**Minutes of BVSC Board Meeting 9/8/2025
Brule Valley Ski Club**

**Present:** Linda Hobbs, Bob Cragin, Kathie Culhane-Pera, Tammy Brown, Greg St Onge, Linnea Weyandt

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| **Topic**  | **Discussion**  | **Decision** |
| **Minutes 4/21/2025 meeting**  | Reviewing/approving minutes from last Board meeting was missed. | Secretary will email Board for input/ approval |
| **Secretary’s report** | Annual report will highlight BVSC major accomplishments this year.  | Secretary will write for annual meeting |
| **Treasurer’s report** | Annual report will highlight major categories of income and expenditures. Treasurer’s report indicated:- Checking $4664.83- 12 Month 3.7% CD $16,567.35 due Mar 23, 2026 - 5 Month 3.94% CD $10, 500.11 due Oct 6, 2025Tammy proposed that we change number of signatures for CDs (from 4 to 2), and checks >$500 rather than >$250 as stated in bylaws. We decided to pursue a bylaw change.  | Treasurer will write for annual meetingSecretary will manage bylaw change |
| **Trail update:** | **Bike trail:** Now extends 9 miles with new loops that have been named, like Snake, Eagle, Bear. The AH- DNR webpage has the map and the names, accessible by QR code by the chalet. There is a low wet spot near Aspen, which will be covered with wooden bridge material obtained from USDA Forest Service- Washburn. The sections are sitting near Aspen, to be placed later. **Skijoring:**Work will be done this fall – dates TBD, perhaps 9/27, a weekend in October and a weekend in November**.** We have dog bag stations that will be installed. We will need signs- but first need to name the trails.  | Will notify members via newsletter and annual meeting |
| **Draft report for trail lighting**  | Linnea Weyandt, who created the report, presented her report. We commended her for the thorough and professional report. We asked her some clarifying questions and discussed options. We did not have a clear sense of which option is best, but appreciated all of the options, and added a few of our own: skijoring trail, or SW corner near Nebagamon Creek (if electricity is there), or propane generator at Six Corners. We raised some challenges moving forward, including:- Rock foundation (making it difficult to drill holes for poles- Financial (we could spend BVSC money and raise funds from community and members, such as donations, and name on poles)- WDNR resistance to the plan on their land (philosophical and practical, might have to be added to long-term plan). | We will review at annual meeting to get members’ input: How important is this to you? We could survey members also. We will send to WDNR before our October meeting (TBD date).  |
| **Winter activities**  | * **Ski Race.** We reviewed challenges last year, not least of which was limited snow. Linda will ask if Al Klein wants to be Race Director again. We discussed having more volunteers and a Co-Director (Kathie volunteered, but we can also ask at the annual meeting.) We brainstormed other winter “events” to raise money and connect with community, like a tour, or local restaurants hosting food at Six Corner Cabin.
* **Ski Lessons-** Will continue group lessons and add individual lessons that people can schedule themselves. Could ask for money- i.e., $20 with $10 for instructor and $10 for ski club, plus $5 for day pass if needed.
* **Ski swap.** We discussed ways to hold a ski swap, or perhaps a sports equipment swap, like done years ago in Poplar. Will need a director.
* **Silent auction.** We discussed arranging ahead of Ski Race and having on-line so people can bid before the race.
 | - Linda will talk with Al Klein - Will implementWill ask for donations at annual meeting for both |
| **BVSC Merchandise** | At the annual meeting, * Will bring our ski hats, etc, for sale
* Will ask members to bring the clothes they have bought, to inspire!
* Will ask if members want another winter and spring sale.
 | Annual meeting items. |
| **Miscellaneous items**  | * **Expand BVSC membership.** We want to encourage people to bring friends to the annual meeting and become members.
* **Brule Forest Implementation Plan** – We didn’t identify any issues to address except letting members know where DNR will be logging.
* - meeting. Linda expressed her opinion that its being used as a day cabin could benefit the club and skiers.
* - **Fall Newsletter with a calendar.** Linda is finishing.
* **Donations.** Kathie and Tim donated 2 memberships and 2 t-shirts to the Lake Nebagamon Night Out for Literacy. Linda donated the Dog Waste station. (Other recent donations not mentioned.)
 | Will add items to the fall newsletter and review or discuss at annual meeting.  |
| **Election of Board members** | At annual meeting 9/21, we will hold an election for President (Linda Hobbs or write-in) and Secretary (John DeSautelle or write-in). Bob Cragin mentioned not running again as VP next year if someone is interested in serving.  | Will email ballots to members- to vote in-person, by proxy or email. |