

Birchwood Bobcat Riders Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 19, 2014

President Jeff Johnston called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. There were 19 members present. The agenda, minutes, and financial reports were distributed.

Approval of the Agenda: **Gary Koel/Roger Beffa. Motion carried.**

Approval of the minutes of the 2/19/14 meeting: **Gary Koel/Roger Beffa. Motion carried.**

Financial Reports: The reports were reviewed. The checking account balance on 3/19/14 is \$35,805.56.

Motion: Jim Fischer/Dick Engness to accept the report. Motion carried.

Trails/Equipment - Mike Robotka reported:

- Sawyer County Alliance estimates to be \$40,000 over for grooming during the 2013-2014 contract period; supplemental funding will be applied for.
- BR-160 groomer is in good shape; repairs included tires and cleats
- the pump at the clubhouse froze up. A contractor was contacted but could not thaw pipes. Mike and his brother Greg succeeded in thawing the pipes. Water must now be left running to avoid another freeze up. Club members expressed appreciation to Mike and Greg.
- Grooming will continue as needed to month's end.

Membership - LaVonne Thompson reported 118 family and single members and 52 business members. Notices and membership forms are being mailed to members to remind them to renew their membership.

Map Boxes - Liz Drew reported that map boxes will be checked mid-April and ATV maps distributed. Gary Koel collected \$20.00. Map box placement at the Spider Lake Saloon was discussed.

Web Site - Rick reported that Barb at Complete Computer Solutions (CCS) located in Hayward was provided the club's art work today. A contract with CCS provides that the estimated cost for web site development is \$750 and their monthly hosting fee is \$19.99. **Motion: Ted Simpson/Gladys Roux to enter into a contract with CCS and authorizing payment of \$750 for site development. Motion carried.**

Public Relations - Steve Bethke reported that:

- he submitted two articles for publication in the Birchwood News as well as a display ad promoting safety and responsible riding
- there will be a club ad in the Bluegill Fest book, as well as an article on the club's history and its work
- Steve suggested that a Satisfaction Survey be posted on the club's website. Feedback would help with future planning.

Sawyer County Alliance Meeting Report - Delegates reported that:

- Alliance president Bryon Schroeder died as a result of a snowmobile accident. His dedication and work was acknowledged.
- discussion is in process with DNR personnel regarding maintenance and grooming of the Tuscobia Trail.
- Lakewoods is hosting an appreciation open house on March 30th for trail workers
- CAP/STEP legislation is moving forward. discussion was held on the provisions of the law.
- the club received a check for \$200 from the Alliance. **Motion: Steve Bethke/Liz Drew to endorse the check payable to Trail Captain Mike Robotka. Motion carried.**
- the Alliance banquet is on April 15th. **Motion: Liz Drew/Ted Simpson authorizing payment for the delegates banquet meals. Motion carried.**

Organization Development

- the IRS 1024 application is pending
- vehicle title transfer for the pick-up is in process

Old Business

- **\$100 Raffle Tickets** - Jeff reported that there is one ticket to be sold. Sold tickets and money will be collected from various businesses. Jim Fischer has collected some paddle raffle donations. Ted Simpson

offered to donate maple syrup. More donations are needed.

- **Plans for Raffle Drawing on 3/22/14** - The committee has finalized plans for the spaghetti dinner and activities. Desserts are needed.
- **Clothing Order** - Steve Bethke reported that forest green t-shirts and sweatshirts have arrived, as well as the pre-orders in specified colors. Members may purchase t-shirts for \$8/each and sweatshirts for \$15/each. Also, 1,000 club logo stickers have arrived. Discussion was held on method of distribution to members. **Motion: Liz Drew/Jim Fischer that stickers be mailed at the time of membership renewal (1 for single memberships and 2 for family and business memberships) and further that stickers be available for purchase at a cost of \$1.00 each. Motion carried.**

New Business

- **Scholarship Check** - Steve reported that a scholarship check in the amount of \$500 issued by the Sledders Club to a member of the Henk family was recently found by the Henks. The Sledders checking account was closed when the Birchwood Bobcat Riders Club was established. **Motion: Jim Fischer/Lisa Lee to honor the check and re-issue a \$500 check to the Henks. Motion carried.**

Other Business - None

Correspondence

- Solicitation for donations from the Wisconsin Off-Road Vehicle Park. No action taken.

Next Meeting - Wednesday, April 16th at 7:00 p.m. This is the club's Annual Meeting and elections for president, secretary, board members, and delegates to the Sawyer County Alliance.

50/50 - Who won the money???

Adjournment: Motion: Rick Oswald/Lisa Lee. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by LaVonne Thompson, Secretary