

Birchwood Bobcat ATV Meeting Minutes
Birchwood Bobcat Sledders and ATV Club House
Wednesday, July 11, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.

Vice-President Tim Lee called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were 22 members present. The Agenda, Minutes, and Financial Reports were distributed.

Review of the Agenda: There were no additions or corrections.

Minutes of the June 13, 2012 Meeting - Motion: Lee Ellerbruch/Gary Koel to accept as printed. Motion carried.

Financial Reports for the Period 06/13/12 - 07/11/12. The reports were reviewed.

- ⤴ The following account balances were reported:
 1. Regular savings \$ 5,342.19
 2. Raffle savings 2,940.50
 3. Checking 3,785.45
 4. Total \$11,068.14

The treasurer reported that:

- ⤴ a \$4,000 bank note payment is due on 8/1/12 for the dump truck
- ⤴ \$405.99 has been collected from the map boxes

Motion: Bob Ellerbruch/Dave Drew to accept the financial reports as printed. Motion carried.

Trail Captain's Report

Mike Robotka reported as follows:

- ⤴ The trail between Crystal Point Road and County Road T is closed due to complaints from a property owner about "ATV's tearing up the road". There will be immediate follow-up to resolve this matter.
- ⤴ Mike and LaVonne Thompson volunteered to take care of trail maintenance billing. A volunteer time sheet has been developed, which needs to be completed by each person each day they work on the trails. Forms are available in the clubhouse, as well as a box in which to place completed forms.
- ⤴ A work day is scheduled for Monday, July 16th. Volunteers should meet at the club house at 9:00 a.m. Work needs to be done on Birchwood Loop 50.
- ⤴ Mike has been doing some research on the cost of a small dump trailer, usable on trails that are not accessible with our equipment. It was reported that there may be a small trailer available for rent, which would be an opportunity to determine if that piece of equipment will work for the club.. Dave Drew volunteered to follow up with the trailer owner.

Old Business

- ⤴ **Raffle** - Lee Ellerbruch reported that she has the tickets. Tickets and posters have been distributed to 14 businesses. She will be mailing 27 letters to individuals who purchased tickets last year. Everyone was encouraged to support this fund raiser.
- ⤴ **Web Site** - Liz Drew reported progress is being made. Officers and Board Members have been updated and raffle information is posted; there are still challenges in posting the minutes. The calendar of events and new pictures will be added when that information is provided to Liz.
- ⤴ **Membership** - LaVonne reported that we have 56 members. There was discussion about business memberships, especially with regard to map advertisers/donors. This matter will be taken up when the Board meets in early August. Steve Bethke provided information about some

new membership initiatives the Bobcat Sledders are implementing.

- ⤴ **Sawyer County Alliance Meeting on Tuesday, July 17th** - Harry has arranged with a caterer to provide the food. Volunteers are needed to clean the clubhouse, serve the meal, and clean-up afterwards. There is a volunteer sign-up sheet; please consider helping with this event.
- ⤴ **Response to Request for Donations** - It was reported that to date \$605.00 has been received.
- ⤴ **Bluegill Festival Activities**
 - **Kids Games** - Volunteers: Barb & Harry Deutsch, Gary Koel, Roger Beffa, Steve Bethke. Barb will contact the youth ambassador, Katy Henck, with regard to volunteering to help.

Motion: Tim Lee/Jeff Johnston authorizing the purchase of a kid's bike for the drawing during these activities. Scott Hayes (Chit Chat) will donate a bike. Motion carried.

Motion Tim Lee/Barb Deutsch authorizing up to \$200 for this event to be spent for food, prizes, etc. at the discretion of the committee. The Spider Lake Saloon donated \$50 for this event.

Motion carried.

- **Display of equipment and other public relations activities** - Volunteers: Mike Robotka, Mike and LaVonne Thompson, Roger and Gladys Roux, Liz Drew, Janet McNinch, Steve Bethke, Bonnie Swanson, and Jeff Johnston. We will be selling ATV and Sledders clothing, club memberships, raffle tickets and distributing Sledders brochures and trail maps.
- **Parade** - We plan to participate in the parade with equipment and members riding their ATV's. **Motion: Tim Lee/Bob Ellerbruch authorizing up to \$50 for the purchase of parade candy. Gladys and LaVonne volunteered to order the candy at Seasonal Power Toys. Spider Lake Saloon will donate Dum-Dum Pops. Motion carried.** Everyone was reminded that kids riding ATV's must wear helmets; Seasonal Power Toys has helmets available for purchase.
- **Property easements** - Barb Deutsch reported that she has received 18 easements from property owners whose property is crossed by the ATV trail, and she has appropriately filed these documents with the County Forestry Departments and the Sawyer County Alliance. A complete list of property owners is still needed.
- **Storage of documents** - The Ellerbruchs have donated and delivered two 2-drawer filing cabinets to the club house. LaVonne and Gladys will work on sorting through and filing ATV club information.

New Business

- ⤴ **Bobcat Sledders Summer Social on Sunday, August 5th** - Steve Bethke reported the plan is:
 - to begin the day at 10 a.m. with coffee and donuts OR pancakes and ham
 - to organize an ATV ride for the day
 - return to the clubhouse by 5 p.m. for a picnic supper.

Motion: Tim Lee/Liz Drew to use the ham leftover from the Alliance Meeting for the August 5th event. Motion carried.

- ⤴ Discussion was held with regard to action which may be appropriate due to Steve Lobitz's unavailability to carry out his responsibilities as President of the club and as a delegate to the Sawyer County Alliance. It was decided that the Board of Directors will schedule a meeting as soon as possible to take up this matter.
- ⤴ **Invitation to ride with the Barron Bears ATV Club** - The ride is scheduled for Saturday, July 28th, meeting at their club house at 10 a.m. **Motion: Gary Koel/Gladys Roux authorizing up to \$50 for brats/hotdogs for a picnic that day. The Barron club will provide buns, etc.**

Motion carried.

- ⤴ Steve Bethke reported that members of the American Legion organization have asked for the club's support in getting permission from the Village of Birchwood and the Township of Edgewater to allow ATV travel on Cedar Avenue from County Road F to the Village of Birchwood. It was suggested that the Legion's Commander make a formal request outlining their proposal.

Other Business

- ⤴ Steve Bethke displayed the first ever Birchwood Bobcat Sledders hat. Nine hats were available for purchase for \$10/each. In the future they will sell for \$15/each.

Correspondence - none

50/50 was won by Mike Robotka who donated his winnings to the club.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 8, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at the clubhouse.

Adjournment: Motion Jeff Johnston/Harry Deutsch. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

LaVonne Thompson, Secretary

Other important information:

- ⤴ On Saturday, August 11th, the Wisconsin ATV Association (WATVA) Northwest Regional Meeting is at Tony's Riverside in Spooner. Lunch provided by the Rolling Hills Snowmobile/ATV Club at 12:45 p.m. The meeting begins at 1:30 p.m. Register by August 8th - e mail gdo@baldwin-telecom.net or phone 612-280-1220. More information at www.watva.org.
- ⤴ TrailCon Event on August 17 and 18 in Antigo at the Langlade County Fairgrounds. This is a joint effort between WATVA and AWSC and will feature equipment displays, as well as provide information on trail building and land access issues. More information on the web at www.trailcon.us.