

Birchwood Bobcat Riders Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 16, 2014

President Rick Oswalt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were 18 members present. The agenda, minutes, financial reports, proposed addition to the by-laws (Article IV. Section 6 Indemnification), and the proposed Fall Ride Calendar were distributed.

Approval of the Agenda: **Roger Beffa/Bob Ellerbruch. Motion carried.**

Approval of the minutes of the 6/18/14 meeting: **Bob Ellerbruch/Roger Beffa. Motion carried.**

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

- the checking account balance on 7/16/14 is \$16,219.00
- the balance owed for the BR-160 groomer is \$9,000+
- **Motion: Bob Ellerbruch/David Drew to accept the reports. Motion carried.**

Trails/Equipment

- Trail 31 needs work
- trails need brushing and some signing
- the beverage refrigerator died; Steve Bethke purchased a replacement at Menard's

Membership - LaVonne reported 135 family and individual members and 53 business members.

Map Boxes - \$238 was collected. 250 maps were donated to the Chamber for their Bluegill Fest "goodie bags"

Web Site - Rick reported that work on the PayPal function is in progress; merchandise for sale will be added

Public Relations - Steve Bethke reported that:

- an ad and information about the club will be published in the Bluegill Fest book
- articles for this issue of the Birchwood News are information about the Sawyer Co Alliance 30th Anniversary Celebration and the ATV safety class

Map Ads - Bob Ellerbruch reported that the committee will begin work after Labor Day

- It was suggested that ATV road routes be shown on the map.

Sawyer County Alliance 30th Anniversary - Steve Bethke reported that:

- planning continues for the Alliance 30th Anniversary celebration on September 13th from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- our club will sell hamburgers, "walking" tacos, merchandise, memberships.
- A display board depicting our club's history needs to be constructed; a volunteer is needed for this project.
- next committee meeting is Monday, July 21st

Sawyer County Alliance Meeting Report - Delegates reported that:

- Tuscobia Trail maintenance MOU is being negotiated between the State and Sawyer County
- a new brusher has been purchased
- the club needs to communicate trail needs in the form of a proposal for funding consideration

Old Business

- **By-laws Revision - the first reading of Article IV. Section 6 Indemnification** was completed with no changes being offered to the printed copy
- **Bonding for the Treasurer** - Rick reported that he has contacted our insurance carrier who quotes coverage at \$100/annual; \$170 for 2 years. **Motion: Bob Ellerbruch/Steve Bethke authorizing \$170 to purchase bonding coverage for the club's treasurer for a period of two years.** It was noted that the clause "the treasurer shall be bonded" needs to be added to the by-laws. **Motion carried.**
- **Clothing/Cap Order** - Steve Bethke reported he has ordered t-shirts, sweatshirts and caps for a

total expenditure of \$1200+. He distributed a proposed pricing list. Seasonal Power Toys and the Spider Lake Saloon have an inventory of club clothing to sell. He also explained the option for club members to purchase embroidered golf shirts, jackets and fleece pullovers. More information on this option will be forthcoming.

- Gladys reported that the Club has received notification from the IRS approving 501(c)(7) federal tax exemption.

New Business

- **"Adopt a Trail"** - Rick explained that it would be helpful for more members to be involved in trail maintenance, especially after storms. The concept is to determine reasonable trail segments for individuals to volunteer to watch over for down trees, missing signs, etc. More work will be done on this project in cooperation with Trail Captain Mike Robotka.
- **Bluegill Fest Parade** - It was suggested that we have our tractor and groomer in the parade. Members were encouraged to ride ATV's. **Motion: Gary Koel/Roger Beffa to purchase candy from Seasonal Power Toys to distribute. Motion carried.**
- **Fall Ride Calendar** was distributed for review.

Other Business

- There have been requests from local businesses to display their advertising signs on the clubhouse property similar to the one currently displayed by the Sportsmen's Lodge. Discussion followed on ways to address these requests. It was the consensus that the club construct a billboard to accommodate business advertising. Businesses could then purchase a place on the board to display their professionally created advertisement. Rick volunteered to follow up with the Tuscobia Trail manager to determine the necessary setback for the billboard and to work on other aspects of this project.
- The club needs to apply for a raffle license as soon as possible.

Correspondence - Sawyer County Land, Water and Forest Resources Committee Agenda and minutes are posted.

Next Meeting - Wednesday, August 20th at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion: Roger Beff/Jim Giewedik. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary LaVonne Thompson