviewed/approved December 2018 meeting minutes.
- March 2019 BRTA Board Meeting is Thursday, March 21, 2019, 7:30pm.
- Location – Gary Carlson home -
- Brian will bring the beer.