



**Brule River Riders Snowmobile  
Club  
Twin Gables Restaurant, Brule, WI  
August 3, 2017**

The August 3, 2017 meeting was called to order by president Al Makela at 7:03.

Secretary's Report/Approval of Minutes: Minutes were read and accepted.

Correspondence: John Deere brochure, Dirt Trax magazine, Midwest Farm magazine. A snowmobile map from 1986-87 was mailed to us by a map collector.

Treasurers Report: Read by Matt Hughes and accepted.

Bills: Rent a flash for signs, Poplar Builders supply for signs supplies, Visa cards. Motion by Dave Whitehead, second by Bruce Brown to pay the bills.

Groomer Trails:

Discussed grading on Wild Rivers Trail

Discussed map boards on Wild Rivers Trail and on Tri County corridor for ATV maps

Discussed ATV routes

Priem – needs a 5-foot culvert. Grant was submitted for a 4 foot. Mark Schroeder thinks he can get us a 5 foot for no cost from another location where it is to be removed.

Insurance – Al Makela adjusted values on equipment. Existing John Deere - \$70,000, Sur-tracs each at \$25,000, Skandic at \$8,000, Polaris at \$2,000. Also added new John Deere

The Tractor is in and just waiting for the blade to be delivered. Could be here as soon as next week. Eric Shaffer has loan work with bank completed except for signing of the loan. This to occur any day. Loan amount is \$180,000. Total purchase amount including tractor, tracks, 2 brush guards, drag modifications and tires is \$197,000. We are waiting for an update on Soucy tracks. Then will need to make \$20,000 down payment.

Old tractor to go to Ernies after grading for brush guard. New tractor to go to Ernies right after tires installed before we use it.

Bob Peltonen agreed to paint new brush guards.

Brule River State Forest Contract available to review. Motion by Eric Shaffer, second by Zachary Makela to sign contract.

Dozer work needed on trail 27 where it crosses Highway 27. Loggers left a mess. Motion to spend up to \$1,000 on trail 27 with Makela excavating by Bruce Bergsten, second by Dave Whitehead. Al Makela to confirm with State Forest that we can't get the loggers to do this work.

Trail 4 west of F. Mark Schroeder said he would give us a longer culvert to install where loggers filled this area and trail is narrow. Also some stumps west of this to be removed. Motion by Matt Hughes and second by Zackary Makela to do this work. After further discussion, motion and second were amended to set a maximum dollar amount at \$2,000 for this work.

NWT: Eric Shaffer summarized meeting. Brule has approximately \$16,000 coming in a week for last fiscal year. Discussions regarding summer grading, discussions on road routes, discussion on fire numbers. This would include installing fire number signs at intersections of trails and road so emergency responders could locate people. Emergency responders do not use coordinate systems. Concern that cost of each fire number is approximately \$50. More discussion will take place on this topic at Northwest trails.

Tri County Corridor: meeting next week.

AWSC: State budget not passed. Need to hold off on using SNARS till August 10<sup>th</sup> for maintenance. Rates will probably change when budget passed. This will increase our total budget. Some groomer rates could actually go down but our groomers should go up.

AWSC is charged \$1.50 for each credit card transaction. They spent \$33,000 on credit card transactions last year. We need to limit how often we submit membership forms and payments with credit cards. This is a problem in mid riding season.

Social: Picnic is August 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm at the Brule Pavillion. The club will buy the usual burgers, hot dogs and corn. Bring a dish to pass.

Unfinished business: none

New business: We need to caulk and seal the warming shack this year. Eric Shaffer plans to go mow this area in August.

Matt Hughes requested we mow along highway 53 in Hawthorne this year if possible.

Amnicon Drift Dodgers has indicated they might be willing to give us the one mile of trail to Barkers Island. They will get back to us after their next club meeting.

Eric Shaffer had discussions with Amnicon concerning a trail across the Nemadji River. Each club would build to the river. This would be about one mile on each side. Preferred route would be on the County C to do the crossing but crossing on the ice will also be looked at. Motion to pursue this trail by Bruce Bersten, second by Bruce Brown.

Discussion that Amnicon has also met with the City of Superior to try to connect Saunders Grade to the Tri County Corridor for ATV's in the summer using the cross-town trail. Wetlands are an issue. City of Superior is reviewing road route from Tri County Corridor to Wild Rivers Trail down 39<sup>th</sup> and 42<sup>nd</sup> to County Road A, approximately 6 miles. City is also reviewing extending ATV use from Loons foot landing to Barkers Island.

Next meeting is September 5th.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 by Zachary Makela, second by Brady Brown.