

Border Route Trail Association

Board of Directors Meeting / February 22, 2023 / 7:00 PM / [Zoom Link](#)

Attendees

(Board Members): Felicia Hokenstad, Larry Quinn, John Elliott, Brian Hanson, Chris Fothergill, Deena Reisman, Ed Solsted

(Other Attendees): Matt Davis, Andrea Breitung, Andrew Warg

Action Items

- Felicia to share meeting details with Pam for BWCA Trail Kickoff Event planning session
- Larry to send Felicia a list of past trail clearing volunteers
- Felicia to share the newsletter signup link to our Meetup Page
- Felicia to work up a proposal for mileage reimbursement to volunteers for training - offer a standard amount (half federal rate for mileage and stipend for hotel room) and present it at the next board meeting

Meeting Agenda + Notes

Vote to Approve New Board Member

Web Administrator - Andrea Breitung, Motion by Felicia, Second by Chris

Intro to Potential Board Member

Secretary - Andrew Warg

Roundtable Reports

- Felicia Hokenstad, Board President
 - Potential shared Crew Leader Training next year with SHT, BWAC, Kek & BSC Chapters of NCTA next Spring
 - Potential Locations: Spirit Mtn (Duluth, MN), Pattison SP (Superior, WI), Finland Community Center (Finland, MN)
 - Potential Dates: Early to Mid April 2024
 - Potential Topics: Managing Volunteers/Facilitation Skills, Technical Skills/CPR & First Aid, and Emergency Response
 - BWCAW Trail Partner Alliance 2023 Kickoff with BWAC
 - We have a planning meeting Wednesday, Mar 1 @ 7PM (Pam to join?)
 - We have 136 individuals signed up for our mailing list (Mailchimp), but if you've got a spreadsheet of past volunteers, send that to Felicia
 - Include a link to sign up for our mailing list in meeting notes - [link here](#)
 - Share sign up link to our meetup page
 - Larry will send me a spreadsheet
- Brian Hanson, Vice President

- Working on a spreadsheet to accumulate contact information for our partners
- When stopping by the resorts this spring, mention selling our maps and guidebooks
- Brian got a list from Nic at NPS about individuals that have signed up for VIP
- Pam, Marketing
 - 138 brochures
 - Attended the NCTA Leadership zoom call
 - Will try to post more on FB and IG, met with Felicia to discuss marketing strategy
- Chris Fothergill, Wilderness Clearing
 - We have a CCMI crew going out to do some work in early June - Pine Ridge Trail to Gogebic for 8 days
 - Brian, Chris, Felicia, and Bob Westphal met to talk about wilderness clearing trips, which areas need attention and crew leaders to contact. We're meeting again in a couple weeks to set dates for wilderness trips
- Gary Carlson, Non Wilderness Clearing
 - Larry and John are doing a sweeping on the West end May 11-14 (need signage and brush sweeping)
 - Gary will focus on doing a sweep on the East end (brushing and tree falls)
 - We should consider mileage reimbursement to send volunteers to training like CPR/First Aid and Chainsaw/Crosscut Certs
 - Gary suggested that we charge all trips the same and not just "non wilderness"
 - Last year we charged \$20 refundable fee and most people donated it to the club
 - Charging for the trips is helpful to promote attendance and to fund group meals
 - Andrew suggested sending out an email campaign about donating to help with clearing trip expense for folks that can't make it out in person
 - Gary proposed that the trip fee is \$25 per person for all clearing trips and if they show up they can have it refunded or donate it to the BRTA, nonrefundable if they DON'T show up
 - Motion to approve by Brian, John Second, All approved
- Larry Quinn, Board Member
 - We should be able to patch together the trailer for a couple hundred dollars and hold off on purchasing a new one for a couple more years
- Matt Davis, NCTA RTC
 - We have a contract with a CCMI Crew (mentioned above from Chris) to work from Pine Ridge and Gogebic, 8 days in the wilderness section of the trail
 - There is some general confusion about which parts of the trail need attention because of flooding - Daniel's Lake Spur and Long Portage
 - USFS said the Daniels Lake Spur is on State Land, so they are not responsible. It's on school trust lands, which complicates any sort of trail issues, but Matt is hoping to work it out.

- The Long Portage has some thigh deep flooding and the USFS said they would be willing to problem solve a fix to this area themselves and will send someone out this spring to evaluate.
- Chris and Brian would both like to be involved in the conversations with the USFS
- Larry added that the section of the trail next to Loon Lake was knee deep last year - we'll look this year to see if it's still problematic and report back

Vote to Approve Previous Months Meeting Minutes

- **Rerouting the Long Portage Trail - it IS a portage trail**

Motion by Gary, Second by Deena

Vote to Approve Treasurer's Report

Motion by Felicia, Second by Brian

Upcoming Board Meeting Dates

March 29, 2023 at 7pm - Brian will be absent, In Person with Zoom optional

April 26, 2023 at 7pm - Bob will be absent, In Person with Zoom optional

May 31, 2023 at 7pm - In Person with Zoom optional