

Birchwood Bobcat Riders Meeting Minutes Wednesday, December 18, 2013

President Jeff Johnston called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were 19 members present. The agenda, minutes, financial reports, and the 2014 Budget were distributed.

Approval of the Agenda: **Gary Koel/ Mike Paul. Motion carried.**

Approval of the minutes of the 11/20/13 meeting: **Steve Bethke/Jim Fischer. Motion carried.**

Financial Reports: Gladys Roux reported the balance due on the groomer/drag loan on 12/18/13 is \$12,856.78. The checking account balance on 12/18/13 is \$31,534.64. **Motion: Steve Bethke/Gary Koel to accept the report. Motion carried.**

Trails/Equipment - Mike Robotka reported.

- Thanks to all of the volunteers for helping to get the trails open. Brushing, tree removal and grooming has been done. There will be a workday on Monday, December 23rd to work on signing. Meet at the clubhouse at 9:00 a.m. Steve Bethke suggested that all members be notified of work days by e mail to increase work day participation.
- Members were encouraged to remove brush, etc. from the trails when riding.
- The John Deere tractor has a flat tire. Jim Toftness will be delivering a tire tomorrow, and the repair will be completed. All other equipment is in good operating condition.
- Several suggestions were offered with regard to removal of the clubhouse garbage.

Membership - LaVonne Thompson reported 120 family & single members and 49 business members. Notices and membership forms are being mailed to members to remind them to renew their membership.

Map Boxes - Discussion was held following which Liz Drew volunteered to service the map boxes.

Web Site - work on this project will commence after the Holidays.

Public Relations - Steve Bethke reported that:

- there will be two articles in the Birchwood News to include reports on the landowners dinner and the alliance meeting held at the clubhouse. **Motion: Steve Bethke/Lee Ellerbruch to donate \$50 to the Birchwood News to help defray the cost of publication. Motion carried.**
- the Chamber will be hosting meat raffles on January 11th at the Spider Lake Saloon, on February 21 at the Blue Gill and March 14 at the Chit Chat.

Organization Development

- the property transfer document has been sent to the Sawyer County Register of Deeds for recording.
- Gladys Roux reported that the IRS acknowledged receipt of the club's 1024 completed application.
- Jeff Johnston plans to take care of the vehicle title transfers on December 20.

Sawyer County Alliance Meeting Report

- The trail system needs extensive work due to the recent ice/snow storm. It is hoped the trails will be cleared and groomed for opening on December 21.
- Paul Wick memorial ride is scheduled for January 5.
- Proposed changes in the DNR licensing and trail sticker process were addressed.

Old Business

- **Trail Easement/Land Use Permits** - No report available.
- **Club Logo** - Steve Bethke presented the final draft. **Motion: Gary Koel/Lee Ellerbruch to approve the logo. Motion carried.** Steve will put together a proposed clothing order for review at the January meeting.
- **Raffle Tickets** - Jeff Johnston reported that the \$100 raffle tickets are here. He will be coordinating this project. Everyone's help is needed to ensure successful sales.
- **Youth Ambassador** - Dorie Forward will get the applications to the school after the Holidays.

New Business

- **DNR Snowmobile Safety Course** - DNR Certified Instructor Mike Paul will be conducting the course beginning Thursday, January 2 and concluding on Saturday January 11. Liz Drew, Steve Bethke, Mike Robotka, Roger Beffa, Jeff Johnston, and LaVonne Thompson volunteered to help on Saturday, January 11th.
- **Request to change meeting day**- discussion followed. **Motion: Lee Ellerbruch/Gary Koel to continue meeting on Wednesday as provided for in the club's by-laws. Motion carried.**
- **Shrine Benefit Ride** - the event will be held on January 18th beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the Blue Hills Masonic Lodge. **Motion: Steve Bethke/Gary Koel to donate \$50 to the Shriners. Motion carried.**

Other Business

- The next Sawyer County Alliance Meeting is Tuesday, January 21st.
- Club social events were discussed. Gary Koel, Lee Ellerbruch, Steve Bethke, and Roger Beffa volunteered to coordinate a club social activity.

Correspondence

- Snow Goers Winter Blast is Saturday, January 18th. Information is posted on the clubhouse bulletin board.

Next meeting - Wednesday, January 15 at 7:00 p.m.

50/50 - Ted Simpson won the money!

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by LaVonne Thompson, Secretary