



# Border Route Trail Association

## Board Meeting Minutes

### March 21, 2019

Attendees: Deena Reisman, Bob Jarvis, John Elliott, Gary Carlson, Ed Solstad, Tom Suter, Larry Quinn, Brian Hanson, Visitor Sean Pratt, Visitor Mary Helmin, Visitor Greg Swanson

President – Brian H

- Trail Guides 208 in stock.

Treasurer – Deena R.

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

Mechanized Coordinator – Jeremy N. (not present)

- Need to test new Inreach Garmin for two-way text communication for emergencies. Bob J is continuing to refine the crib sheet to be ready for this spring.
- Plan for spring survey trips. Trip planned for east end April 26<sup>th</sup> weekend. May try to hike some wilderness sections and maybe part of the west end.

Wilderness Coordinator (Interim) – Tom Suter

- Tom volunteered to be interim Wilderness coordinator until position is filled.
- Reviewed Wilderness Trips Plan for 2019. 5 trips planned.

Trip Reports

- 2018 Mechanized and Wilderness Trip Reports are posted on Website. Brian showed a preliminary Trip Report format. He will make edits and send out to the group.

Projects

- Pigeon River Campsite proposal – Ed to follow-up with Jon Benson about specs.
- Updating McKenzie, Fisher, Voyager Maps. John E sent file links to National Geographic, Cook County land Commissioner, McKenzie, and Fisher. Will follow up with Voyager.
- Plan for improving signs, blazes.
- Need to update maps at the kiosks. Brian will get maps laminated.
- Tom presented the status of CCM&I proposal. Board voted "Yes" to support this.

Marketing – Suma R (not present)

- We need someone to coordinate the staffing at Midwest Spring Expo. Please contact Brian H.
- BRTA needs Grand Marais local publicity and support. WTIP radio? Northern Wilds periodical? Ed will look into this.
- Recent changes with Meetup makes posting difficult. Suma to check out Volunteer Match site.
- "Donation" button has moved on Meet Up page. Ed will investigate.
- Presented the BRTA Story at the BWCA Trails Kickoff at Lebanon Hills.
- Brian H will staff the booth at Boundary Waters Day at REI, April 13, noon to 5pm, REI

Bloomington. Any additional help is appreciated.

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.

2019 Goals

- Clean up membership program - Gary C.
- Trail Guide update. We have enough to make it through the summer. We should order more this fall. Suma will coordinate a separate committee to do this.
- Post Spring 2019 Non-Wilderness Trips - Jeremy N.
- 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 February 2019 meeting minutes.
- April 2019 BRTA Board Meeting is Thursday, April 18, 2019, 7:30pm.
- Location – Gary Carlson home - 2132 Inglehart Ave, St Paul, MN
- Ed will bring the beer.