



# Border Route Trail Association

## Board Meeting Minutes

### April 18, 2019

Attendees: Deena Reisman, Bob Jarvis, John Elliott, Gary Carlson, Ed Solstad, Tom Suter, Larry Quinn, Brian Hanson, Visitor Lo.

President – Brian H

- Trail Guides 197 in stock.

Treasurer – Deena R.

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

Mechanized Coordinator – Position needs to be filled

- Need to test new Inreach Garmin for two-way text communication for emergencies. Bob J refined the crib sheet. Brian was going to test it on Recon Trip, but trip was cancelled.
- Spring survey trips postponed until weekend of May 2. May try to hike some wilderness sections and maybe part of the west end.
- Gary to post an east end maintenance trip.

Wilderness Coordinator (Interim) – Tom Suter

- Trips 1 and 2 are full (9 each).
- Trips 3 and 5 have 4 signed up for each.
- Trip 4 has only John Taylor so far. Tom Suter to post on Meet Up.

Trip Reports

- 2018 Mechanized and Wilderness Trip Reports are posted on Website. Brian edited preliminary Trip Report format. Tom to review.

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, Voyager, and Fisher. Only Fisher responded. Need to follow up and understand the plan for each.
- Plan for improving signs, blazes.
- Need to update maps at the kiosks. Brian received cost info. Will get 3 maps laminated.
- CCM&I proposal fell through because of funding. We'll try again next year.
- Save the Boundary Waters – Alex Falconer, Trail Runners

Marketing – Position needs to be filled

- BRTA needs Grand Marais local publicity and support. WTIP radio? Northern Wilds periodical? Ed will look into this.
- Cook County Higher Education, Grand Marais, Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 7pm. Ed will do the Border

#### Route Trail Presentation.

- Recent changes with Meetup makes posting difficult.
- “Donation” button has moved on Meet Up page. Ed will investigate.
- Brian and Suma staffed a table at Boundary Waters Day at REI, April 13, 2019. Good turnout.
- NCTA Arrowhead Reroute Celebration. BRTA needs a volunteer to say some words at the ribbon cutting. Friday, May 31, noon.

#### 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. Do we need to follow-up?

#### 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.
- Chainsaw Saw Training was 04-13-19. 18 people attended.
- Crosscut Saw Training was 04-14-19. 10 people attended. (~6 from BRTA)

#### Organizational Topics

- Open Board Positions:
  - Secretary
  - Wilderness Coordinator
  - Non-Wilderness Coordinator
  - Marketing Director
- Edina Office closed 05-11-19 to 05-19-19

#### Monthly topics

- Reviewed/approved March 2019 meeting minutes.
- May 2019 BRTA Board Meeting is Wednesday, May 22, 2019, 7:30pm.
- Location – Gary Carlson home - 2132 Inglehart Ave, St Paul, MN
- Gary will provide the beer.