

Birchwood Bobcat AIV Club
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Birchwood Bobcat Sledders and AIV Club House
Monday, August 6, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.

Present: Vice-President Tim Lee, Treasurer Gladys Roux, Secretary LaVonne Thompson , Trail Captain Mike Robotka.
Board members: Rick Oswald, Harry Deutsch, Gary Koel, Steve Bethke.

Absent: President Steve Lobitz

Excused: Lee Ellerbruch and Roger Beffa

Vice-president Tim Lee called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. The Agenda was reviewed.

Dump trailer considerations

Uses, cost, storage, financing, current financial condition, and options to purchase or rent were considered. Rick Oswald and Mike Robotka volunteered to research availability and cost of small dump trailers. Steve Bethke volunteered to check on financing with Dairy State. **Motion: Harry Deutsch/Gary Koel to recommend to the membership that the Club purchase a small dump trailer. Motion carried.**

Business membership dues

This item was on the Agenda for clarification only as it was not clear whether business membership dues was included in the purchase of a map ad. At this time it was decided to include businesses that advertise on the Club's map as members for no additional cost. A recommendation for membership dues will be presented by the Board for Club members to consider during the annual meeting.

President's plans and alternatives to carry out functions of the office.

It was noted that President Steve Lobitz is out-of-town during the week and not available to carry out the functions of the office. It was decided to take no action at this time since the office of President is up for election at the annual meeting in October. Vice-President Tim Lee is willing and able to act in the absence of the President.

Raffle sales

Opportunities and incentives to sell the 200 tickets were considered. Steve Bethke proposed that it might boost sales if members/businesses who sell the most tickets were entered in a separate drawing for a monetary prize; for example \$25.00. Since we have not sold all 200 tickets in recent years, it was suggested that next year the Club rethink the whole process.

Conduct during business meetings

It was agreed that it is helpful to have a meeting Agenda, acknowledged that the meetings are taking up a lot of time, and there needs to be better control of side conversations and distractions. It was suggested that everyone needs to be seated in the meeting room rather than "standing behind the bar", persons wishing to speak need to be respectful and orderly, and discussions need to focus on the issue and move along,

Other business

- Rick Oswalt reported that he has obtained permission from the Town of Birchwood to allow ATV travel on Granite Road. Club members will help with signing.
- Gary Koel reported that Pioneer Road in the Town of Long Lake will be signed.
- Steve Bethke reported that Scenic Road will be closed for two days.
- Steve Bethke asked that the Club consider posting signs in local businesses who request help in controlling the tracking of dirt and mud into their establishments by ATV riders. The Board agreed that it is the responsibility of the business owner to set policy for their business.
- Steve Bethke advised that the American Legion is working with the Village of Birchwood and the Town of Edgewater to open Cedar Avenue for ATV travel from the Village to County Road F. He emphasized that this completes a loop and encouraged the Club's support. He stated that the Town of Edgewater requires a \$50 ordinance revision fee. He suggested that the Club split the cost with the American Legion. Steve also encouraged Club members who are residents of the Village to attend the Village Board meeting on Tuesday, August 7th at 6:00 p.m. to show support. **Motion: Steve Bethke/Gary Koel to recommend to the Club membership that the Club pay one - half (\$25.00) toward the Town of Edgewater's ordinance revision fee. Motion carried.**
- Reminder: the WAIVA Northwest Regional Meeting will be at Tony's Riverside in Spooner on Saturday, August 11th. Lunch reservations are due by August 8th.

Motion: Steve Bethke/Mike Robotka to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

LaVonne Thompson, Secretary