

**Birchwood Bobcat ATV Annual Meeting Minutes**  
**Birchwood Bobcat Sledders and ATV Club House**  
**Wednesday, October 10, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.**

Secretary LaVonne Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. There were 20 members present. The Agenda, Financial Reports, Asset Inventory and Summary of Trail Maintenance Activity for the period April - September 2012 were distributed.

**Approval of the Agenda: Motion: Bob Ellerbruch/Liz Drew. Motion carried.**

**Financial Reports -**

- The following reports were distributed and reviewed:
  - Cash Summary for the period 9/12 - 10/10/12
    - 1. Regular savings                 \$ 3,344.73
    - 2. Raffle savings                         6,441.98
    - 3. Checking                                 \* 14,744.13
    - 4. Total   \$24,530.84
  - \*\$6,200 - 1/2 of the Washburn County winter grooming contract
  - \*\$1,125.- 1/2 of the Washburn County winter ATV contract
  - Financial Summary at September 30, 2012
  - Asset Inventory - paper shredder and water pump were added

**Motion: Lee Ellerbruch/Bob Ellerbruch to accept the reports as printed and presented. Motion carried.**

**Elections**

**President** - The nominating committee reports Jeff Johnston has accepted the nomination and is willing to serve. Vice-president Tim Lee called for nominations from the floor. **Motion: Lee Ellerbruch/Roger Beffa to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jeff Johnston for a 2-year term as president. Motion carried.**

**Secretary** - The nominating committee reports LaVonne Thompson has accepted the nomination and is willing to serve. Vice-president Tim Lee called for nominations from the floor. **Motion: Roger Beffa/Bob Ellerbruch to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for LaVonne Thompson for a 2-year term as Secretary. Motion carried.**

**Board of Directors** - The nominating committee reports that the board members now serving are:

Roger Beffa, Steve Bethke, Harry Deutsch, Lee Ellerbruch, Gary Koel, Rick Oswald and Trail Captain Mike Robotka. These persons are willing to serve for another 1-year term. Vice-president Tim Lee called for nominations from the floor. **Motion: Liz Drew/Jeff Johnston to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Roger Beffa, Steve Bethke, Harry Duetsch, Lee Ellerbruch, Gary Koel, Rick Oswald and Trail Captain Mike Robotka for 1-year terms as board members. Motion carried.**

**Delegates to the Sawyer County Alliance** - The nominating committee reports the delegates now serving are: Dave Drew, Steve Lobitz, Tim Lee, Dick Olson, Jeff Johnston and Alternate Bonnie

Swanson. Steve Lobitz, Tim Lee and Dick Olson have declined nomination. Vice-president Tim Lee called for nominations from the floor. Roger and Gladys Roux and Bonnie Swanson were nominated and Roger Beffa was nominated to serve as the alternate. **Motion: Bob Ellerbruch/Liz Drew to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Dave Drew, Jeff Johnston, Roger and Gladys Roux and Bonnie Swanson and for Roger Beffa as alternate. Motion carried.**

**Trail Captain Recognition** - Mike Robotka's dedication and service to trail and equipment maintenance is outstanding. He has contributed many hours to ensure that equipment is in good repair and has devoted countless hours to ensure that trails are safe and in good condition. **Motion: Jeff Johnston/Liz Ellerbruch acknowledging Mike Robotka's outstanding contributions to the Club and to extend the Club's appreciation for this work with a gift of \$599.00. Motion carried.** Mike expressed his gratitude and stated, "I'm not doing this for the money."

### **Committee Reports**

**Social** - Committee members are: Mike and LaVonne Thompson, Bonnie Swanson, Jeff Johnston, Harry Deutsch and Warren and Judy Martiny. This past season the committee was involved in the following:

- organized and promoted Tuesday Rides
- participated in the Bobcat Sledders Summer Social
- Bluegill Festival activities included hosting the Kids Games, operating a booth to sell the Club's merchandise, etc, and participating in the parade
- Hosted the Sawyer County Alliance meeting
- Hosted the Northwest Regional Trails Committee meeting
- Hosting the Landowners Appreciation Dinner on October 13th.

### **Trails and Equipment**

Committee members are: Trail Captain Mike Robotka, Roger Beffa, Gary Koel, Jeff Johnston and Mike Thompson. Mike Robotka reported as follows:

- picked up signs from Mark Heil
- will inspect the trail segment from Berry Road to 30th Avenue with Mark Heil next week
- investigating opportunities to repair/rehab the trail section that is closed from Dalen Road to 30th Avenue
- working with Mark Heil on the possibility of installing a floating bridge on Trail # 140. This would route AIV's off the Birchwood Firelane. In addition, this area has been problematic for winter grooming as the swamp does not freeze over.
- 2 gates need to be installed on Trail # 31N just off County Road F on private property. Sawyer County will supply the gates.
- the washout area on Trail # 27 just south of Trail # 31N has been repaired
- gravel was hauled and spread on Trail # 25 south of Berry Road

### **Membership**

Committee members are Gladys Roux and LaVonne Thompson. The committee reports as follows:

- There are 67 single and family members and 36 business members

## **Public Relations**

Committee members are Steve Bethke, Jeff Johnston, Bonnie Swanson, LaVonne Thompson, Liz Drew and Rick Oswalt. The committee reports:

- It has been challenging working with the web site host; maintenance of the web site has been difficult and in some cases impossible. The committee will be exploring other host options.
- The committee suggests that the Bluegill Fest Kids Games be relocated to a more central site and will be exploring other options for next year, which will be the festivals 50th year.
- The Club maintains a positive working relationship with law enforcement.

## **Fundraising**

Fundraising committee members are: Lee Ellerbruch, Steve Bethke and Liz Drew. The Committee reports:

- 124 of the 200 - \$50 raffle tickets have been sold
- Suggestions for improvement: more affordable tickets available earlier in the season.
- Lee Ellerbruch volunteered to apply for the raffle license.
- The committee will work on getting a raffle organized by April 2013.

**Motion: Liz Drew/Jeff Johnston authorizing payment of the \$25.00 raffle license fee. Motion carried.**

## **Trail Map**

It was acknowledged that the Club has an abundance of 2010 - 2012 trail maps in inventory. It was reported that we have a number of new road routes which are not on the map. **Motion: Lee Ellerbruch/Gary Koel to create a map committee to put together a map proposal to present to the Board of Directors at their meeting on Wednesday, November 14th. Motion carried.**

Map Committee volunteers are: Lee Ellerbruch, Liz Drew, Bill Burdick, Rick Oswalt, Janet McNinch, Roger Beffa and Gary Koel.

## **Other Business**

The response to the ATV and Sledders Clubs request for donations has resulted in \$1,630 donated. The funds will remain in the Sledders treasury for now.

## **Dates to note:**

- Friday, October 12th - Trail developers meeting at the clubhouse
- Saturday, October 13th - Landowners/Members/Friends Appreciation Dinner
- Tuesday, October 15th - Sawyer County Alliance meeting at The Golden Rule Resort, Hayward
- Wednesday, October 17th - Joint meeting of the Bobcat Sledders and ATV Clubs boards of directors.

**Next regular Club meeting: Wednesday, April 10, 2013.**

**Adjournment: Motion: Lee Ellerbruch/Liz Drew to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. at which time the raffle drawing was held.**

Respectfully submitted,

LaVonne Thompson, Secretary