



Brule River Riders Snowmobile Club

Twin Gables Restaurant, Brule, Wisconsin

January 7th, 2016

The January 7th, 2016 meeting of the Brule River Riders was called to order by Vice President, Dave Whitehead at 7:06 pm

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

Treasurer Report: was presented and approved. New Bills: Poplar Lumber. Motion to pay by Bryan Z. w/ second by Eric S.- passed unanimously

Correspondence:

- Blue Ribbon Coalition solicitation- we give \$100 to the BRC annually- Motion Bruce B. to donate \$100.00 again this year. Second by Eric S.- passed unanimously
- Rolling Hills SC- Vintage snowmobile event in Spooner during the Jack Frost festival
- Snow grooming magazines

Committees:

Groomer/Trails:

- Bruce B.- There's water everywhere. Bruce discussed status of several areas that are too wet to cross via groomer. We will be able to get to those sections as soon as they freeze down.
- Trail 6- 1 section of 6 East has not been packed.
- Trail 27 and 27A are groomed but thin. There's a set of tracks going down Lake St. Croix from the end of Trail 27A on the ice.
- TriCounty Corridor is holding up well. There's minimal rock showing up in the snow. Everyone is surprised at how good the trail is.
- Trail 235- From Checkboard Tavern to TCC is closed. From the Wild Rivers Trail to Checkerboard is open and rideable. We'll evaluate after this cold spell as to when to open the eastern gates.
- Trail 635 is 95% complete. There's a few signs remaining to be put up along with brushing in the swamps on the north and south ends of Norwood Golf Course. Bryan Z. states that he needs 3-4 people to help brush and pack the trail on Saturday, 1/9/16
- Trail 27 Reroute- Bruce B. discussed rerouting the trail for next year. On the North end of County Line Road, there's a year round cabin. The Owner states that he will be using it frequently in the winter. Bruce B. expressed concern for rider safety on County Line Road due to the blind hills and speeds. Dave Schultz from BRSF states that it should be fairly easy to reroute the trail back to the original route that was abandoned about 20 years ago. The reroute is roughly 2 miles long. Eric S. asked who would groom the existing Bayfield County trail once it hits the Douglas County line? Can we cut across from the Bayfield County trail to the rerouted Trail 27? This will need to be explored. Bruce B. states that the Bayfield County Trail can turn North on to County Line Road and follow the existing route to where 27 is rerouted. Motion by Bruce B to pursue the reroute. Second by Bob P.- Passed unanimously
- Priems Bridge- Mark Schroeder is looking at funding to replace the bridge. The bridge has sunk significantly and needs to be replaced with a longer bridge. Bob P. states that the trail crews shoveled snow to fill in the ends of the bridge where it sank. The current bridge is 12' long- we anticipate needing a 20' replacement bridge. The old bridge is 10 years old and qualifies for replacement funding

Northwest Trails Association:

- Mtg. was held on 1/5/16- Nominations for new officers were held at the last meeting. Nominations are open again at next month's meeting. Elections are in March. The new ATV Road routes were reviewed.

Tri-County Corridor Commission:

- No meeting for a month and a half

AWSC Report:

- Directors Meeting this weekend at Heartwood Conference Center in Trego- Fri-Sun

Social/ Activities:

- **Christmas Party- Great time had by all**

Unfinished Business:

- Club Shirts/ Hats are available
- Bryan Z. read a letter that was sent to the Douglas County Forestry department requesting reopening of Trail F/ Blueberry Trail. Mark Schroeder states that they do not anticipate any issues with reopening the trail, but it must be approved by the Forestry Committee. The topic has been added to the agenda for the County Forestry meeting in Feb. Bryan Z. states that he will try to attend. Bruce Brown states the logging company has already been in there and begun packing. It is possible that we could begin work in there yet this season.

New Business:

- Vice President Dave Whitehead states that there's been a lot of "side bar" discussions lately related to big ticket equipment purchases. He states that he wasn't even aware that people were looking in to the purchase of another club "work sled" until recently. He suggested that we pursue a more formal planning and purchasing process. Bruce B. agreed stating that we really do not have a plan in place and have to be thinking about how we are going to replace our aging groomers along with other equipment in the future. Dave Whitehead suggested regular planning meetings or a planning committee to look at Capital Equipment considerations. Dave W. then made a motion to create a "Planning Committee" that would address these issues and would meet prior to our regular meeting (once quarterly) with the intent of bringing their purchase and budget recommendations to the general meetings. Eric S. expressed opposition to the idea stating that there's no reason why items like this can't be discussed during a club meeting. Bryan Z. stated that the idea of a committee would be for the debates to occur at the committee level, and then that committee could bring the recommendations to the general meeting for a vote. There was No second to Dave Whitehead's motion and the motion was rescinded. After further discussion- Bryan Z. reintroduced the motion to create a "Planning Committee" that would meet quarterly to address future planning and purchases and asked Bruce Bergsten if was interested in participating or possibly chairing the committee. Motion was seconded by Vern Schmidt. Motioned passed w/ 2 "nays" (Eric S., Bruce Brown). It was recommended that the committee meet before the next meeting at 6 PM on 1/21/16 at Twin Gables as an organizational meeting and to establish who's interested in participating.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Your Humble and Obedient Servant,
Bryan D. Ziemann, Secretary

Next Meeting: Jan. 21st at 7:00 pm at [Twin Gables in Brule](#)

Attendees: 20