**Board Meeting Minutes 10/2/2024
Brule Valley Ski Club**

**Attendees via Zoom:**
Linda Hobbs, President Bob Cragin, Vice-President
Kathie Culhane-Pera, Secretary Tammy Brown, Treasurer Greg St. Onge, Member at Large

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| **Topic**  | **Discussion / Decision** |  |
| **Annual meeting minutes** | Board noted that presentation of the plaques to Cordell Manz, Jon Jurek, and Greg St Onge was missing- so that information was added, and we approved the minutes. The approved bylaw change will be added.  | Kathie will send out to the club members; if needed, can make an amendment. |
| **New Treasurer** | Tammy Brown will take the approved annual meeting minutes to the bank with Al Klein tomorrow, to prove her being the new Treasurer. |  |
| **Six Corners Cabin** | Board agreed that we should send the members’ approved motion to WDNR. | Linda will send an email. |
| **Plaques** | We decided to get the same plaque for Al Klein, as retiring Treasurer. | Bob Cragin will arrange. |
| **Trail signage** | = Trail Signage and Information to the Public about skijoring trail, and add updated maps of the entire trail system on all poles.= Trails signage about kilometer loop. | Kathie will add to WDNR meeting agenda. |
| **Skijoring trail** | Goal: complete by this winter = Greg communicated with WDNR- they will mark more trail in the next 10 days or so. They did not reply to his request to hire men with machines to assist. = Organize groups to clear trails. We can create a schedule for 10-14 days from now. NW HS students may join 10/19/2024; a teacher is informing them about may join us. We need to borrow tools from DNR.= Use of trail.-We would allow skiers to ski with their dogs, on a leash or with skijoring with equipment.-We will not allow hikers with dogs. -We want groomed for classic and skate, to be friendly for beginners. -We prefer not to allow kick sleds.  | Kathie will add to WDNR meeting agenda.Greg will set schedule for clearing after trail is marked.Greg to ask DNR about using machines and borrowing tools. Kathie will communicate with NWHS teacher about students |
| **Grooming**  | = Need to discuss with WDNR. We would like to Create a Grooming Schedule with the WDNR- with their personnel (if adequate), and supplemented by trained volunteers (besides Jon Jurek). | Kathie will add to WDNR meeting agenda. |
| **Rollers** | We reviewed history: Matt had suggested a need for a new set or rollers, but nothing was requested. We would like to know if can be repaired, or need to purchase new, and at what cost. This is an item for an MOU. | Kathie will add to WDNR meeting agenda.Bob Cragin could evaluate rollers at next meeting with WDNR. |
| **Meeting with DNR** | These various items discuseds today need to be on the agenda.We want to create a MOU, based on the WDNR’s 2 page information about MOU.  | Linda will establish a meeting date. Linda will draft an MOU. |
| **Lighted Ski Trail**  | We need to move forward on plans to present to WDNR.HOW and COST: We can learn from others: Superior Municipal Forest has solar panels on poles; Ashwabay; HASTA Ski Trails at the fish hatchery trail in Hayward; Birkie Loops at Hwy 00 in Seeley; Duluth? .LOCATION: We need to identify which trail(s) could be used – Skijoring? Since they are being built? TIMING: Plan this year and implement next year? | Bob will talk with an electrician.Kathie will talk with Linnea Weyandt, an engineer. |
| **Riverview Loppet** | Al Klein prefers Saturday, January 18th despite competition with SkideShe, and despite not knowing TourdeFinn’s schedule, except they do have a race on January 19th.  |  |
| **Learn to Ski** | Need to set dates. Perhaps Jan 4/5 and /or Jan 11/12, depending on the snow. We are not sure about ski rentals – maybe at Ski Hut in Duluth and New Moon in Hayward. | Bob will work with Phil Anderson.Bob will explore renal ski options |
| **Finden Marketing** | To expand our club, we can consider multiple venues. We are drafting a new logo; can create a merchandise line from Podium wear; and received a draft marketing proposal from Finden Marketing. | Kathie will ask who wants to join committee for logo/ merchandise.Kathie will forward the marketing proposal to discuss at a future meeting. |
| **Newsletter**  |  | Linda will draft and send to others to review |

 **Next meeting: With DNR, not yet set.**