

**Birchwood Bobcat ATV Meeting Minutes**  
**Birchwood Bobcat Sledders and ATV Club House**  
**Wednesday, June 13, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.**

Vice-President Tim Lee called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 May 9, 2012 Meeting - Motion: Lee Ellerbruch/Liz Drew to accept as printed with a correction to the meeting place. Motion carried.**

**Financial Reports for the Period 05/09/12 - 06/13/12.** The reports were reviewed.

⤴ The following account balances were reported:

1. Regular savings	\$ 5,342.19
2. Raffle savings	2,940.50
3. Checking	<u>3,835.58</u>
4. Total	\$12,118.27

The treasurer reported that in researching opportunities to earn more interest on the funds we have in reserve, she found that there would be no financial advantage for the Club to purchase a CD or open a money market account. **Motion: Bob Ellerbruch/Lee Ellerbruch to accept the financial reports as printed. Motion carried.**

### **Trail Captain's Report**

Mike Robotka reported as follows:

- ⤴ As far as we know, all of the equipment and materials owned by the Club has been relocated to the club house.
- ⤴ A section of Birchwood Loop 50 west of Angus has been closed by the landowner. Another section of the trail on the other side of Dalen Road is in need of work which is a priority before we address the closed trail section. Work on these trail sections is difficult due to narrow trails and bridges which do not allow access for equipment to do the work
- ⤴ There will be a work day on Monday, June 18. Volunteers should be at the club house at 9:00 a.m.
- ⤴ Trail # 31S waterhole - the cable has been marked. The Sawyer County Forester has agreed to access funding to repair this section of the trail.
- ⤴ Trail # 25 south of Berry Road - gravel will be dumped by the pavilion off Berry Road; volunteers will shuttle gravel to the work site with our equipment.

### **Old Business**

- ⤴ **Raffle** - We are still waiting for the raffle license.
- ⤴ **Web Site** - The annual hosting fee of \$231.98 has been paid to our web site host, CCS, and software enabling the Club to keep the site up-to-date has been installed at a cost of \$60.00. Liz Drew has been doing some updating. Information with regard to events, etc. need to be provided to Liz.
- ⤴ **Membership** - LaVonne Thompson reported that at this time we have 46 family and single memberships. This month, notice was sent to 22 individuals/families whose membership has expired. Membership forms are available at the club house, Seasonal Power Toys and Sportsman's Lodge.
- ⤴ The Social Committee is working out the details for hosting the Sawyer County Alliance

meeting to be held at the club house on Tuesday, July 17th. Harry Deutsch has contacted a caterer to provide the meal (ham, potato salad, baked beans, buns and cake).

- ⤴ **Map Boxes** - Janet McNinch reported that boxes have been placed in 30 locations; 5 additional boxes are needed. Revenue collected = \$111.76. Janet reported there are 4 boxes (500 maps in each box) at Seasonal Power Toys.
- ⤴ **Wisconsin DNR Safety Class** - The class was held on on May 22, 23 and 24, 2012. Mike Paul instructed about 12 students.
- ⤴ **Loch Lomond Division Trail Access** - The Town of Cedar Lake Board voted not to allow ATV travel on the town roads in the Division. Discussion followed on opportunities to approach this issue in the future.
- ⤴ **Trail Ride with the Barron ATV Club** - Saturday, June 16th - meet at the Ed's Pit Stop at 10:00 a.m. Barron Club is providing brats and hot dogs for a picnic. **Motion: Gary Koel/Harry Deutsch authorizing the purchase of buns, condiments, etc. not to exceed \$40.00 Motion carried.**

### **New Business**

- ⤴ **Financial Audit** - The audit was completed today. The records were in good order and everything checked out as reported by the auditors, Bonnie Swanson and Linda Wiese.
- ⤴ **Correspondence with the IRS** - Tim Lee has sent a letter requesting information on the tax status of the club. Tim will provide a copy of the letter to the secretary to keep on file.
- ⤴ **Bluegill Festival Activities** - The event is July 20 - 22. The Lion's Club coordinates events and their poster states the ATV Club is sponsoring Kids' Games at Doolittle Park. Steve Bethke will follow up with the Lion's president to get more information about this. Joint planning is underway with the Bobcat Sledders to promote both clubs at this event.
- ⤴ **The Biggest Little Parade on Mikana on July 4th** - An invitation to participate has been received. **Motion: Barb Deutsch/Bob Ellerbruch not to participate due to the challenges of getting people together mid-week. Motion carried.**
- ⤴ **Property Easements** - Barb Deutsch reported that 12 easements are on file for the ATV Club. She noted that we do not have a complete listing of property owners. Barb volunteered to coordinate mailing, etc. for the ATV and Sledders clubs when this information is available. **Motion: Tim Lee/ Bob Ellerbruch to purchase one each Sawyer County and Washburn County plat books. Motion carried.** LaVonne volunteered to purchase.
- ⤴ **Clothing inventory** - All of the t-shirts, sweatshirts, etc. purchased by the club have been sorted and are available for purchase. The price list is posted. There was discussion on ways that we can market. Steve Bethke volunteered to get information on setting up a table at the Bluegill Festival. Details will be worked out at the July meeting.
- ⤴ **Storage of documents** - A file cabinet is needed. Bob and Lee Ellerbruch will donate two 2-drawer cabinets to the club.
- ⤴ **Thank you to the Bobcat Sledders** - Correspondence has been mailed thanking them for including ATV club members in their landowners appreciation dinner.
- ⤴ **Social Calendar** - Steve Bethke reported that on August 5th the Bobcat Sledders are hosting a summer social for members of both clubs. More details to follow.

### **Other Business**

On June 7th the board of directors of the ATV and Bobcat Sledders held a joint meeting to share ideas and discuss opportunities on ways in which the clubs can work together for the benefit of both organizations. The issue of major expenses facing both organizations (replacing the club house roof and extensive work on a section of unfunded ATV trail) were addressed. A motion was passed to send out a letter to the memberships of both clubs asking for donations to help defray these costs.

### **Second reading of the Revised By-Laws**

The proposed revised by-laws distributed to members by e mail and snail mail on 4/30/12 were reviewed and discussed. Changes suggested were as follows:

Article II - Purpose and Mission - third paragraph. Add the Sawyer County Forestry Department as a partner.

Article X - Order of Business - b.

Change the wording to read "Robert's Rule of Order is a guide to follow in conducting business."

**Motion: Bob Ellerbruch/Lee Ellerbruch to accept the by-laws as printed with the changes noted.**

**Motion carried.**

**Next Meeting:           Wednesday, July 11, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at the club house.**

**Adjournment: Motion: Bob Ellerbruch/Harry Deutsch. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by LaVonne Thompson, Secretary