

**Birchwood Bobcat ATV Meeting Minutes
Lincolnwood Resort and Bar
September 8, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.**

President Steve Lobitz called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. There were 13 members present.

**Motion: Gary Koel/Judy Martiny to accept the minutes of August 11, 2011 meeting as printed.
Motion carried.**

Copies of the Club's by-laws were distributed to the officers and members of the board of directors.

The treasurer's report for the period 08/12/11 through 09/07/11 prepared by Nicci Minnick was reviewed.

▲ The following account balances were reported:

1. Regular savings	\$ 6,458.02
2. Raffle savings	5,373.44
3. Checking	<u>350.39</u>

Total \$ 12,181.85

▲ 2000 Ford F450 Dump Truck Note:

1. Net Pay Off	\$ 8,617.19
2. Payment Due 08/10/2012	4,000.00

Motion: Warren Martiny/Judy Martiny to accept the report as printed. Motion carried.

Map Boxes

Volunteers are regularly checking maps boxes and collecting map donations.

Raffle Tickets

Steve reported 130 tickets have been sold; 70 need to be sold before the drawing, which will be held at our next meeting on **Wednesday, October 5th**. Members were encouraged to help in making our only fund raiser a success. Contact Cindy Lobitz or Seasonal Power Toys to get tickets.

Membership

Steve reported that we have 109 family and individual members. The question was raised whether or not businesses receive a Club membership included with their purchase of map advertising. Since there is no documentation with regard to action taken on this matter, it was tabled to be taken up at our first meeting in 2012.

Public Relations

Web Site

Note was made that the minutes of last month's meeting have not been posted. LaVonne advised the information was provided last month to the web site administrator, Wendy. LaVonne will follow up with Wendy to find out what is causing the delay in posting.

Birchwood Newspaper Advertising

Nicci will provide copy to the newspaper by the 9/16/11 deadline. Get suggestions to Nicci before that date.

Sawyer County Alliance Map Ad/Business Membership

Steve Lobitz shared an invoice which he received from the Alliance for \$290 (\$200 for the map ad and \$90 for a business membership), which is shared equally with the Bobcat Sledders. It is Steve's understanding that the business membership was waived for member clubs as stated in the Alliance by-laws. No action taken. Steve will get clarification on this matter at the September Alliance meeting.

Wisconsin ATV Association (WATVA)

Nicci stated the club membership annual fee is \$50 which includes a listing of Club events in the WATVA magazine, *Trail Tales*. The membership also includes two magazine subscriptions. Nicci was not sure who is receiving the free subscriptions.

Land Owners/Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Planning is underway for this event scheduled for Saturday, October 8th at the Bluegill Bar Reception Room. Judy Martiny is coordinating this event and will send invitations next week.

- ⤴ Bob Bartels will cater ribs, chicken and a pasta dish
- ⤴ Judy Martiny will order rolls, get paper products and plastic ware
- ⤴ Volunteers are needed for side dishes, desserts, coffee, milk, etc.
- ⤴ Guests will be provided two drink tickets
- ⤴ The Club will purchase \$20 gift certificates from local businesses to give to land owners (one per family). Steve Bethke suggested that business owners be given the opportunity to partner with the Club to show their appreciation by donating a portion of the cost for the gift certificates. Steve volunteered to work on this project. LaVonne will provide last year's list of businesses to Judy Martiny, who will contact volunteers for help as needed.

Discussion followed on other preparations needing attention to host the dinner in the new location and possible guest speakers. Steve Bethke will contact the Tourism Director for Wisconsin, and Steve Lobitz will contact Dave Moin, Barron County's Recreation Director.

Trail Reports

Sawyer County:

- ⤴ Dick Olson has graded Trail 31N; he stated it needs more grading.
- ⤴ The county has published bids for rehab from County F to Trail 3. This work is scheduled for completion by October 1.
- ⤴ Tom Sirinek has been hauling rock and gravel on Trail 31S; Trail 31N through Crawfords needs rock and fill; Tom Sirinek will provide.

Washburn County:

- ⤴ Steve Lobitz reported that the County has worked on Trail #25 from Elbow Lake Road to the junction of Trail #26 shaping and leveling with a bulldozer. Steve Widiker has the contract to provide gravel for the rehab work authorized through grant funding.
- ⤴ All work authorized through grant funding will be completed this year as reported by Steve Lobitz.

Tuscobia Trail

- ⤴ There were several complaints registered with regard to the grading recently done on the trail. A windrow of large rocks and dirt was left on the trail presenting hazardous conditions.

Steve Bethke reported positive comments on our trails received from out-of-town guests who recently stayed at the Scenic Road Retreat.

Old Business

- ⤴ **Signage on County Road F** - Steve Bethke reported he has made several contacts to township, county and state officials with regard to the need to post warning signs for motorists on both sides of the Tuscobia Trail. His contacts have generated thinking about all trail crossings. Steve will continue to work on this issue.
- ⤴ **Signage for Ford Truck** - Nicci requested that someone else take responsibility for this project.
- ⤴ **Member profiles** - Steve Bethke reported that, as of this date, he has not received member profiles from Tim and Lisa Lee, who volunteered to provide their information to him last month.

New Business

Sawyer County Alliance Brush Cutter

- ⤴ The Alliance brush cutter was delivered last week for the Club's use for two weeks. It was noted that the equipment was delivered needing repair and maintenance. Mike Robotka arranged for or performed the necessary work. Mike will be taking this issue up at the Alliance meeting on Tuesday, September 20th.
- ⤴ Mike Robotka has been out brushing the trails; he hopes to complete the work this week.

Trail Opening/Closing Dates

- ⤴ Steve Lobitz reported that Don Mrotek, Sawyer County Trail Coordinator, would like to see more uniformity for opening/closing of trail segments throughout the trail system. Discussion followed on the challenges in coordinating, especially when taking into account conflicting dates with adjacent counties, weather conditions and land owner considerations.

Next Meeting:

NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATE

**Wednesday, October 5, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at the Bluegill Bar
(reception room), Main Street, Birchwood.**

**THE FINAL TRAIL IMPROVEMENT RAFFLE DRAWING WILL
BE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE MEETING!**

Motion: Warren Martiny/Bob Lewis to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

LaVonne Thompson, Secretary