



BorderRouteTrail Association Annual Board Meeting Minutes March 31, 2011

In Attendance: John Elliott, Tom Suter, Deena Reisman, John Garbe, Ed Solstad, Lori Gilbertson

Reports:

1. President - John E.

- Need to watch trip expenses - higher fuel costs, and no donation from forestry service expected this year.

2. Treasurer - Deena R.

- Current balance approx \$7007.
- Created a summary of the last two years expenses.

3. Web Master - John G.

- Continuing to post on facebook once per month.
- NCTA Grant Final Report from Tom S., has been posted to the BRT website under NCTA grant folder.

Current Project List Discussion:

- Trail guide update and reprint (about 100 copies left)
 - On hold until end of May.
- Create account form for trip leaders
 - Deena emailed out a sample.
 - Agreed to add a change to label required fields so it's clear which fields are required .vs. optional.
 - Board approved the new form.
- Moss lake loop trail
 - Ed plans to finish flagging this in May.
 - Next step will be clearing.
- 2 campsites on Pigeon River and 1 campsite near Bridal Falls
 - One site (on Pigeon) will be set in May - need to scout 2nd site.
 - Bridal falls location not yet identified.
- Portage brook bridge extension boardwalk
 - No new update.
- Add link to the brta page to the ferry service for hikers
 - Tom S. will send info to John G.

- Tom S. would like to have a more automated wilderness trip registration process.
 - After the Mar 31st meeting, the automated registration was launched and is currently up and running well (Apr 11 update). Thanks to John G. and Tom S.
- Need to schedule the annual dnr and forestry service meetings.
 - John E. is working on it.
- Tread work swamp river hill
 - No new update.
 - Need 4 people to cut in steps.
- Move towards general trail up-grade
 - Plan to do a brush sweep of the high cliff area.
- Spring Clearing Trips every weekend in May
 - All trips and saw training sessions are posted on the BRT page.
 - Ed has posted the mechanized trips on the meetup groups as well.

New business

- Budget request from John E. and Tom S. for \$500 to cover cost of canvas carry bags, misc maintenance tools, and harnesses, approved by all.
- Ed reported meet-up group data:
 - 1695 members in the hiking group
 - 131 members in the BRT group

Next Meeting

- April 21st - 7:30 at John G.'s St. Paul house.