

Brule Valley Ski Club - 2015 Annual Membership Meeting
October 3, 2015 - Afterhours Ski Trail, Brule, Wisconsin

Meeting Minutes - Submitted by Cordell Manz

Cordell Manz called the meeting to order at approximately 4:30 pm.

Attendees: President - Cordell Manz, Vice President - Bob Cragin, Treasurer - Greg St. Onge, Board Member - Al Klein, and Tom Nichodemus. DNR staff – Dave Schulz and Matt Miranda. 4 of 5 board members present establish a quorum for the meeting.

Meeting started by reviewing what work was accomplished earlier in the day for the club's 'Work Day'. Members worked on clearing downed brush at the trailhead from tree removal and also Classic Trail. Workers were: C. Manz, G. St. Onge, A. Klein, T. Nichodemus (from ski club), Matt Miranda and Phil Brown (from the state forest); and two volunteers from outside the club – Becky and Patti.

Secretary Report: Cordell Manz

- Manz read the minutes from the previous meeting on May 10th, and club members briefly reviewed minutes from the April, 2015 also. Motion made by St. Onge to approve minutes, 2nd by Cragin, Motion Carried.

Treasurer Report: Greg St. Onge

- Greg presented a Financial Report for 2014-2015 summarizing expenses, incomes, and balances for checking and cd accounts. Total deposits were \$5833.58, total expenses were \$4,624.38, and total income was 1,209.20.
- Overall final checking and savings balance = \$26,226.06 for the club.
- Greg noted we had low overhead for last year's Riverview Loppet. North Bay Trading also donated all the soup provided for post-race awards, which helped us with last year's profit.
- The club also bought a laptop last year for the Brule River State Forest which has been an immense help to them with all signage at Afterhours.
- The state will check back with us regarding electric bill (which the club pays for winter months); we wrote a check at the meeting to pre-pay for this year.
- Greg also noted we currently have about 40 single person or family memberships in the club, combined.
- Klein motioned to approve Treasurer Report, 2nd by Manz, Motion Carried.

2015-16 Calendar of Events Selection:

- Learn to Ski - Sunday, January 3rd and Saturday, January 30th.
- Candlelight Ski Night - Saturday, February 6th
- 21th Annual River View Ski Loppet - Saturday, February 27th.

2015-16 Newsletter:

- Linda Hobbs will again put together the Newsletter. Articles should be submitted by the end of October, to help her get the newsletter done earlier, and work on the newsletter before Holidays start.

Nomination & Election of Officers:

- Al Klein motioned, and Greg St. Onge seconded that we retain/re-elect club members back into their current positions for the next year. Motion Carried.

Brule River State Forest Update: Dave Schulz and Matt Miranda.

- The state forest has acquired funding for the new warming shelter. Construction will take place in summer, 2016. Building will be a 24x36, log structure on a slab, with covered deck. Site grading will happen this fall. Interior has plans for a wood stove, changing rooms, and 'behind-the-counter' area for DNR staff to register skiers. The state discussed possible options for the current warming hut for other use.
- The state could use the ski club's help with finishing the interior of the building (paneling, lighting, etc.) and with interior furnishings (tables, chairs, etc.). This could really help with overall expense of the project, and also have it ready for the 2016-17.
- The ski club asked for estimates on expenses for interior costs, including furnishings and woodstove costs. Club could seek donations to help cover costs.
- The state forest staff also completed installing 2 new bridges this summer over the creek at Easy and Difficult Return Trails, as well as installation of 6-7 culverts for better drainage on River Loop.
- The state forest is still considering options to help reduce odor at the trailhead bathrooms (more water in pits/anti-freezing agent, ventilation).
- The state has just started the process for developing the next Master Plan for the Brule River State Forest. It is important that we have input and representation as the ski club in this process. This is our opportunity to contribute ideas/planning for ski trails, and potentially adding additional trails for skiing, snowshoeing, skijoring, and mountain biking. Dave mentioned that the state has been getting increasing requests for mountain biking opportunities on the state forest.

Old Business: River View Loppet Discussion

- Ski club discussed ideas for door prizes and awards for the ski race. We considered contacting Oulu Glass and Grizz Works for awards for overall winners of races. The state forest may also be able to use their router that uses their new software (using the computer donated by ski club) to make awards for the ski race. Manz will contact Idea Design and Big Daddy T's in Iron River for potential costs of stocking caps for door prizes. Greg will contact North Bay Trading regarding having soup as a door prize again as an option.
- Board members confirmed we will again have a Snowshoe Race as one of the events at the River View Loppet.
- Tom Nichodemus' son Jim Nicodemus, who is a Graphic Designer is going to help with the ski race brochure design this year, to better incorporate race sponsors into the brochure.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:40 pm.