

## BRULE VALLEY SKI CLUB ANNUAL MEETING

October 20, 2012 5:39 pm

Attendees (9)

Greg St. Onge, Gary Rutledge, Bob Cragin, Cordell Manz,  
John Schrock, Mary Berube, Linda Hobbs, Kevin Fiend, Dave Schulz

**Draft Minutes until approved.**

Secretary's Report: Cord read the spring meeting minutes. GS motioned to approve the Spring Meeting of May 10, 2012, seconded by JS. Discussion continued with management of the membership lists and notifications of meetings. Greg will be contacting Susie Isakson to be sure she has the most current list of ski club members, primarily to send thank you notes for memberships.

Treasurer's Report: Bob presented the Treasurers Report.

GS made a motion to pay for 4 winter months (Dec. through March) of \$400 to the WDNR for this coming season. LH seconded the motion. Motion carried. The WDNR needs to have the money now instead of later to pay the bill.

There are some expenses not captured in the report as presented. These were for postage and newsletter printing expenses.

There may an opportunity to move money from the checking account to a CD to generate more interest.

Linda made a motion to keep \$5000 in our checking account and ask Bob to send the Board a note when the CD's come due to make a future decision on where to move this money. Greg 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried. Bob will follow up with an email to the Board members on this matter.

GS motioned to approve the treasurer's report, CM seconded. Motioned carried.

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President's Report: Cord thanked all the WDNR staff for the hard work to get the new classic trail completed this fall.

Election of Club Officers

Cordell Manz – President GS nominated Cord for President, MB seconded. Greg St. Onge - V-President CM nominated Greg for VP, seconded by GR, – Secretary was not filled due to no nominations, Bob Cragin- Treasurer Bob agreed to serve as

Treasurer, Member at Large GS nominated Gary for member at large, CM seconded. All were re-elected, but the Secretary position will be open until filled with a candidate.

WDNR Update: We have all seen the new classic trail and Kevin recommended a Harley rake to a certain section of the trail. The expense would be a maximum of \$500 or if half the distance, the expense would be \$250. The Harley rake would take care of the hazel brush and roots. The current amount spent of the \$3000 approved by the Board is \$2200 and the remaining \$800 could be used for the Harley raking. Motion to add another \$500 to get this work completed. Motion did not carry. The WDNR thought \$800 would be well enough to get this done.

One of the bridges on the trail will need to be reset before winter. In the future, there will need to be bridge work, especially foundations for the existing bridges. The construction would be similar to the Easy access. The frost lifts the bridges every year. Also the span of the bridges needs to be greater. There needs to be volunteers with jacks and concrete to rectify the bridge that needs to be reset. The lifting of the bridge is going to be the hardest part of this job.

Maple trail across the double culverts has washed some more. Perhaps the culvert may not have been bedded with adequate gravel.

The accomplishments of the ski club will be posted inside and out at the ski hut.

There will be a new toilet installed at the Oak trail, near 6 Corners. The location will be off one of the roads to facilitate pumping the vault.

The proposed warming shelter will be not being funded in the next biennium.

The John Deere Gator, 4wd drive with tracks, will be used for grooming this year. Copper Falls and ABR use these machines for grooming, and have transitioned to these instead of snowmobiles. There is a brand new Skandik, an older one, another snowmobile, etc. The WDNR uses at least 3 machines for grooming. Additional accessories will be needed for modifications for the gator (doors and cab), but Dave feels only after use of the gator to be sure it is what is needed for winter grooming.

CM made a motion to fund the accessories for the Gator. GR seconded. Motion carried. Dave will get a firm price for the accessories.

A suggestion was made to fix the door to the warming hut, as it needs weather stripping and to be sure it closes properly. Also purchase of a new clock for inside.

Next year, possibly another ski trail project could be accomplished. Maybe widening the learn to ski area and mass start for the ski race could be next year's project.

Create Upcoming Season Calendar of events:

Grand Opening Day for the New Classic Trail - Kevin suggests the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in January. Bonfire, Apple Cider/Brats for the day.

Kathy, at the WDNR, sends out the Brule Outdoor Report. Anyone interested in this should notify Kathy to get your email address on the list.

Ski Race, March 2, 2013

Learn to Ski Days Jan. 5, 2013 and Feb. 3, 2013

Grand Opening Day for the New Classic Trail on the first Learn to Ski Day. Move this to the 12<sup>th</sup> of Jan. if the snow conditions dictate.

Time of the event is 1:30 pm.

Candlelight Ski Feb. the week before Full Moon tentative  
Full Moon Ski and Snowshoe

Newsletter Articles

WDNR can provide pictures and write up of the new classic trail. Gary can send Borg pictures of the race day 2012. Due Date is Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>.

Old Business

Exploring the options of a ski scholarship program, skis or snowshoes will be dropped, as it never got off the ground last year.

The snowshoe trail needs brushing and John Schrock and Mary Berube will brush this out.

Discussion of Riverview Loppet Ski Race

Greg will need to work on how to set up categories of wave starts based on age group and gender. This is to try to reduce the amount of starts, from interval to mass. Class races 12 and 24 k can be combined, but separated by gender for two starts. 24k skate by gender will start before the 12k skate by gender. Family event will be another start. Seven total starts.

New Business

Snowshoe events were discussion, but nothing was suggested.

Website Proposal from Scott Nesvold: Suggestion would be to use the Content Management Program for a website. This would allow flexibility to add new posts to the

website. He could still be the manager, but the program would allow anyone of the Board to post. LH motioned to accept Scott Nesvold's proposal, second by JS. Motioned carried. Greg suggested that Paul Haltvick be sent a thank you for all his previous work on the Brule website.

Cord suggested we look at links to other websites. Trail updates through Content management Program would be helpful.

Meeting Adjourned 7:49 pm.