

Birchwood Bobcat ATV Meeting Minutes
Birchwood Bobcat Sledders and ATV Club House
Wednesday, September 12, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.

Vice-President Tim Lee called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. There were 20 members present. The Agenda, Minutes, and Financial Reports were distributed.

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

Minutes of the August 8, 2012 Meeting - Motion: Lee Ellerbruck/Dave Thompson to accept as printed. Motion carried.

Financial Reports for the Period 08/8/12 - 09/12/12. The reports were reviewed.

- The following account balances were reported:
 1. Regular savings \$ 3,344.73
 2. Raffle savings 3,191.98
 3. Checking 1,074.51
 4. Total \$ 7,611.22

Motion: Bob Ellerbruck/Lee Ellerbruck to accept the financial reports as printed. Motion carried.

Trail Captain's Report

Mike Robotka reported as follows:

- Brushing has been completed on the Ole Lake Trail. The club will be reimbursed for this work through the Ole Lake Grant Project.
- The Washburn County ATV and Snowmobile 2012 - 2013 contracts were signed last week. Checks were issued to the ATV club as follows:
 - \$5,625 = 1/2 of summer ATV contract; \$6,200 = 1/2 of winter grooming contract;
 - \$1,125 = 1/2 of winter ATV contract
- The trail from Berry Lake Road to 30th Avenue which needs extensive work will be minimally repaired at this time. Washburn County will be seeking a grant for rehab of this segment of the trail.
- There is an old concession trailer stored at Lee Minnick's which he would like removed. Steve Lobitz wants the trailer and will relocate it. **Motion: Mike Robotka/Bob Ellerbruck to give the trailer to Steve Lobitz. Motion carried.**
- The trail across County Road T behind Olson's property will be rerouted. Reroute will be coordinated with Steve Lobitz.
- Sawyer County has removed the culverts on Trail #31S and installed rock fords. This has resulted in substantial dips in the trail which are necessary to maintain flow of the stream. The area has been signed to caution riders.
- The water hole on Trail 27 is being trenched, built up, and rocked.
- The sharp curve on Trail #3 is well-signed for safe travel.
- Work day on Monday, September 17th, to work on the Harmon Loop.

Old Businesses

- **Raffle** - Lee Ellerbruck reported ticket sales have been slow. Suggestions were offered for

more visibility of ticket availability at businesses and for more advertising, as well as for volunteers to sell tickets.

- **Web Site** - Tabled.
- **Membership and Volunteer Lists** - Club members = 66; Business members = 36
- **Map Boxes** - total collected to date = \$878.08 (\$247.50 was collected in August)
- **Request for donations** - \$1,630 has been received in response to our letter.
- **ATV travel on Cedar Avenue** - Steve Bethke reported that Cedar Avenue will open for ATV travel later this month as soon as signage is completed.

New Business

- **Nominating committee report** - Jeff Johnston has accepted nomination for president; LaVonne Thompson has accepted nomination for secretary. Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting on October 10th.
- **Landowners/Members/Friends Appreciation Dinner** - This event will be held on Saturday, October 13th. Social hour at 5:00 p.m.; dinner at 6:00 p.m. The Social Committee is working out the details. **Motion: Tim Lee/Mike Thompson to give landowners \$20 in cash. Motion failed.**

Motion: Gary Koel/Tim Lee to purchase \$20 gift certificates for landowners from local businesses who advertise on the club's map. Motion carried.

Other Business

- Gary Koel reported the Town of Long Lake will consider opening the roads from County Road D to Morningside Road at their meeting next Tuesday. If passed by the Township, the proposal will be presented to Washburn County for consideration.
- Steve Bethke encouraged members to consider joining the Blue Ribbon Coalition. A \$29 membership supports advocacy at the federal level for motorized recreation.

Sawyer County Alliance

- Bob Ellerbruch, Roger Beffa, Gary Koel and Tim Lee attended the meeting at the Chit Chat. Information was presented on the January 25, 2013, ride to raise money for MS. During the meeting, one of the member clubs expressed dissatisfaction with Alliance support for their trail needs. This issue is being addressed by both parties.
- The September Alliance meeting is Tuesday, September 18, 2012 at the Wannigan, N5909 Dam Road, Winter. Delegates were encouraged to attend.

Other Business

- Board of Director's Meeting - Wednesday, September 26th at 7:30 p.m. at the Club House
- **Motion: Steve Bethke/Jim Giewedik to invite Birchwood Bobcat Sledders members to the Appreciation Dinner on October 13th. Motion carried.**
- **TREADY Awards** - Information on where and how to vote was distributed.

Correspondence - Thank you from the Lion's Club for purchasing the prizes, organizing and supervising the kids games during the Bluegill Fest.

Next Meeting: Annual Meeting on Wednesday, October 10, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at the Club House.

Adjournment: Motion Bob Ellerbruck/Jim Giewedik. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, LaVonne Thompson, Secretary