

Brule Valley Ski Club - 2014 Annual Membership Meeting
October 11, 2014 - Afterhours Ski Trail, Brule, Wisconsin

Meeting Minutes - Submitted by Cordell Manz

Cordell Manz called the meeting to order at approximately 2:35 pm.

- Attendees: President - Cordell Manz, Vice President - Bob Cragin, Treasurer - Greg St. Onge, Board Member - Al Klein and Dan Kephart, and Chloe Manz.
- 4 of 5 board members present establish a quorum for the meeting.

Secretary Report:

- Manz gave summary of the minutes from 2013 Annual Meeting in lieu of the ski club not having an acting secretary. Klein made motion to approve minutes as summarized for 2013. St. Onge seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- Brief discussion was made that John Johnson had volunteered for the position of Secretary for the coming year, although he could not attend this meeting.

Treasurer Report: Greg St. Onge

- Income from last year was \$3,484.50. Primary income was from memberships, donations, and ski race registrations. There was also some interest earned and rental income. Skier registrations were down again from the River View Loppet, so income was not as substantial as other years for our fundraiser.
- Expenses were \$4,098.38. Primary expenses were \$1,689 for buying gasoline for grooming, \$450.00 for electricity for the ski warming hut, and \$1,224.81 for River View Loppet related expenses. (See below for further discussion on ski club related future expenses.)
- Overall current balance is \$19,786.39 between checking accounts and club CD's.
- The ski club would again pay the Brule River State Forest in advance for electricity for the upcoming season, \$450, or more if necessary.

Nomination & Election of Officers:

- Manz motioned and Klein seconded that ski club officers would stay the same as last year with the addition to John Johnson becoming the new acting ski club Secretary if he still agrees to the position. Motion passed unanimously.
- Discussion was also made at this time regarding the co-signing of ski club checks for expenses. In addition to Treasurer St. Onge, President Manz was doing this, but with moving to Shell Lake, it would be difficult to co-sign checks during this year. Manz motioned that Board Member at Large, Al Klein would become the new co-signee for checks/expenses, and that we also inquire to creating an account with the Brule Standard Station for purchasing gas, so as not to need to write as many checks this year. St. Onge seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Brule River State Forest Update: Ranger Dan Kephart

- Ranger Kephart discussed that Jay Gallager and Cathy Khalar are leaving the State Forest, and along with himself as Assistant Property Manager/Ranger, two

new Law Enforcement Officers, Phil Brown and Matt Miranda are working for the State Forest. He and Matt Miranda would be splitting many of the duties that Kevin Fiend and Cathy Khalar had previously done in regards to the ski trail. We discussed at this time the purchasing of a gift card also for Kathy Khalar for everything she has done to help the club over the years.

- Kephart discussed several projects planned or in the works: a new log shelter at 6-Corners, widening the trail on 'Difficult' Entry, culvert work on River Loop due to the wet year, and replacing the two bridges on 'Easy' and 'Difficult' Return possibly this fall yet. Kephart is also making a new map sign for the trailhead. Approval has been granted for heating a portion of the storage garage to make work easier in the winter, for a new pit toilet to be installed out near 6-Corners, and also the building of a new, larger warming hut at the trailhead is 'Officially Approved', although building won't start this year, as was thought at last year's annual meeting, but will start in 2015 or 2016.

2014-15 Calendar of Events Selection:

- 1st Learn to Ski - Sunday, January 4th
- 2nd Learn to Ski - Saturday, February 7th
- Candlelight Ski Night - Saturday, February 7th (State Forest will confirm date)
- 20th Annual River View Ski Loppet - Saturday, February 28th

Newsletter, Ski Race, Other Business Discussion:

- Linda Hobbs has again agreed to do the club newsletter. Discussion was held to pay her \$100 for this service and articles should be completed for the newsletter by the weekend of October 25th (Manz, St. Onge, and State Forest) so that it wouldn't be difficult to get the newsletter out before Christmas, or in early December.
- Greg discussed the need for repairs on our big clock for timing the ski race. We need to purchase a new circuit board for the clock. He would report back with cost. This is important because the club saves a significant amount of money by doing the race timing ourselves, and not paying a timing service.
- We discussed keeping the same race format for ski races and starts as last year. Bob Cragin discussed the idea of adding a Snowshoe Race as an event with the ski race, in consideration of how many snowshoers participate in the Book Across the Bay that maybe this would be a way to boost our race participation and increase our fundraising. We discussed possible routes and agreed to look into it more to determine if we could pull off adding this as event for this year, or if it would need to wait a year, and also what kind of turn-out we might be able to expect for snowshoer participation.
- Greg brought up the idea for removal of two spruce trees that need to be removed on Spruce Loop, and also an area on Oak Loop where removal of a few trees could benefit the ski trail in helping get snow down to the trail, where we commonly have bare spots when snow is lean. Kephart said he would look into this.
- The ski club website is still being maintained by Scott Nesvold and the club has paid Scott for maintaining the website 'Domain'. With Cathy Khalar and Kevin

Feind no longer with the Brule State Forest, Manz discussed needing to give shared administrative privileges to Kephart and/or Matt Miranda to contribute ski trail updates/posts on the Brule Valley Ski Club and Afterhours Ski Trail Facebook Page as the State Forest has done in recent years.

- Following all above discussion, Manz motioned and Cragin seconded that the club would 1) pay for repairs necessary for the big timing clock (after costs were known), 2) pay Linda Hobbs \$100 for creating the ski club newsletter, and for purchasing a \$50 Gift Certificate to Cathy Khalar for her valuable contribution to the ski club over the years. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:15 pm.