

**Birchwood Bobcat Riders Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, June 18, 2014**

President Rick Oswalt called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. There were 23 members present. The agenda, minutes, and financial reports were distributed.

Approval of the Agenda: **Bob Ellerbruch/Jim Fischer. Motion carried.**

Approval of the minutes of the 5/21/14 meeting: **Bob Ellerbruch/David Drew. Motion carried.**

**Financial Reports:** The reports were reviewed. Treasurer Gladys Roux reported that

- the checking account balance on 6/13/14 is \$20,981.07
- \$500 youth ambassador scholarship awarded to graduating senior Katie Henk
- \$1,593.26 was expended for trail signs
- **Motion: Bob Ellerbruch/Roger Beffa to accept the reports. Motion carried.**

**Trails/Equipment** - Mike Robotka reported:

- pit run needs to be moved to repair trail through Musil property; some signing is needed. There is a permanent easement in place.
- tree removal is needed on all trails. Volunteers are needed for this work. Reminder to document work hours and equipment used.
- Thank you to Jim Giedwedik for mowing clubhouse grounds.
- loggers are working along trail 31S
- 31N will be closed for one day to complete bridge repair; following this repair, work will be needed on the trail
- cables and rails have been installed on clubhouse garage door

**Membership** - New members were recognized and encouraged to get involved in the club's work and decision-making.

**Map Boxes** - Liz Drew and Janet McNinch have distributed maps and collected \$154.01 from map boxes.

**Web Site** - Rick reported that the PayPal function can be added to the Birchwood Bobcat Riders web site at no charge. There is a charge for each transaction. Discussion included selling merchandise and shipping costs, as well as payment of dues.

**Public Relations** - Steve Bethke reported that:

- he submitted two articles for publication in the Birchwood News - 1) the Alliance recognition of Gary Koel and Mike Robotka and 2) the DNR's recognition of Mike Paul for 30 years as a safety instructor.
- articles for the next issue of the Birchwood News are information about the Sawyer Co Alliance 30th Anniversary Celebration and the ATV safety class
- the Garden Tour sponsored by the Chamber will be on June 29th
- Rick suggested "adopt a trail" giving members the opportunity to maintain designated trail segments.

**Map Ads** - Bob Ellerbruch reported that

- the committee will begin work
- It was suggested that ATV road routes be shown on the map.

**Sawyer County Alliance Meeting Report** - Delegates reported that:

- all delegates attended the June meeting
- planning continues for the Alliance 30th Anniversary celebration on September 13th
- Tuscobia Trail is being graded, pulling in gravel from edges to save money on gravel
- Birchwood Bobcat Riders host the July 15th meeting at the clubhouse
- Barb Deutsch has resigned as Alliance secretary

**Old Business**

- **ATV Safety Class** - 14 students successfully completed the course. Complimentary family memberships were provided to participants. Students were taken on a short, guided trail ride supervised by the instructor and club members; lunch was provided by the club after the ride.

**New Business**

- Dorie Forward presented a \$500 scholarship from the club to former youth ambassador Katie Henk during the Birchwood High School graduation ceremony.
- Club member Joe Larson's request to use the club's tables and chairs on June 28th was granted, with the understanding that these items be returned to the clubhouse before June 30th
- Building and Equipment Use Policy - Mike Robotka suggested that there be a \$25 charge for equipment use and that equipment be clean and in good order when returned, and further, that a log book be used for documentation. It was proposed that Mike Robotka write the policy.
- Sawyer County Alliance 30th Anniversary Committee
  - meeting at the clubhouse at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 30th; a meal will be provided. **Motion: Bob Ellerbruch/Jim Fischer authorizing Steve Bethke to purchase supplies for the meal. Motion carried.**
  - Many volunteers are needed for the Alliance September 13th event.
  - Gladys Roux has designed and created 20 pairs of ATV earrings to sell - suggested price is \$8/pair for club members; \$10/pair for others
  - a club banner is needed for the booth - Miller beer distributor will provide for free.
- Sawyer County Alliance Meeting at the clubhouse on Tuesday, July 15th
  - prepare a meal for 50 - 60 people. Bob and Lee volunteered to make hot beefs for the meal. Potato and macaroni salads, beans, pickles and cookies will also be served.
- By-Laws Indemnity Clause - Rick Oswalt will be working with an attorney to draft.
- Bonding for the Treasurer - Rick Oswalt will contact the club's insurance agent
- Clothing Order - Discussion was held with regard to ordering club apparel and caps, including cost, color, logo and quantity. It was noted that merchandise is needed by September 13th.
  - **Motion: Maryhelen Drew/Jim Giewedik to approve logo for caps. Motion carried.**
  - **Motion: Jim Giewedik/Bob Ellerbruch to order blue and green caps. Motion carried.**
  - **Motion: Bob Ellerbruch/Jim Fischer authorizing up to \$1,500 to purchase caps and t-shirts. Motion carried.**

#### **Other Business -**

- Bob Ellerbruch reported that Dick Olson and Al Sikus are experiencing serious health problems.
- Steve Bethke encouraged contact with Senator Duffy to oppose pending legislation to regulate surface water that drains into navigable waters. The proposed legislation may adversely affect snowmobile routes.
- Rick provided an update on the sale of the VanGilder property to Jachims, and his contacts to ensure that trail 31N remains open after the sale.
- Invitation to participate in the Mikana "Biggest Little Parade" was declined. The Town Board has not approved ATV travel on designated parade route streets/roads.
- Next week's Tuesday ride will be to Weyerhaeuser leaving at 9:30 from the clubhouse.

**Correspondence - None**

**Next Meeting - Wednesday, July 16th at 7:00 p.m.**

**50/50 - Darrel Spencer won the money!**

**Adjournment: Motion: Jim Giewedik/Roger Beffa. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned**

Thank you to Maryhelen Drew for recording the minutes.