

Birchwood Bobcat Riders Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 20, 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: **Gary Koel/Jim Fischer. Motion carried.**

Approval of the minutes of the 7/16/14 meeting: **Gary Koel/Roger Beffa. Motion carried.**

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

- the checking account balance on 8/13/14 is \$14,027.58

Motion: David Drew/Roger Beffa to accept the reports. Motion carried.

Trails/Equipment

- Trail #140 will be closed due to loss of landowner property use
- reroute for Trail #26 not approved
- rehab of trail from Dalen Road to County D approved
- Crystal Point reroute approved
- rehab of trail from Berry Road southeast approved for next year
- Trail #31S - logging operations are completed
- equipment is up and running

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

Map Boxes - \$194.77 was collected.

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:

- article for this issue of the Birchwood News is information about the Sawyer Co Alliance 30th Anniversary Celebration. A "Stay on the Trail" display ad is also in this issue.
- the Birchwood Chamber is working to develop monthly activities. Chamber members are encouraged to plan activities to promote our community.
- Rick explained ways to promote our area as "an ATV friendly community". Steve volunteered to work on options in support of this concept.

Map Ads - Maryhelen has paperwork for Sawyer County map ads.

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

- There is a sign up sheet to volunteer to work at this event, which runs from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Sawyer County fairgrounds on Saturday, September 13.
- Food committee is meeting on Monday, September 8th to finalize the food order
- Our club will sell hamburgers, cheese burgers, "walking" tacos, merchandise, memberships.
- A display board depicting our club's history needs to be constructed; a volunteer is needed for this project.

Sawyer County Alliance Meeting Report - Delegates reported that:

- A new brusher/mower has been purchased. Volunteers are needed to operate it. Volunteers will be paid \$10/hour. Contact Mike Robotka if interested.
- The Alliance is contracted for maintenance of the Tuscobia Trail.
- the club needs to communicate trail needs in the form of a proposal for funding consideration

Old Business

- **Building and Equipment Use Policy** - Tim Lee is working on a proposal for the Club to consider.
- **Second reading of the ByLaws revision to Include Indemnity Clause** - the second reading of

Article IV. Section 6 Indemnification was completed with no changes being offered to the printed copy. **Motion: Steve Bethke/Doug Laudenbach to amend Article IV. Section 6 of the by-laws. Motion carried.**

- **Bonding for the Treasurer** - Rick reported new information with regard to bonding. \$25,000 in bonding coverage is available through our insurance carrier for 5 officers at a cost of \$187/annual or \$533 for 3 years. **Motion: Steve Bethke/Gary Koel authorizing \$533 to purchase \$25,000 in bonding coverage for five club officers for a period of three years. Motion carried.**
- **"Adopt a Trail"** - Rick reviewed the concept and had trail maps on the tables to demonstrate trail segments for which volunteers could commit to "watch over". Discussion followed on various options to promote this idea.

New Business

- **Landowners/Volunteers Appreciation Dinner**
 - The event is scheduled for Saturday, October 11th
 - Grilled chicken, potato salad, baked beans and dessert is the menu
- **Billboard for Business Advertisements** - Rick distributed a drawing depicting an 8' x 8' billboard to be erected on clubhouse property on which businesses could purchase a 24" x 32" advertising space and provide a professionally made sign for the space. Cost per space is \$50 annually. It was suggested that the kiosk be illuminated, include a laminated trail map, and report trail conditions.
- **Diggers Hotline** - Reminder to always contact the hotline before digging!

Other Business

- **Raffle License** - Ione Mellum and Gladys Roux volunteered to complete the application.

Correspondence

- Sawyer County Forestry meeting agenda and minutes are posted
- Lion's Club thank you is posted
- Rice Lake Snow & Dirt Club Expo on October 4th - information is posted
- Katie Henk thank posted

50/50 - Chuck Mickel won the money!

Next Meeting - Wednesday, September 17th at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion: Jim Fischer/Ernie Huppert. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary LaVonne Thompson