



Border Route Trail Association

Board Meeting Minutes

May 22, 2019

Attendees: Deena Reisman, John Garbe, John Elliott, Gary Carlson, Ed Solstad, Tom Suter, Larry Quinn, Brian Hanson, Visitor Alex Falconer.

President – Brian H

- Trail Guides 194 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.
- Both east end maintenance trips were postponed – one for weather, one for not enough volunteers.

Wilderness Coordinator (Interim) – Tom Suter

- Trips 1, 2, and 3 are complete.
- Trips 4 is cancelled.
- Trip 5 going out Memorial Weekend.

Trip Reports

- 2019 Mechanized and Wilderness Trip Reports are posted on Website.

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. John E to follow up and understand the plan for each.
- Plan for improving signs, blazes. Tom to provide complete survey of all signs.
- Need to update maps at the kiosks. Brian received cost info. Will get 3 maps laminated.
- Save the Boundary Waters – Alex Falconer, Trail Runners, Alex joined us at this meeting to describe his plan to trail run the BRT June 29, 2019 and then the Kekekabic fall 2019. Check out the Running for the Boundary Waters link: <https://www.runningforthebwca.com>

Marketing – Position needs to be filled

- 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.
- “Donation” button has moved on Meet Up page. Ed will investigate.
- NCTA Arrowhead Reroute Celebration. Social Event Thursday evening May, 30. Ribbon cutting, Friday, May 31, noon.

Web Master – John G.

- 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?
- John G to create a test Google Groups account to test for next month meeting. Need a Google account (gmail) to participate.

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. Need to add Moss Lake info. Portage Brook error.

Organizational Topics

- Open Board Positions:
 - Secretary
 - Wilderness Coordinator
 - Non-Wilderness Coordinator
 - Marketing Director

Monthly topics

- Reviewed/approved April 2019 meeting minutes.
- June 2019 BRTA Board Meeting is Thursday, June 20, 2019, 7:30pm.
- Location – Gary Carlson home - 2132 Inglehart Ave, St Paul, MN
- Larry will provide the beer.