



Border Route Trail Association

Board Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2019

Attendees: Deena Reisman, John Elliott, Gary Carlson, Ed Solstad, Larry Quinn, Bob Jarvis, Brian Hanson

President – Brian H

- Trail Guides 151 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.
- Gary proposed a 07-19-19 or 07-26-19 east end clearing trip. Gary will draft the trip. Brian will post on Meetup.
- Moss Lake Trail and campsite approach trail need to get into the Mechanized rotation.

Wilderness Coordinator (Interim) – Tom Suter (not present)

- Trips 1, 2, 3, and 5 are complete.
- Trip 4 was cancelled.
- Trip 5 going out Memorial Weekend.
- CASP Crew available in 2020.

Trip Reports

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

Projects

- Pigeon River Campsite and Portage Brook Campsite upgrade proposals – Brian to follow-up with Jon Benson on status.
- Updating McKenzie and Fisher maps (Voyager Maps is out of business). 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. Kiosks are being upgraded to new standards. Brian to follow-up with Jon B.
- Upper Gunflint Nordic Ski Trails Map. New map is missing segment from Magnetic Rock to Warren's Road.

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.
- Discussed Midwest Mountaineering Fall Expo – Friday/Saturday/Sunday, 11-22-19 to 11-24-19. We agreed to share a 4ft table for \$200. Brian to communicate that to Matt D.
- Bob J, Ed S, and Brian staffed the BRTA Table at Midwest/Backpacker Magazine Get-Out-More Pint Night on 06-13-19.

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. 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 May 2019 meeting minutes.
- July 2019 BRTA Board Meeting is Thursday, July 18, 2019, 7:30pm.
- Location – Gary Carlson home - 2132 Inglehart Ave, St Paul, MN
- John E will provide the beer.