

BRULE VALLEY SKI CLUB ANNUAL MEETING

October 22, 2011 5:30 pm

Attendees (12)

Greg St. Onge, Gary Rutledge, Bob Cragin, Cordell Manz, Joe Grosheck,
John Schrock, Mary Berube, Josh McIntyre, Linda Hobbs
Cary and Andy Edwards, Kevin Fiend

Draft Minutes until approved.

Secretary's Report: CM motion, JS approved, GS 2nd. Last year's annual meeting minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Report is incomplete to date and would appreciate assistance to compile the records.

Accounts total of all accounts \$18,506.54 for about a \$700 net profit.

Expenses – the largest was gas/oil for grooming \$1545.16 for grooming due to increase in gasoline prices up \$1 per gallon

There were more expenses this year for the race. We probably made about \$600 from the race.

Learn-to-ski days generally do not generate \$, however, last year many attended the days.

Suggestion was made that at least one other member needs to have their name on the accounts. Usually protocol requires approval by another; often this is the president of the club. Cord will meet with Bob to go over the mechanics of the signature of checks and names on the accounts.

GR Motion, all checks will be co-signed. GS seconded. Approved with the officers getting together to work out the mechanics.

Motion: LH Send all the \$ memberships to the Treasurer. The Treasurer can then compile the membership lists and send to Susie or other Board Members. The membership form will have the Treasurer's address. JG seconded. Motion Carried. The membership form will have a date and/or color coded to be able to clearly show which year the memberships will be.

LH Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report with more information to come. MB seconded. Approved. Bob Cragin will get more details completed next week. Rhonda O'Leary may be willing to assist.

President's Report: Good year and attendance at the Learn to Ski Days, Ski Race, 151 – 104 over the last two years. Kevin Fiend reported lower numbers due to the weather with a thaw before the event, which created a challenging grooming day. The ski race hats increased the cost of the event. The ball caps were more popular than the knit hats. Facebook page is set up. Membership email list will be included? **WNDR** master

planning was discussed with a ~~WNR~~ representative. Discussion included finishing the classic trail, additional trails, and donations for an LTE or a Contract work for the winter. Would be willing to serve as Pres again for this year, but the club should get another President in another year.

LH motioned to accept the President's report. JG 2nd. Motion Carried.

Election of Club Officers

LH Motion to nominate the same people in place for next year. CE seconded. Motion carried.

Cordell Manz - President, Greg St. Onge - V-President, Linda Hobbs – Secretary, Bob Cragin- Treasurer, Gary Rutledge – Member at Large.

Create Upcoming Season Calendar of events:

Ski Race, March 3, 2012 (leap year)

Learn to Ski Days Jan. 7, 2012 and Feb. 5, 2012 Time of the event is 1:30 pm (12:30). Saturday is easier due to availability of skis. Is it cost-effective to purchase equipment? Past discussions have covered this. Storage may be possible at the hut. A ski scholarship program where a child would apply for equipment could be an option. Donation to a local school system to start a program. The club would need a member to take an active interest and lead in this activity. Snowshoes could also be available at the ski hut. Schools are not so willing to participate in ski or snowshoe programs due to busing costs. If members have extra equipment, these could be brought in to the ski hut for others to use. We may need a committee to explore the options of a ski scholarship program, skis or snowshoes. GS Motion to have a 4 member committee to explore this – GS, JG, GR, and CM.

Candlelight Ski Feb. 11th tentative

Full Moon Ski and Snowshoe Jan 7th Feb. 7th March 7th

State Forest Update – Trails and Future Projects

Kevin Fiend/Josh McIntyre: 4 items The river trails has a new bridge which will alleviate any water going over the trail. This is a clear-span bridge. Photos and an accompanying article will be sent ~~it~~. All the green painted trees have been removed from the ski trail. Dave gave the go ahead to get bids on trail improvement to improve the trails now that the trees have been removed. Spruce and River trails, one of the two may be touched up. Short portion of the snowshoe trail on the ridge line has been newly constructed. Map boards have been replaced for the snowshoe trail. 4 signs remain to be hung. Another snowshoe loop may be marked this year. Could a donation help fund the trail improvements? Width, turning radius, and pitch are improvements. Update on the new warming shelter, 24 x 30, with changing rooms. Kevin needs to complete the program statement for the shelter which will be done this winter. This would be a multi-use building, handicap assessable and for public meetings. The estimate is at \$90k. The trail improvements, with the tree removal, were for the intention of the ski flow of the trail. The club could donate some aspect of the building, such as a wood stove heater.

Eric ~~Serrina~~ (Serriene sp?) is a new Forester at Brule.

Discussion of Riverview Loppet Ski Race

24K open/elite category for Men and for Women. No age category. Mass start. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd each gender would be given an award. Start area may be at the flat area of the ski trail. There would be less interval starts. For the future, possibly alternate directions other years. GR motion to have the open/elite mass start gender specific wave. CM 2nd. Motion carried.

Future idea would have a 5km Family race where family members would ski with the children. This would not be a race, but a tour for the family. Greg will work out the details.

Maybe have a team school competition. Leave this up to the race committee.

Newsletter articles by Nov. 10th to Borg Isakson.

Greg – Ski Race, K. Fiend – WDNR, J.Groshek Full Moon Ski and Snowshoes, Cord – President’s report,

Membership Fees – Old Business

Joe G suggested any amount makes you a member. The tube is for donations only; it is not set up for membership. No action was taken on this suggestion.

The WDNR sends out a notice when trail passes are purchased at the fee tube, to also consider Brule Valley Ski Club membership. The sign for advertising the benefit of the Brule Valley Ski Club needs to be put up. GS Motion: 2nd by GR Passed for one inside and one outside. 18 x 24 is the usual size from Badger State Industries. Josh will do the graphics and send out the draft for approval.

More advertising needs to be done. Utilize Emily Krum (sp?) more. Fox 21 is always looking for things like this. Use other social networking source. The Reader – magazine.

New Business

Snowshoe trails. Could the snowshoe trails have events for them too? Add a day event, money making event such as a tour? The trails are here, it would be good to utilize them more. Feb. 5th Sunday afternoon. 3 pm Snowshoe Romp \$5 per individual, \$10 family with chili and hot chocolate provided. Bring your own shoes.

Meeting Adjourned 8:23 pm.